

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: February 9, 2025

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 27: Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

CDS – TLH 376: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TLH 322: And Wilt Thou Pardon, Lord

TLH 421: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

TLH 138, st. 3: Thou Light of Gentile Nations

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 85, TLH p. 140

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 10:12-17

Sermon: Luke 5:27-32

²⁷ After these things [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." ²⁸ So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. ²⁹ Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. ³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²" "I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (NKJVTM)

Jesus, the Physician of Souls

- I. He warns us of self-righteousness
- II. He calls us to repentance
- III. He invites us to follow Him

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Care Packages:** The Dorcas Guild will be preparing care packages for the ILC dorm students and supervisors as well as military members from our congregation. If you would like to contribute funds or items to this endeavor, please contact Bonnie Baker, Heidi Nelson, or treasurer Sandy Hulke. The bags will be assembled today after worship.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm. These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior.
- ➔ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These gatherings (at 6 pm) are a way for people to eat between work and our Midweek Lenten worship services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall for those who are willing to provide soup and do setup and cleanup.
- ➔ **Arts Camp 2025:** Registration is now open for students grades 5th - 8th on March 21-23 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN. Info. and registration at www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/. Questions? Contact Amber Casto at artscamp@immanuelmankato.org.
- ➔ **CLC New:** Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area) has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD. ✝ Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her retirement at the end of the current school year. ✝ Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD has received the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area). ✝ Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran in Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in White River, SD, has announced his retirement effective Summer 2025. ✝ Pastor George Dumann of Salem Lutheran in Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, to serve as their pastor along with his current call.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – First Article, Part 1

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

The FISH



When Peter and Andrew were called to be disciples by our Savior, He told them: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." This truth stands for us as well. When our Savior commissioned His apostles, He included us, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ..." We have been commissioned to be fishers of men - to be missionaries. Having been called by the Gospel of Christ, it is now our task to make our Savior's redeeming work made known in the world. From time to time we may hear the saying, "There are plenty of fish in the sea." This is certainly true when we contemplate how many people in this world are in need of the Gospel of Christ.

That is just part of the meaning of the fish symbol. It does have a deeper meaning. During the early years of Christianity, there were Roman emperors who allowed persecution of Christians. Many were killed for sake of their confession of Christ. So in order to avoid being martyred, the Christians would identify themselves to one another by drawing the simple fish sketch in the ground with a stick.

The word you see below in the fish symbol is the Greek word for fish: ΙΧΘΥΣ. Each Greek letter of this word is the first letter of other Greek words:

- I** : The first letter of **Ιησους** which in English corresponds to "**Jesus**"
- X** : The first letter of **Χριστος** which in English corresponds to "**Christ**"
- Θ** : The first letter of **Θεος** which in English corresponds to "**God**"
- Υ** : The first letter of **Υιος** which in English corresponds to "**Son of**"
- Σ** : The first letter of **Σωτηρ** which in English corresponds to "**Savior**"

So the Greek word for fish actually was an abbreviation for the following confession: Jesus Christ, Son of God, is Savior.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

Counting Team 1: **Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Thomas Graham; Kevin Hulke; Phil Radichel**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Rinne**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

Counting Team 2: **Kyle Aymond; Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker**

Hospitality Team 3: **Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura Wales; Janelle Hein**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Snyder**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Feb. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 5)
11:00 am – Dorcas Guild Organization of Care Packages
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Tue., Feb. 11: 9:30 am – MN Pastoral Study Club (Fridley)

Sun., Feb. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 3)

Mon., Feb 17: Grace School – No School (Presidents' Day)

Wed., Mar. 5: **ASH WEDNESDAY** (Lent Begins)

6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship w/Lord's Supper



March 14-16: Youth Basketball Tournament (ILC Fieldhouse @ Eau Claire)

March 14-23: Grace School – Spring Break

Sun., Mar. 23: 10:00 am – Immanuel Tour Choir Concert



Last Week's Stats: Feb. 2, 2025 Sun: 80 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 34

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,688	CLC:	\$780	<div>QR Code for Online Giving:</div> 		
Online Offering:	Grace:	\$250	CLC:	\$0			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,162	CLC:	-370			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$37,245	CLC:	\$8,855			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	25,500	CLC:	5,750			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+11,745	CLC:	+3,105			
GLC Other:	100	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	147	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$4,462 Sanctuary: \$10,350

* \$25 Melvin Eichstadt Memorial