

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 2

Date: March 16, 2025

✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

Hymns:

TLH 145: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
TLH 325: O Thou that Hear'st when Sinners Cry
TLH 61: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People
WS 773: Rise, Shine, You People!

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 42-43, TLH p. 133

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)
WS p. 28, Psalm 51

Scripture Readings:

Luke 13:31-35
Passion Harmony

Sermon: **Jeremiah 26:8-15**

⁸ Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You will surely die!" ⁹ "Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant?'" And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD'S house. ¹¹ And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears." ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. ¹³ "Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ "As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. ¹⁵ "But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing." (NKJVTM)

The LORD Sends You to Boldly Speak His Words

LENT, HOLY WEEK, EASTER 2025

Grace Lutheran Church

Please join us in worship!



Midweek Lenten Services

Soup Suppers at 6 pm

Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm

Wednesday, March 12, 7 pm

Wednesday, March 19, 7 pm

Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm

Wednesday, April 2, 7 pm

Wednesday, April 9, 7 pm

Tour Choir Worship Concert

Sunday, March 23, 10 am

with Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir

Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 13, 10 am

with Christian Day School Concert

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18, 7pm

with Tenebrae & Holy Communion

Easter Festival

Bible Class & Sunday School Suspended

Breakfast: Sunday, April 20, 7:30-8:30 am

Worship Service: Sunday, April 20, 9 am

Council Meeting Notes – March 9

Meeting opened with prayer. February Council meeting minutes were read and approved. February treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Instruction class: Maddie Maki, Holly Vandever, Deb Ness, Meagan Turner.
- Elders cancelled Bible Class & Sun. School on March 23 (Tour Choir is here).
- Pastor asked for 4 drivers to cover driving 3 ILC vans from Berea to Grace.
- April's Voter meeting will be delayed one week because of Easter.

Board of Elders' Report:

- The tour choir offering will be the loose offering on March 23 plus any designated offering. The minimum amount will be \$500 (per the handbook).
- Elders are getting ready for Easter breakfast. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

Board of Education Report:

- The SLP parade is June 5. Dale is coordinating participation in the parade.
- The school bought an anti-choking kit to be stored in the fellowship hall.
- The board paid for the recent field trip transportation.
- We have collected more than half of this school year's non-member tuition. This amounts to about \$19,000 for the 2023-24 school year.
- ILHS students each got \$1352.50 from the Tuition Aid Fund distribution.
- Letters have been sent to the non-member parents to inform them about the Grace tuition increase that is planned.
- The student fair will be held on April 4.

Board of Trustees' Report:

- Water fountain bottle fillers range \$200-\$800. While Trustees were not planning to get one, after discussion they will reconsider one due to the school use.
- Jeff has begun looking at selecting a new copier/printer. He has been talking to Brandon about options. A new printer might cost as much as \$5000. He also talked to staff to see what is needed. He is still investigating options.
- The Trustees are reminded that we need to audit the books.
- The concrete apron by the church entry has a crack and needs attention.

Other Business

- A committee to review the financial secretary function was appointed by the chairman. Phil presented a handout on the topic. The committee feels that someone on the council needs to be responsible for these functions. The council can appoint someone to assume the responsibility based on the constitution bylaws. Phil is willing to continue to help with these tasks, but would like a person be designated to begin to train and take over. The president is asking for a volunteer, and will plan to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- Sanctuary committee reported a quote of \$7,163 for the pews' upholstery materials. The plan is that these materials would be purchased. Volunteers will try doing the upholstery and determine if we can do that or hire professionals. The committee is recommending that the council approves the purchase of the upholstery materials so that work can begin.
- Jeff Radichel texted chairman of Berea, Nick Gamble and Dale Enns with a suggestion to do an outreach event based on a tour choir concert. Discussion.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will continue this Wednesday, March 19, 7 pm. The theme we will consider is: "Sounds of the Passion." These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work of 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.

➔ **Tour Choir Concert:** Everyone is invited to next Sunday's (March 23) worship service at 10 am in which Grace will be hosting the Tour Choir from Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. The theme for the service is "Beautiful Savior." Any offering for the choir may be designated as "Tour Choir" on your offering envelopes. Undesignated or loose offerings will also go to support the choir. The children of the congregation will be joining the choir on "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It," found in our Worship Supplement, #751, any stanzas they can memorize.



➔ **Tour Choir Hosts:** Please be ready to pick up your Immanuel students on Saturday around 7:30 pm. Pastor or Janelle will text hosts should something change. The choir arrives at 5:50 pm at the airport and then will be transported to Grace for a meal. Committee #2 (committee head, Marj Rosendahl) will be hosting.

➔ **Potluck:** Next week after the Tour Choir service there will be a potluck meal in the fellowship hall to which everyone is invited. Please bring a dish (hot dish, meat, salad, or dessert) to share. This will give everyone a chance to interact with the various choir members. Committee #3 (committee head, Laura Wales) will be hosting.

➔ **Tuition Aid Fund Distribution:** The Tuition Aid Fund was distributed recently to the Grace students attending Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. \$5,410 was distributed to the four students which amounted to \$1,352.50 per student.

➔ **Easter Flowers:** A sign-up sheet is out by the guest book for anyone interested in purchasing Easter lilies or decorative flowers for Easter Sunday. Please see Mikey Oman for any questions.

- ➔ **Installation:** Rev. George Dummann will be installed as pastor at Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, on Sunday, March 30 at 4 pm. A meal will be provided following the service. If you plan to attend, please let your pastor or Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer know by Sunday, March 16 (revpfei@gmail.com).
- ➔ **ILC Enrollment Now Open:** Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact our Academic Dean, paul.naumann@ilc.edu, phone (715) 836-6636.
- ➔ **ILHS Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 2 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please speak with Pastor or Janelle if interested in registering. A theater performance of The Worst High School Play in the World will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be livestreamed on YouTube with an unlisted link that will be shared via email. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu/715-544-8446).
- ➔ **CLC Youth Camp at Pillager 2025:** Registration is now open. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs June 8-14, 2025. For more information please visit our website, youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow (youthcamp.clc@gmail.com).
- ➔ **Christ's Explorers Camp:** Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran of West Columbia, SC, will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp June 19-22 in Bryson City, NC. Our theme for the retreat is "Discovering Your Purpose." Camp is geared toward high school and college-aged youth. The cost of the retreat is \$150, and this includes all expenses for the weekend. Registration will be limited to the first 50 guests. Contact info. and registration: www.ChristsExplorers.com.

- ➔ **After Banquet Party:** Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held Sat. May 17. The ILHS Banquet is held at a local venue with the party immediately afterwards in the gym. This is held to provide a fun and safe place for the students to enjoy this special evening honoring the senior class. The gym is decorated to a theme with games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment provided at NO cost to the students. Nearly every student attends the party, even if they don't attend the Banquet. We rely on donations from the parents, families and local businesses. If you would like to donate gift cards or prizes, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding prizes and/or donations, please contact: Jen LeDuc, jenleeduc04@gmail.com. Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After-Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Thank you for considering!
- ➔ **Prayers for DRC:** From Missionary Peter Evensen: "Please pray for the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The fighting in the east border by Rwanda and Burundi is very intense. I just received a message from one of our pastors there reporting gunfire in his neighborhood and asking for prayers, stating that their situation is not good. I have been studying with a new independent Lutheran church in Burundi just over the border and the pastor their reports that their area has been flooded with refugees fleeing the war. Last month a number of embassies in Kinshasa (the capital in the west) were attacked to protest western involvement or lack of effort to end the war, including the US and French embassies. There has continued to be demonstrations and unrest around Kinshasa where Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangu has his church. Please pray for peace and protection in the DRC, especially in the war-torn east."
- ➔ **CLC News:** Christine Starland (Part-Time Teacher) and Deb Owens (Band) have accepted their respective calls at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN. † Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area). † Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran in Lakewood, CO (Denver area), has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area).
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** WS 751 - God's Own Child I Gladly Say It

CLC Financial Report - February 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 8 Months	Balance 2/28/2025
General Fund	0	792,279	808,305	875,320	(16,026)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,254,568	1,117,659	1,149,400	136,909
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	37,476	53,954		94,501
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	378,370	1,800		1,936,852
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	166,891	114,659		173,016
Kinship	169,884	124,660	114,116		180,428
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	429,688	248,434		2,865,462
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	68,101	162,800		22,618
EduK8 Fund	47,692	20,644	0		68,336
Reserve Fund	79,964	79,341	0		159,305
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$1,305,171	\$695,763		\$5,500,518

General Fund and ILC Operations – The combined balance of these two operating funds is down about \$47,000 compared to the same time one year ago. Contributions to and disbursements from the General Fund are below budget for the first eight months of our fiscal year. For ILC Operations, the revenue is ahead of budget with disbursements less than the pro-rated budget.

ILC Building Projects – Year-to-date contributions have been about \$235,000. The remaining year-to-date revenue of around \$143,000 is from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of just over \$229,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, just under \$230,000 of increases in the market value of the investments and just under \$1,000 of contributions to the fund.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Phil Radichel**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

Counting Team 3: **Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Benno Sydow**

Hospitality Team 1: **Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **M. Vandev eer**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

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

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✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Mar. 16:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 1)
- Wed., Mar. 19:** 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship
- Sat., Mar. 22:** 7:30 pm est. – Tour Choir Hosts Pickup
- Sun., Mar. 23:** Bible Class & Sunday School Suspended
9:30 am – Children Rehearse with Tour Choir
10:00 am – Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir Concert/Worship
11:15 am – Potluck to Follow Worship
- Mon., Mar. 24:** Grace School Resumes after Spring Break
- Sun., Mar. 30:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 4)
- Fri., Apr. 4:** Grace School Fair (Theme: Bible Stories/Hymn Writers)



Last Week's Stats: Mar. 9, 2025 Sun: 73 S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 32 Wed.: 45

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$2,784	CLC:	\$320	<small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small> 		
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$127	CLC:	\$20			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,189	CLC:	-810			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$58,825	CLC:	\$12,790			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	51,000	CLC:	11,500			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+7,825	CLC:	+1,290			
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	148	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$380* Sanctuary: \$9,752

* \$5,410 was distributed to 4 Grace high school students at ILHS, \$1352.50/student