

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Church Year:** Easter 6/Graduation

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** May 25, 2025

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

WS 744: How Great Thou Art

TLH 197: Where Wilt Thou Go Since Night Draws Near

WS 743: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CDS: Go Now in Peace

TLH 54: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 65, TLH p. 136

### Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

### Scripture Readings:

Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

### Sermon: Acts 14:8-18

<sup>8</sup> And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. <sup>9</sup> This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup> said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. <sup>11</sup> Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" <sup>12</sup> And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. <sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out <sup>15</sup> and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, <sup>16</sup> "who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. <sup>17</sup> "Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." <sup>18</sup> And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Are You Getting the Message?

## ✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Graduation Recognition:** Today we recognize our graduates from our Christian Day School. What a marvelous Christian foundation our congregation has been able to provide all the children who attend Grace Lutheran School. We also congratulate and wish the Lord's richest blessings upon all of the graduates in our midst:

- ☆ Lilly Nelson – Grace Lutheran School
- ☆ Zara Wales – Grace Lutheran School
- ☆ Alexandra Baker – Spring Lake Park High School
- ☆ Sienna Boe – Forest Lake High School
- ☆ Jessica Maki – Bemidji State Univ. (Bachelors of Science in Nursing)



- ➔ **S. Boe Graduation Party:** The congregation is invited to go to Sienna's graduation party on Sat., June 28, 12-4 pm, 529 Henry Ln., Lino Lakes, MN. An announcement is posted outside Pastor's office.

- ➔ **Ascension Worship:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy. Our opportunity to worship Him is Thursday, May 29, 7 pm.



- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

- ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 14-18, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children online by using the QR Code. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.


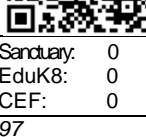


- ➔ **Parade Outreach:** Plans are for our school to participate in the Spring Lake Park parade on Thursday, June 5. The parade begins at 6:30 pm. We usually meet at Woodcrest Spanish Immersion School on Osborne Rd. at 5:45 and walk over to the designated area from there. Please put this on your calendar and consider joining us!

- ➔ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The *Lutheran Spokesman* is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.

- ➔ **Daily Rest:** *Daily Rest* is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. It is time to renew subscriptions or get a new subscription if you would like to receive this edifying material. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has graciously offered to collect the \$15 payments. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.
- ➔ **The Branches:** If you would like to start receiving *The Branches* magazine, please contact Sandy Hulke at thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com. All other subscriptions will automatically be renewed. Any changes, please let Sandy know.
- ➔ **Man Up! Weekend:** September 25-28, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Registration is \$75 (\$150 after Aug. 30). This includes lodging and meals. Register by going to: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team Building and Encouragement for Men, and Worship, as well as activities like Rock Climbing, Hiking, Arrow Tag, Mountain Biking, Trivia Challenge, Grilling, Bonfires, and Music. 2025 Theme: Ephesians 2: 8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (ESV)
- ➔ **Berea's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** You are invited to join the members of Berea, Inver Grove Heights, in a service of thanksgiving to the Lord on Sunday, June 29 at 9 am. A meal will follow the service.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Prof. Joel Gullerud of Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as Principal at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. † Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI, received the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran in Loganville, GA (Atlanta area), has received the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO.

**Last Week's Stats:** May 11, 2025 Sun: 74 S.S.: 12 B.C.I.: 39

Week's Offering:					Grace:	\$3,132	CLC:	\$767		
Weekly Need (est.):					Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150		
-Under / +Over:					Grace:	-1,968	CLC:	-383		
Year-to-Date Offering:					Grace:	\$102,855	CLC:	\$19,708		
Year-to-Date Need (est.):					Grace:	96,900	CLC:	21,850		
Difference from Budget (+/-)					Grace:	+5,955	CLC:	-2,142		
GLC Other:		120	Living Faith:		0	Tuition Aid:		550	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:		0	MDF:		0	Kinship:		265	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:		0	ILC Bldg.		0	IIF:		0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:			Tuition Aid:		\$2,615	Sanctuary:			\$10,897	

# CLC Financial Report - April 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Months	Balance 4/30/2025
General Fund	0	971,532	1,016,027	1,094,150	(44,495)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,508,383	1,388,124	1,436,750	120,259
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (ILF)	110,979	43,520	61,244		93,255
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	340,953	1,842		1,899,393
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	236,051	182,622		174,213
Kinship	169,884	168,594	147,119		191,359
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	382,368	264,753		2,801,823
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	78,445	190,187		5,575
EduK8 Fund	47,692	22,787	3,500		66,979
Reserve Fund	79,964	80,292	0		160,256
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$1,353,010	\$851,267		\$5,392,853

**General Fund** – You will notice that we are continuing to run a year-to-date deficit in our General Fund. We have not met our budget for the past several years and while we have been blessed to have a reserve fund that has covered our shortfall, we cannot continue to deficit spend. With only about a month remaining in our fiscal year ending with June, it will be beneficial for each of us to prayerfully consider what we can do to support the General Fund. May our Gracious Lord bless our humble efforts.

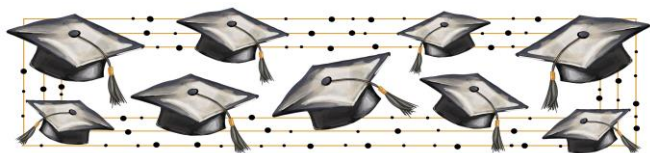
**ILC Operations** - While ILC Operations is subsidized by the General Fund and currently has a balance of about \$120,000, based on past history, that balance will likely be eliminated by the end of the year since there is very little revenue in the month of June. Last year, for example, June had a deficit of \$124,000.

**ILC Building Projects** – Year-to-date contributions have been about \$260,000. The remaining year-to-date revenue of around \$80,000 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 about \$246,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, just over \$135,000 of increases in the market value of the investments and just over \$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*



# **CLC E-Devotions – May 15, 2021**

## **ASCENSION AND GRADUATION**

"Pomp and Circumstance" sounds in the back-ground as graduates in robes and mortar boards march across the stage to shake the hand of the Dean or Principal and accept their diplomas. Graduation day is filled with both the joy of completing studies and the sadness of friendships and things familiar coming to an end. There are tears as friends made at school won't be seeing each other on a daily basis, as they head off to different colleges or on to their lives in the workforce. At the time, High School graduation seems like a very big deal indeed, but as time goes by and you get older you realize that it was just the very beginning of learning and living. Leaving the college campus too is possibly the end of your classroom instruction for the rest of your life, but in reality is the beginning of your instruction in life itself.

On Ascension Day, the Lord Jesus left this earth as He rose up into the air, only to be covered by a cloud. There was no band playing. There were no hats thrown up into the air in celebration. There were only a handful of men, gazing up into the sky as a man visibly, quietly left the earth.



"Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

It was the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, but in fact the very beginning of what He now continues to work in us. Having completed the work of redemption, the Lord set in motion the New Testament church which would spread the Gospel of forgiveness of sins in His name. That work continues through us today.

We thank and praise the Lord Christ that even though His earthly mission came to an end, a new beginning of spreading the Gospel began, and now continues through us His humble servants.

## ✝ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✝

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Dan Degnan;  
Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Baker

## ✝ **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** ✝

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Dan Degnan;  
Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

## ✝ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✝

**Sun., May 25:** Summer Schedule Starts/Graduation Day

9:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 6)

10:00 am – Graduation Reception

**Thu., May 29:** 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship

**Sun., June 1:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 7)

**Thu., June 5:** 5:45 pm – Meet for SLP Parade (Woodcrest Spanish Immersion)

**Sat., June 7:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference (Mankato, MN)

**Sun., June 8:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost)

11:00 am – Council Meeting

**Sun., June 15:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost)

**June 17-19:** CLC General Pastoral Conf. (ILC Dining Hall – Eau Claire, WI)

**July 14-18:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

**Sun., Aug. 24:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service (Eau Claire, WI)

**Mon., Aug., 25:** 8:00 am – Grace Lutheran School Opening Service



**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**

*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 speak with you!*