

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Holy Trinity Sunday

Phone: 763-784-8784

Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: June 15, 2025

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 246: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty

TLH 248: Father of Glory, to Thy Name
Athanasian Creed w/TLH 250

TLH 39: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

TLH 244: Glory Be to God the Father

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 150, TLH p. 157

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Numbers 6:22-27

John 16:12-15

Sermon: Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (NKJVTM)

We Have Peace with Our Triune God



✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Pew Upholstery:** In order to make progress with this project, for the next several weeks the plan is to update three to four pews each week with upholstery. For this plan to unfold there will likely be three to four pews each week that will be unable to be used during worship on Sundays. We thank all the volunteers who are giving of their time and energy to make this update happen.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **S. Boe Graduation Party:** The congregation is invited 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.
- ➔ **Bridal Shower:** There will be a bridal shown for Jessica Maki after church on Aug. 17. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. An invitation with more details is on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Heidi or Laura.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Lower Michigan Youth Camp:** The 22nd annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 21-24 (Mon-Thurs) at a private summer camp facility near Frankenmuth, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 16. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.
- ➔ **Women's Retreat West Registration:** Registration is now open for this year's Women's Retreat West, to be held in Sioux Falls from September 19-21. The theme this year is "Pieces of Jesus' Peace". To register, please head over to womensretreat.clclutheran.net, click on WEST, and fill out the form. If you would rather register over email or have any questions, reach out to womensretreatwest@gmail.com. A form can be sent to you from there.



- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in Loganville, GA (Atlanta area), has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area). He will continue serving at Zion Lutheran as a dual parish, ministering to various groups in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee with monthly trips and outreach to each. † Lori Ruthenbeck has returned the one-year call to be Part-Time Teacher at St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN. Leah Baumann, also a member there, has now received this call. † Retired Teacher Dan Barthels has received and returned the call to serve as Principal and Teacher at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. † Mr. Rick Mariner has received the call to serve as Principal of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

What Luther Says About...THE HOLY TRINITY #4466

Here the foolishness of God and the wisdom of the world clash. For when the world hears God speaking of Himself as being one God and yet three distinct Persons, it considers such declarations very offensive and foolish; and all who listen to reason and hear this consider people who believe and teach this doctrine downright fools. Consequently, this article of faith has been assailed continually, from the times of the apostles and the church fathers to the present day, as histories testify, particularly the Gospel of Saint John, which he wrote for the special purpose of confirming this article against Cerinthus, the heretic who began the attack during the very lifetime of the apostles and tried to prove from Moses that there is only One God. Therefore, he said, our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be true God, because God and man cannot be one. Thus he continued to prate according to reason and imagined that matters in heaven must be carried on as he devised them and in no other way.

But shame on you, disgraceful reason! How can we miserable, poor mortals comprehend this mystery? We do not know the how of our own speaking, laughing, or sleeping, although we daily perform and experience these natural functions. And yet we want to speak of God and the conditions existing within His divine Being. We want to do so without the Word of God, solely according to our own mind. Is it not blindness above all blindness for a man who cannot explain the most insignificant function he daily observes in his own body to presume to know what is beyond and above all reason and of which no one except God alone can speak, and to have the audacity to state so rashly and bluntly that Christ is not God?

(Weimar Edition 41, 270 f -- Erlangen Edition 9, 20 f -- Revised Halle or Walch Edition published at St. Louis 12, 646 f)

CLC Financial Report - May 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 11 Months	Balance 5/31/2025
General Fund	0	1,053,637	1,132,842	1,203,565	(79,205)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,631,394	1,520,408	1,580,425	110,986
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	46,386	61,244		96,121
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	447,301	1,842		2,005,741
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	258,046	226,130		152,700
Kinship	169,884	178,791	177,627		171,048
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	442,530	609,385		2,517,353
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	165,299	202,068		80,548
EduK8 Fund	47,692	24,486	3,500		68,678
Reserve Fund	79,964	80,848	0		160,812
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$1,643,687	\$1,281,796		\$5,253,001

General Fund – Our deficit in the General Fund increased since last month, and now sits at almost \$80,000. 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 the remainder of June in our fiscal year, 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 \$111,000, 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 \$338,000. The remaining year-to-date revenue of around \$109,000 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 \$267,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, just over \$174,000 of increases in the market value of the investments and just over \$1,000 of contributions to the fund. The fund issued a new loan in May in the amount of \$320,000 to a member congregation.

Student Aid Fund – Revenue includes \$70,000 of earnings from the SAF Endowment Fund that were transferred to the Student Aid Fund in May.

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

Council Meeting Notes – June 8, 2025

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

Pastor's Report

- Instruction classes: Maddie Maki & Holly Vandever. A new class with Max Milbrandt is starting.
- Pre-marital counseling with Jessica Maki and Daniel Robin will be starting.
- Motion approved to accept Annette and Stephen Kuehne into membership pending receipt of transfer from Berea – Inver Grove Hts., MN.
- Motion approved to accept Clifford Kuehne into membership pending receipt of transfer from Berea – Inver Grove Hts., MN.
- Motion approved to recommend to the voters that we ratify Lilly Nelson and Zara Wales into communicant membership.
- The MN Delegate Conference was held on June 7 in Mankato. Karl Friedrichs gave a report on the updated MN medical leave law. Phil will follow up to make sure that there is nothing new that we need to do relating to that law.

Board of Elders' Report

- There was no elders' report.

Board of Education Report

- Tower Days Parade went well. The Board will prepare earlier next year.
- Motion approved to recommend to the Voters that Eli Wales be the Sunday school superintendent in the 2025-26 school year.
- \$2975 of tuition was collected.

Board of Trustees' Report

- Jeff got a new vacuum cleaner for the church and school.
- Heidi applied mulch to the flower gardens.
- The Board is planning the installation of the playground equipment. There will be holes to dig and concrete to pour. The swing is 24 feet long and about 12 feet wide. The people working on this think that the swing should be placed inside the fence in the south-east area of the lot, parallel to the lilacs.
- Motion approved to place the swing in the south-east part of the lot on the most level ground, inside the fence.

Other Business

- Rick has a concept for the altar that is being shared with the Pastor.
- Pew reupholstering is progressing.
- Phil gave a report on the topic of online giving. He expects that we will have more than 10 contributions in June. He plans to change our registration to accommodate that number of contributions. At that point we will start paying a \$15 a month fee. The council approved that change.
- Motion approved to assign the planning of the 50th anniversary of the school to the Board of Ed to assist Bonnie Baker in the planning for that event.

Adapted from minutes taken by Secretary Frank Radichel

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Phil 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: **Volunteers?**

✝ 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**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

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

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

Wed., June 18: 7:00 pm – General Pastoral Conference Worship Service
w/Lord's Supper (Messiah Lutheran – Eau Claire, WI)

Sun., June 22: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 2)

Sun., June 29: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 3)

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

Sun., Aug. 17: 11:00 am – Jessica Maki Bridal Shower



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**

Last Week's Stats: June 8, 2025 Sun: 81

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$3,884	CLC:	\$420			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,216	CLC:	-730			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$121,940	CLC:	\$22,427			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	117,300	CLC:	26,450			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+4,640	CLC:	-4,023			
GLC Other:	10	Living Faith:	50	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	200	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	25
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$3,270	Sanctuary:		\$11,207	