

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: July 6, 2025

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 580: To Thee, Our God, We Fly
TLH 578: Lord, While for All Mankind We Pray
TLH 566: Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored
Offering Presentation: TLH 568:1
Communion Distribution: TLH 307
TLH 577: God Bless Our Native Land

Worship Prep:

Psalm 33, TLH p. 131

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Communion)

Scripture Readings:

1 Peter 2:11-17
Luke 20:17-26

Sermon: Jeremiah 29:4-7

⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and dwell *in them*; plant gardens and eat their fruit. ⁶ Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters-- that you may be increased there, and not diminished. ⁷ And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace. (NKJVTM)

For Your Own Sakes, Live in Harmony with Your Government



† ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** †

- ➔ **Ben Crandall:** The memorial service for Ben Crandall will be on Sat., July 26, at 12 pm. A visitation will precede at 11 am and a luncheon will follow. Dorcas Guild #1 will host. The family is still deciding on meal plans and may be doing something other than sandwiches. Memorials still undetermined. Correspondence:
Cindy Bruckbauer & Family; 638 Minnesota Ave.; Big Lake, MN 55309.
- ➔ **Work Day:** Given the memorial service, work day is suspended. Stay tuned for another possible date.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **VBS Snacks:** A sign-up sheet is by the guest book for those willing to provide snacks during VBS.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal:** Eight CLC Mission Helpers are currently in Nepal proclaiming the simple Gospel message to children in Himalayan villages where Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession congregations and preaching stations are located. You can read the trip blog and see pictures at: www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Erin Franson has accepted the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College at Eau Claire, WI. † Teacher Rebecca Buck of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. † Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. † St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has extended two part-time, one-year calls to two St. John's members: Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht. † Mikkela Schmitt will be installed as Teacher on Sun., July 27, during the 10:30 am service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD.



CLC E-Devotion (September 28, 2024)

(Jeremiah 29:7) And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

Pray For Peace

During the 1950's it was common to see bumper stickers and signs in various places with the message "Pray for Peace." As one who was still a child at that time I didn't fully understand the heartfelt nature of that request. Those who were adults at that time had lived through wars and suffered the loss of sons and brothers. Some had personally experienced the horrors of war. They fervently hoped not to see these things again in their days. And they understood that for the blessing of peace among nations they needed to call upon God.

In this verse the Lord Himself calls upon His people to pray for peace. They were the captives from Judea who had been taken from their homes, cities, and land, and had been deported to Babylon. How should they live in this strange new environment, they wondered. What should their attitude be toward the country in which they were living?

In answer to their concerns the Lord tells His people through the prophet Jeremiah that they should endeavor to live normal lives and carry on normal activities in Babylon. He Himself had caused them to be carried away to that country; it was His will that they live there. They should build houses and live in them. They should plant gardens and eat the produce from them. They should marry among themselves and have families so that their numbers would grow. In all of this they could be confident of the Lord's blessing. And they should pray for their city of exile, for if Babylon enjoyed peace, they too would enjoy the blessings of peace.

Isn't all of this a picture of the situation of Christians living in this world? It's a foreign place to believers, for by God's grace in Christ we sinners can say, "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one." (1 John 5:19) But it is God's will that believers be in the world to serve as salt and light to the world. We should not be afraid to build houses and raise families, all the while taking care not to be conformed to this world. (Romans 12:2)

And while we are doing these things let us by prayer seek the peace of the city, state, country where God Himself has placed us.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

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: Vandever

✠ 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: Vandever

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 6: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 4)

Sun., July 13: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 5)

11:00 am – Council Meeting

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

Sun., July 20: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 6)

10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., July 26: 12:00 pm – Ben Crandall Memorial Service (Dorcas #1)

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

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


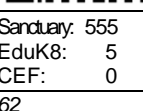
Mon., Aug., 25: 8:00 am – Grace Lutheran School Opening Service



**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 29, 2025 Sun: 48

QR Code for Online Giving:

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$1,376	CLC:	\$470			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-3,724	CLC:	-680			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$141,658	CLC:	\$36,491			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	132,600	CLC:	29,900			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+9,058	CLC:	+6,591			
GLC Other:	60	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	555	Sanctuary:	555
SAF Endowment:	5	MDF:	45	Kinship:	105	EduK8:	5
ILC Student Aid:	5	ILC Bldg.	5	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$3,925	Sanctuary:		\$11,862	