

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 8

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: August 3, 2025

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 456: Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

TLH 454, st. 1-5,8: Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Communion Distribution: WS 755

TLH 799, st. 1-3: This Is the Feast of Victory

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 6, TLH p. 124

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, ²¹ "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

²² Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? ²⁵ "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ²⁶ So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." ²⁷ Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who *am* but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: ²⁸ "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack* of five?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*." ²⁹ And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* for the sake of forty." ³⁰ Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there."

³¹ And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty."

³² Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten." (NKJVTM)

Pray Boldly Before the Throne of Grace

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Pastor's Vacation:** This afternoon Pastor Hein will be leaving to visit family near Spokane, WA. For emergency pastoral help, you may call the parsonage at 763-784-8784 or call Pastor directly on his cell at 612-408-1635. Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer (651-432-0101) from Berea may be contacted as well.
- ➔ **Ice Cream Social:** Next Mon., August 11, 7 pm, Grace Lutheran School will have its introductory parent meeting to start off the upcoming school year. This will be followed by the ice cream social. Families are welcome to bring their children to play together during the meeting.
- ➔ **Bridal Shower:** There will be a bridal shown for Jessica Maki after church on August 17. Please RSVP to Heidi or Laura.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Harvest Festival:** Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, welcomes you to our annual Harvest Festival: 4 pm, Sunday, Aug. 10. Please let us know if you plan on traveling from a distance to join us. For more information, contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.
- ➔ **Dedication:** Mt. Zion Lutheran in Detroit, MI, is holding a dedication service for our new church property on Sunday, Sept. 14, 4 pm. The new address is 510 W. Girard Ave., Madison Heights, MI, 48071. RSVP to Pastor Tom Naumann at tomnaumann.pastor@gmail.com.
- ➔ **Installation:** Pastor Frank Gantt is scheduled to be installed as Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO, next Sun., August 10, at 10 am. A fellowship meal is planned to follow the service.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran in Dallas, TX, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.
✝ Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI. ✝
Mr. Peter Reim has received the Vacancy Pastor call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.



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!

CLC E-Devotion – July 13, 2024

Genesis 19:21 And [the angel] said to [Lot], “See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken.”

PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY

This verse is from the account of God’s destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and His merciful rescue of Lot and his daughters before the fire and brimstone rained down on those godless cities in which the number of believing souls didn’t even come up to ten. (Genesis 18:16-19:29)



In this Bible history lesson there is mighty encouragement for believers to pray. There is Abraham’s bold yet humble pleading for the cities to be spared for the sake of the believers who might yet be in them. We see God’s patience as He listens to Abraham’s repeated prayers, and His answer to those prayers in the rescue mission of the angels.

There is also a powerful lesson on prayer in Lot’s pleading for permission for him and his family to escape to one of the cities in the area rather than to the mountains. This plan of his was not a wise one, for Zoar was one of the cities that was to be destroyed with Sodom and Gomorrah. Yet God granted Lot’s petition and did not overthrow it. The angel refers to it as the city for which Lot had spoken.

Were the citizens of the little city of Zoar (its name means small or insignificant) thankful that they had been spared? Did they turn to God and repent? Did they welcome into their community the man who had prayed for them and come to their city for refuge? Evidently not, for Lot didn’t find the place hospitable and was afraid to stay there (v. 30). But, being spared, it did serve as a brief place of refuge for three of God’s children.

Our recent observance of the Fourth of July was a time to think about the blessings of American citizenship. That these blessings may continue let us exercise our privilege as citizens of the better heavenly country and pray to God that He would spare it for the sake of His children. We believers are able to come to God in the name of Jesus Christ who has reconciled us to God by His atoning sacrifice and has given us the privilege of prayer.

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 3: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 8)

Sun., Aug. 10: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 9)

11:00 am – Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 11: 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social

Sun., Aug. 17: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 10)

11:00 am – Jessica Maki Bridal Shower

Sun., Aug. 24: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 11)



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: July 27, 2025 Sun: 68

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$4,843	CLC:	\$1,665			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-257	CLC:	+515			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$169,004	CLC:	\$45,935			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	153,000	CLC:	34,500			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+16,004	CLC:	+11,435			
GLC Other:	100	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	10,150
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	240	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$5,780	Sanctuary:		\$14,800	