

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: September 14, 2025

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 479: Zion, Rise, Zion, Rise

TLH 268: Zion Mourns in Fear & Anguish (Tune: 296)

TLH 469: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (WS 767)

TLH 44: Ye Lands to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 72, TLH p. 138

Liturgy:

TLH p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 466:1,4

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-24

Luke 13:22-30

Sermon: Hebrews 12:18-24

¹⁸ For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. ²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." ²¹ And so terrifying was the sight *that* Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel. (NKJVTM)

The Mountain Range of God's Holiness

1. Mt. Sinai - the terrifying place of our disgrace (TLH 287:1)
2. Mt. Zion - the heavenly place of God's great grace (TLH 613:2)

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Today's Sermon:** Mountain ranges seem to catch our eye with all their splendor. God has His own special mountain range which we will focus on today in our worship. This range will expose our sinful hearts, yet comfort them with the grandeur of God's forgiving love. May the Lord richly bless your worship!
- ➔ **Visit:** Next Sun., Sept. 21, we will have the honor of having Raju Bhitrakoti join us from our affiliate in Nepal, along with Missionary Todd Ohlmann. The timing will be good for a couple of reasons. It is the day of church picnic, but it will also be the weekend following Pastor's chemo treatment. Thus the Elders quickly accepted the invitation from them to come here to teach and preach at Grace.
- ➔ **Reminder:** Next Sunday Grace School will be singing during our worship service.
- ➔ **Church Picnic:** The times we as a congregation have a chance to interact with each other are precious. Please join us in Christian fellowship here on the church grounds following our regular service on September 21. Grilled hot dogs and buns will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, including things like salads, veggies, fruit, chips, and/or desserts. Committee #2 will serve and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.
- ➔ **Pacific Coast Women's Retreat:** "Run the Race!" (Hebrews 12:1-2) Registration is open: tinyurl.com/MtnWomen. Please consider joining us for a weekend in God's Word while relaxing in the mountain beauty of His creation. We'd love to have you with us! September 26-28 in Cusick, WA (fly or drive into Spokane, WA) Questions? Contact Tina at teichstadt@gmail.com.
- ➔ **Golf Scramble:** On October 4 at 1 pm there will be a 9 hole golf scramble held at Rolling Greens in Durand, WI. The cost will be determined based on the number of groups that we have, but it will be less than \$30 including cart. If there are over 30 players, there will be a shotgun start. It will be foursomes. Individual players may also register, and we will try to form a foursome. We have one group currently that needs two more players. If at all possible, please register by September 22 to help determine if we can have a shotgun start. September 28 will be the deadline to guarantee a spot. For more information or to enter, contact Mike Schierenbeck at mike.schierenbeck@gmail.com or 920-344-9580.



- ➔ **Midwest Women's Retreat:** Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one-day retreat on Sat., October 25, 9 am to 4 pm. The theme is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." To register go to tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y. The cost is \$20 if you register before Sept. 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / jtheneman@live.com) with any questions.
- ➔ **Man Up! Weekend:** September 25-28, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Registration is \$150. This includes lodging and meals. Register by going to: www.manup.clclutheran.org.
- ➔ **Used Smartphones for Africa:** Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches - thank you!
- ➔ **Dedication:** Zion Lutheran Church, formerly of Ipswich, SD, welcomes you to a dedication of its new church building: 1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD. Join us 5 pm Sun. Oct. 26 for a Reformation-themed dedication service followed by a German-themed dinner. Bring any side dish to share. Reach out to Pastor Daub at pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (406) 240-0980 with any questions.
As a merger with Prince of Peace (Hecla) and Redeemer (Bowdle) members residing in the Aberdeen area, Zion has called Pastor Daub to serve the congregation and is currently in the process of relocating their legal incorporation status from Ipswich to Aberdeen.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #1 – Books of the Bible

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 – September 13, 2013

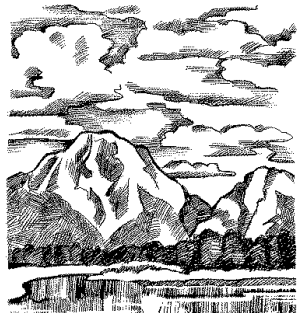
Hebrews 12:18-24 “You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them ... The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, ‘I am trembling with fear.’ But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”

YOU HAVE COME TO MOUNT ZION

Here the inspired author of Hebrews contrasts Mount Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments with “Mount Zion” or “the heavenly Jerusalem” (a picture of the New Testament church). As one who has become a member of this church through faith in Christ, you need not tremble at the thought of standing in the presence of your holy God, for He has made you a fellow citizen with the holy angels and all His believers of the past, present, and future. God has conferred on you, for Jesus’ sake, all the benefits and “perks” that accompany citizenship in His kingdom: Jesus’ righteousness credited to you by faith, the peace of God that transcends all understanding in the forgiveness of your sins, the sure hope of eternal glory, and the blessed assurance (right now, as you pilgrim through this temporary world) that every facet of your life is being guided dependably by your heavenly Father for your ultimate good.

Paul sums it up like this: “He raised you up with Christ and seated you with him in the heavenly realms, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6-7).

How truly good your God is! How truly blessed you are to be one of His blood-bought saints!



Those who trust in the LORD are
like Mount Zion, which cannot
be moved, but abides forever.

Psalms 125:1, ESV

CLC Financial Report - August 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2025
General Fund	0	180,135	202,511	210,850	(22,376)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	361,663	248,439	295,840	113,224
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	6,126	30,499		74,770
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	100,154	340		2,166,527
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	27,785	41,174		135,013
Kinship	169,472	29,300	25,073		173,699
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	104,315	79,181		2,528,930
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	50,592	50,212		102,069
EduK8 Fund	70,311	20,689	10,000		81,000
Reserve Fund	103,629	671	0		104,300
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$339,632	\$236,479		\$5,366,308

General Fund – Both the year-to-date revenue and disbursements are about the same as they were at this time last year, resulting in a deficit of just over \$22,000.

ILC Operations – The same is true here. Revenues and disbursements are very similar to last year, resulting in a current balance of about \$113,000.

ILC Improvement Fund – Most of the disbursements from this fund were for maintenance work on the geothermal system in the Academic Center and kitchen remodeling on one of the professorages.

ILC Building Projects – The revenue consists of about \$55,000 in contributions and \$45,000 from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

Mission Development Fund – The bulk of these disbursements went to our sister synod in Bangladesh for assistance with the costs of construction of a multi-purpose building.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$45,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and almost \$60,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements included an initial \$60,000 loaned to a congregation for some remodeling/asbestos work, with more coming in the next few months.

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

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Phil Radichel

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 Vandeveer; Clint Welker

Church Cleaners: Nelson

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

Church Cleaners: Nelson

School: Baker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Sept. 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 14)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Thu., Sept. 18: 2:00 pm – Catechism

Sun., Sept. 21: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 15/Raju Bhitrakoti)
11:00 am – Annual Church Picnic (Committee #2 Hosts)

Wed., Sept. 24: CLC Coordinating Council (Eau Claire, WI)

Sun., Sept. 28: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 16)

Mon. Sept. 29: 7:00 pm – Grace School Parent Night


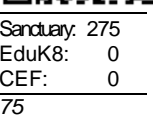
October 5-7: MN Pastoral Conference (Vrbo @ Hutchinson, MN)

Sun., Oct. 12: Mission Festival – Guest Speaker George Dumann
Mission Festival Potluck (Committee #3 Hosts)

October 15-17: CLC Teachers' Conference (Immanuel-Mankato, MN)

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 7, 2025 Sun: 81 S.S.: 12 B.C.I.: 35

QR Code for Online Giving:

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$4,562	CLC:	\$245	
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-538	CLC:	-905	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$194,320	CLC:	\$49,404	
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	183,600	CLC:	41,400	
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+10,720	CLC:	+8,004	
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	500
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	200	Kinship:	146
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$6,589	Sanctuary:	\$15,275