

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: October 26, 2025

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 774: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Choir: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

TLH 380: Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

TLH 377:1-3,5-6,8-10: Salvation unto Us has Come

TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 46, TLH p. 134

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 33, Psalm 91

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

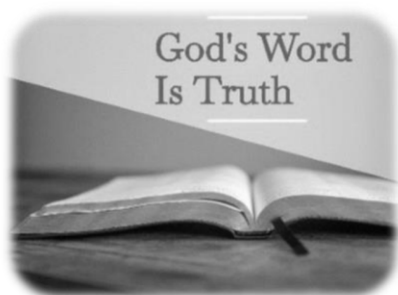
John 8:31-36

Sermon: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. (NKJVTM)

"Justification by Faith:

Where Performance Doesn't Count!"



CLC Coordinating Council

Board of Doctrine

“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1: 13).

Whether you are a seamstress following a sewing pattern, a builder following an architect’s blueprint or an engineer’s specs, or a cook following a recipe – all have one thing in common. Follow the “sound pattern” perfectly and the desired outcome will occur. The sewing, building and culinary projects will turn out successful.

Our God has perfectly and wonderfully designed, promised and effected our soul’s salvation in Christ Jesus. And He has chosen to reveal it to us in His inerrant and infallible “pattern of sound words” we know as the Bible, the Holy Scriptures. In so many ways, He has told us: “Follow My pattern, My blueprint, My recipe for your faith journey and you will be richly blessed by receiving the very outcome for which I created and redeemed you – eternal life with Me.”

In a world where so many “religious” leaders have chosen to ignore God’s warnings about altering His “blueprint” (Revelation 22:18-19) to suit their own selfish whims and desires with tragic spiritual and eternal consequences, the Apostle’s words strike home with every faithful child of God: “Hold fast that pattern!” Grab it, grip it, hold on to it for dear life, eternal life. Do so “in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

With our faith and souls resting securely in Christ and His Word, we give thanks to God for first “guarding our faith-deposit through His Spirit” (2 Timothy 1:14). Grant us now, O Lord, the faith and love commitment to “hold fast the pattern of sound words” which You have so mercifully deposited with us.

CLC Financial Report - September 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Months	Balance 9/30/2025
General Fund	0	246,992	316,981	316,275	(69,989)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	518,455	404,568	443,760	113,887
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	8,970	30,499		77,614
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	143,211	340		2,209,584
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	38,121	70,785		115,738
Kinship	169,472	40,673	44,038		166,107
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	167,131	227,543		2,443,384
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	77,536	68,909		110,316
EduK8 Fund	70,311	27,885	10,000		88,196
Reserve Fund	103,629	1,041	0		104,670
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$504,568	\$452,114		\$5,315,609

General Fund – The fund shows a deficit of just under \$70,000 which is not quite as much as it was a year ago, due to an increase in contributions of almost \$20,000 over the same period last year.

ILC Operations – Revenues and disbursements are very similar to last year, resulting in a current balance of about \$114,000.

ILC Building Projects – The revenue consists of about \$70,000 in contributions and \$73,000 from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of close to \$73,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and about \$94,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include just over \$204,000 loaned so far 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

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks** to those who helped out with work day yesterday.
- ➔ **MN Mission Festival:** The congregations of the CLC's Minnesota Conference invite you to a joint Mission Festival service at 4 pm on Sunday, November 9 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Okabena, MN. Pastor Zack Sippert will be conducting the service and Pastor Em. Paul D. Nolting will be delivering the sermon. A meal will be provided following the service. For planning purposes, please let your Pastor know if you plan to attend. Those interested in singing in the Adult Choir or Children's Choir, please contact Pastor Sam Rodebaugh for music (sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com).
- ➔ **Fall Back:** Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Remember, turn your clocks back an hour.
- ➔ **Wedding Anniversary:** Please join the Nelson family in celebrating Larry and Sue's 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 23, from 2-5pm at the B-Dale Club in Roseville. Please RSVP to Heidi by Nov. 9. A formal invitation is on the bulletin board.
- ➔ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day** is coming up on Friday, November 14 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *Enchanted Sleeping Beauty*. Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu
- ➔ **Aberdeen, South Dakota:** Today at 5 pm, Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) welcomes you to a Reformation-themed dedication service of their new church building, 1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD. German-themed potluck dinner to follow. You are welcome to bring any dish to share. Reach out to pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (406) 240-0980 with any questions.
- ➔ **Los Angeles, CA:** A worship service will be held in the Los Angeles area this evening, Sunday, October 26, at 6:30 pm PDT in the conference room of a member's work place at 9278 Charles Smith Ave; Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. Contact: Pastor David Ude of St. Stephen Lutheran Church: 715-450-2968 / david.m.ude@gmail.com.

- ➔ **Sacramento, CA:** A worship service will be held next week, Tuesday, October 28, at 5:15 pm PDT at the Forever Easter House in Sacramento, CA. Meal to follow. The address is 2725 52nd Ave Unit G; Sacramento, CA 95822. It looks like we might have 15-30 people in attendance. Contact: Pastor David Ude of St. Stephen Lutheran Church: 715-450-2968 / david.m.ude@gmail.com.
- ➔ **Des Moines, IA:** An initial CLC service will be held in the Des Moines, IA, area on Sunday, November 9, 2025, 10:30 am in the meeting room at the Hampton Inn in Ankeny (6210 SE Convenience Blvd - just off I-35). If you have any questions, contact Pastor Paul Krause: 920-238-5775 / parsonspaulkrause@gmail.com. You may also contact Lucas Wiste (515-835-0202) or Sarah Wiste (515-210-3139) who live in the Des Moines area. They are members at Watertown, SD, and they have offered to serve as "local" contacts. Your prayers are much appreciated for God's blessings on the growth of His Word in the Des Moines area.
- ➔ **2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.
- ➔ **Nominations for ILC Professor Call:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate a male or males to fill the vacancy which has been created by the resignation of Professor David Schaller. A plan is already in place to fill this void during the current 2025-26 academic year. As such, the person would start serving in this role during the 2026-27 academic year. It would be preferable for this male to be seminary trained and/or musically trained. Courses to be taught depending on the abilities that the Lord has given this person for use in His Church, may include courses such as music classes, religion classes, college Greek, and other potential disciplines. The person may serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, also teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations should

include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

- ➔ **Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2026. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Drew Naumann is being installed at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, this weekend. ✚ Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel, Jr., has received the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA. ✚ Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. ✚ Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI. Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has now received this call. ✚ Professor Mark Weis has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN. ✚ Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #6 – Fourth Commandment

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!

Voters Meeting Notes – October 18, 2025

Meeting opened w/prayer. July Voters' meeting minutes were read & approved. Third quarter Treasurer's Report was presented & approved. A question was raised about the variance in compensation between July and August listed under the Elders. That line includes mileage reimbursement that will vary over time.

Pastor's Report

- The memorial service for Ben Crandall was held on July 26.
- Raju Bhitrakoti preached at Grace on September 21.
- Pastor George Dumann preached at the October 12 Mission Festival.
- Instruction classes: Maddie Maki, Holly Vandever, and Max Milbrandt.
- Motion approved to reinstate the membership of Matt Vandever.
- Motion approved to receive Holly Vandever based on her profession of faith.
- Motion approved to receive Maddie Maki based on her profession of faith.
- Pastor Hein attended the Minnesota Pastoral Conference. It was beneficial.
- The 2026 proposed calendar was presented. There are a few dates that might change because they are controlled by external groups. Motion approved to adopt the 2026 calendar with an edit of the time for the Sept. Council meeting.
- Pastor will be leaving this afternoon to go to NIH for a possible clinical trial.
- Jessica Maki and Daniel Robin were married at Grace on October 18.
- No Elder report.

Board of Education Report

- Tuition amount reported in Council minutes of \$39,900 should have been \$42,566.
- There is a plan to install the swing on the October work day.
- The new printer has been very helpful.
- Benno asked if we should put up crash barriers. Council will consider this.
- Dave reminded us of underground power line that may be near the swing set.

Board of Trustees' Report

- The printer has been installed and is working well.
- The water fountain with the bottle filler is here and is ready to be installed.
- The parking lot cracks have been filled.
- We will be installing a hand rail in the parsonage bathroom.
- Dan will mulch the leaves.
- Benno will be fixing some pews.
- Phil said that the front apron at the church entrance is cracked and should be replaced. Al suggested we should consider making that area heated.
- The exterior sign needs to be straightened.

Other Business

- The proposed 2026 budget was projected and approved.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Main change</u>
Elders	82,784	87,000	3% salary
Education	143,137	154,269	3% salary & 5000 non-salary
Trustees	39,000	39,000	
	\$264,921	\$280,269	

- Note: Board of Ed is not planning to change tuition for the 2026-27 school year.

Adapted from minutes taken by Secretary Frank Radichel

✠ 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 2: **Kyle Aymond; Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson;
Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Inlow**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley;
Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

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

Hospitality Team 3: **Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura
Wales; Janelle Hein**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

School: **Jankowski**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 26: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 20)

Thu., Oct. 30: 2:00 pm – Catechism

Fri., Oct. 31: Reformation Day (no service)

Sun., Nov. 2: Daylight Saving Time (Clocks back 1 hour)

8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 21)

11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 3)

Sun., Nov.. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 22)

4:00 pm – Minnesota Joint Mission Festival (Okabena, MN)

Fri., Nov. 14: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day (Eau Claire, WI)

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 19, 2025 Sun: 77 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 35

Week's Offering: Grace: \$3,609 CLC: \$594

Weekly Need (est.): Grace: 5,100 CLC: 1,150

-Under / +Over: Grace: -1,491 CLC: -556

Year-to-Date Offering: Grace: \$227,117 CLC: \$65,102

Year-to-Date Need (est.): Grace: 214,200 CLC: 48,300

Difference from Budget (+/-) Grace: +12,917 CLC: +16,802

GLC Other: 110 Living Faith: 0 Tuition Aid: 75 Sanctuary: 50

SAF Endowment: 0 MDF: 0 Kinship: 46 EduK8: 0

ILC Student Aid: 100 ILC Bldg. 0 IIF: 0 CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$75 Sanctuary: \$15,700

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