

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome in Jesus' Name! Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is a congregation which exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that all may learn to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and to follow Him through this life into the LIFE to come. It is our prayer that through the Word of God you hear today you will be convicted of your sin against God but comforted by the knowledge of forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ.



For more information about our church, please speak to the pastor. You are also invited to leave a record of your visit by signing our guest register at the back of the church. Thanks for being with us today! You're welcome anytime.

Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 54 (p.135 in the front of the red hymnal)

Note: We will be following the order of service found on the colored bulletin. The hymns and readings for the service can be found inside this bulletin.

Servants of Grace Today:

Organist: Laura Heinze

Ushers for January: Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger, Ron Geiger, Charles Lendt, Ryan Maher, Tony Schauman

Today's Hymns: 529; 372; 760; 424

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 6:10-23 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. ¹¹ Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. ¹² And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." ¹³ So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day." ¹⁴ And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him. ¹⁵ Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed." ¹⁶ So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." ¹⁷ Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed. ¹⁸ Now

the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him. ¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you." ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:22-30 (NKJV)

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Sermon Text: Luke 4:38-44 (NKJV)

³⁸ Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. ³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them. ⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ. ⁴² Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; ⁴³ but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." ⁴⁴ And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Theme: Jesus is Powerful Beyond Compare

Part 1 - What Jesus is Capable of

Power over sickness

Power over evil spirits

Power over _____ & _____

Part 2 - The Source and Purpose of Jesus' Power

Source: The Word

He was the Son of God, the Christ

Purpose: Preach the Good News of sins forgiven to sinners

† *This Week at Grace* †

Today - 1/17 - 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (*Prayer*)
8:00 A.M. Sunday School (*Bondage in Egypt*)
9:00 A.M. Family worship service at Grace
10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8
10:45 A.M. Family Worship at Faith, New Ulm

Wednesday 1/20 - 3:15 P.M. After School Bible Study
4:00 P.M. Confirmation Class (8th Graders)
5:00 P.M. Confirmation Class (All)
7:00 P.M. Women of Grace Meeting
7:00 P.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8

Friday 1/22 - 10:00 A.M. Ross Park Bible Study (*Gospel of Mark*)
7:00 P.M. Fellowship Night at Church

Sunday 1/24 - 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (*Prayer*)
8:00 A.M. Sunday School (*God Calls Moses*)
9:00 A.M. Family worship service at Grace
10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8
10:45 A.M. Family Worship at Faith, New Ulm

Serving Us This Coming Week:

January Ushers: Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger,
Ron Geiger, Charles Lendt, Ryan Maher, Tony Schauman

Organist: Emily Romberg **Church Cleaning:** C.S.L. Romberg

January Tellers: Jon Riederer and Shaun Nason

Announcements

Private Communion - If you were not able to attend our communion service on the first Sunday of the month but would like to receive communion please speak to the pastor. He will be glad to schedule a time to bring you communion privately at a time that would be convenient for you during the coming week. Please contact him to request a visit or a time to meet. †



Annual Voters' Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2016 -

The Annual Voter's meeting of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church was called to order by President Wade Schlie at 7:05 p.m. Pastor Mayhew gave the **opening devotion** reading from Ephesians 1:18-20 followed by prayer. **The minutes** of the September 21, 2015 and the minutes of the December Electoral meeting were approved as read. Outgoing treasurer Ron Geiger read the **Annual Treasurer's report** and was approved by proper motion and vote. **Glen Kotten** was released from communicant membership by proper motion and vote. Sixteen members answered **roll call**. Pastor Mayhew gave a **report** of the Pastoral Acts and other statistics from the 2015 calendar year. The **Audit committee report** was read by committee member Shaun Nason, stating that the financial records of Grace Lutheran Church are in order and the present insurance coverage of the church properties was found to be adequate. Brandan Heinze presented the council's **Christian Day School proposal**. The following items were adopted by proper motion and vote:

1. Set starting grade levels to be PreK-4
2. Set Tuition/Fees
 - a. Grace member at \$350/student/year
 - b. CLC member at \$1000/student/year
 - c. Non-CLC member at \$2100/student/year
 - d. Families new to Grace, who enroll a student in any grade from K-4, may wish to pursue the introductory offer available. Families are asked to complete a series of five informative sessions (approximately 60 minutes per session) about Grace, the CLC, and the religious instruction at Grace Lutheran School. Upon completion of these sessions, the pastor will notify the council and billing will be switched from non-member status to member status. This is only the billing status, membership at Grace is not granted unless requested by the applicant AND the complete course of instruction for membership is completed.

3. Authorize the church council to act as a school board with the following responsibilities:
 - a. To regularly pray for the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of the school.
 - b. To represent the families of the school in determining and requiring accomplishment of the school's mission and vision.
 - c. To supervise the school staff. The council will produce assurance of school staff performance.
 - d. To perform an annual review of performance and salary of the school staff and make recommendations to the voters.
 - e. To approve the use of appropriate curricula in the school.
 - f. To prepare a tentative operating budget for the school to present for voter approval.
 - g. To prepare a start-up cost budget for voter approval.
 - h. To gather a list of teacher candidates for the voters to call from
 - i. To ensure that the added custodial duties involved with operating a school are addressed.
 - j. To bring facility needs to the voters as necessary
 - k. To develop a school year calendar
4. Amend the timeline to open in the Fall of 2017.

The tentative dates for **Vacation Bible School** were set to be June 6-10 by proper motion and vote. By proper motion and vote the monthly **CLC support** was kept the same at \$4900 per month and will be revisited at the April voters' meeting. The **Pastor's compensation** was increased by \$100 per month for a total base monthly salary of \$3315 per month. The Pastor also received an Off Schedule Bonus of \$200 per month for the 2016 calendar year. The **Organist's salary** of \$40 per service is to remain the same. Installation of **exit signs and emergency lighting** in the amount of \$1100 was approved by proper motion and vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with the singing of the Doxology and Pastor giving the benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Brandan Heinze, Secretary †

Join us for Fellowship Night this Friday - Join us on Friday night for some food and games at our monthly fellowship night. This is a wonderful opportunity to have some fun in a positive and encouraging environment, and offers a chance to get to know other members of the congregation better. Bring a snack to share and join us on Friday night! †

Whitewater Winter Camp - The Immanuel-Mankato high school age youth group invites other youth to join them for their annual winter camp, January 22-24 at Whitewater State Park. The weekend features outdoor recreation, relaxation around the indoor fire ring, studying God's Word, and much more. For more information and/or to sign-up for the camp, please contact Pastor Wayne Eichstadt: wayne.eichstadt@immanuelmankato.org, 507-380-1068. †

CLC Mission Visitation to Nepal – The chairman of the Board of Missions will be leaving on Monday (1/18) afternoon for a 2 1/2 week visitation to Nepal. Pastor Ohlmann will be visiting villages where congregations of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) suffered from the earthquake this past April. He will also be on hand for the graduation and ordination of seven HCLCN pastors, and the dedication and opening of the new Himalayan Bible Institute. You can follow the trip blog at: <http://2016clcnepalvisitation.blogspot.com/> †

<i>Responding to God's Grace at Grace</i>	
Sunday, January 10, 2016	
<i>Worship: 69</i>	<i>Bible Class: 21</i>
Local Purposes	
Grace General Fund	\$ 1,185.00
Plate Offerings	\$ 44.00
Total Local	\$ 1,229.00
Synodical Purposes	
ILC Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total Synodical	\$ 25.00
Overall Total	\$ 1,254.00