

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday after New Year

Welcome, all, in the name of Jesus, the only hope for sinful mortals! We are happy to share with you the good news of salvation our world sorely needs. This one message of salvation through Jesus – the Word made flesh – brings peace to believing hearts, joy each day, and hope for every tomorrow. ***“O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done wondrous things!” (Psalm 98:1).***



If you are visiting us this morning, we pray that the Word of Grace makes a lasting, life-giving impression on your heart and we invite you to come again. Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church and if you would like to know more about our church, please speak to the pastor.

Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 90 (p.142 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: Lane Fischer

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

Today's Hymns: 126; 498; 307; 306; 644

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-39 (NKJV)

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." ³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

Sermon Text: Isaiah 60:1-11 (NKJV)

1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Theme: Your Light Has Come!

Part 1 - What is the Light? _____ & _____

Jesus - Isaiah 9; John 8:12

Every Christian - Ephesians 5:8; Matthew 5:14

Part 2 - What does the Light Do? _____

Darkness covers the earth - sin, unbelief, hatred, violence

The Light draws us out of darkness

Part 2 - What does the Light Bring? _____

Joy; and a desire to serve our God with all we have

Joy in working together to share the Light of Jesus

† *This Week at Grace* †

- Today - 1/3 -** 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (CBP Presentation)
8:00 A.M. No Sunday School
9:00 A.M. Communion worship service at Grace
10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8
10:45 A.M. Communion Service at Faith, New Ulm
- Monday 1/4 -** 7:00 P.M. Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday 1/6 -** 3:15 P.M. After School Bible Study
5:00 P.M. Confirmation Class
7:00 P.M. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
7:00 P.M. Grace worship on TV channel
- Friday 1/8 -** 10:00 A.M. Ross Park Bible Study (Gospel of Mark)
7:00 P.M. Young Adult Bible Study
- Sunday 1/10 -** 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (Prayer)
8:00 A.M. Sunday School (Joseph 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

Serving Us This Coming Week:

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

Organist: Debra Mayhew **Church Cleaning:** Theneman

January Tellers: Jon Riederer and Shaun Nason

Announcements

Membership Directory Update Reminder - Please check your information in the previous church directory and get any changes to pastor today. Remember that we would like to include cell phone numbers and email addresses for those who have them. You may fill out a "Membership Directory Update Form" from the table in the church entry and place it in pastor's box or email him your changes. Please do this today. Thank you! †

New Grace Shirts/Jackets - Earlier this year a CLC member with a background in graphic design helped us design a "Grace logo" which



we are able to use in a variety of ways. You can find the logo on our Facebook page, and we plan to use it on future advertizing and publications. With the help of another CLC member in the screen printing industry, we had the logo digitized and embroidered onto a polo shirt and jacket (you can see these on display in the church entryway).

If anyone is interested in purchasing a shirt or jacket, please speak with Pastor Mayhew. Other shirt and jacket colors, styles and sizes are also available. They can also be embroidered with a CLC logo instead of the Grace logo. The cost is less than \$15 for the polo, and \$40 for the jacket. If you have any questions or if you would like more information, please speak to Pastor Mayhew.

Annual Voters' Meeting - Our Annual Voters' Meeting will be held next Monday, January 11th at 7:00pm. We will be discussing financial matters for our congregation and setting an offering amount for the CLC's Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP). We will also be reviewing the past year and discussing goals for the coming year. If any member of the congregation has something he or she would like to have brought up or discussed at the meeting, please speak to Pastor Mayhew or one of the church council members before next Sunday. An annual report for 2015 will be compiled and distributed next Sunday. Voters, please plan to attend our meeting on January 11th! †

A presentation on the CLCCBP was made during Bible Class this morning. If you were unable to attend that presentation, but have an interest in what was discussed, please speak with Pastor Mayhew. The presentation discusses how the budgeting process in the CLC works and how our congregation is involved - a valuable reminder for all.

A New ILC Tour Choir CD available - There are still three copies left of the ILC Tour Choir CD (available on the table in the entry). This is a newly produced recording of choral music, sung by Tour Choirs of Immanuel Lutheran College. It is a 2-CD set, featuring pieces sung by various choirs from 1991 to 2015. The cost is \$16 per set. You may pick up one (or more) and place your payment in the basket on the table. Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church and note that it is for the ILC Tour Choir CD. †

Wednesday Classes Resume - This week we will resume our regular class schedule on Wednesday afternoon. After School Bible Study will be at 3:15pm, followed by Confirmation at 5:00pm. Please plan accordingly!

After School Bible Study Snacks - We are in need of more snacks for After School Bible Study. Anyone who would like to supply a snack is asked to drop them off in the church kitchen.

After School Bible Study Helpers - We are also in need of one or more volunteers to help out with After School Bible Study. If you are able to help, please speak with Pastor Mayhew. †

Sunday School / Bible Class Schedule - Next week we will resume our regular Sunday Schedule as well. In Sunday School we will pick up with our review of the working of God in the Old Testament with the account of Joseph. In the coming weeks the children will be learning about Egypt, Moses, the 10 Plagues, the giving of the 10 Commandments, and the return to the Promised Land. Sunday School is open for children from Pre-School through 8th Grade.

In Bible Class we will be continuing our study on prayer. This is an in-depth study and which will cover many aspects of prayer and help us to see and understand the nature and importance of prayer. We are looking at examples in the lives of Old Testament and New Testament believers, and applying the lessons to our own prayer life. We invite you to join us next week as we continue this valuable study! †



CLC Treasurer/ILC Business Manager: In July of 2016, Dr. James Sydow will be retiring after serving 13 years as the CLC Treasurer/ILC Business Manager. We thank him for his faithful service!

An individual is being sought to serve in this business management position. This position has broad responsibility to oversee the day-to-day financial affairs of the CLC, ILC, and to oversee the staff in the General Business Office.



The duties include managing all cash receipts and disbursements and reporting for all accounts and funds of the CLC and ILC to the responsible boards of the CLC. Strong interpersonal skills are necessary as the job requires substantial interaction with ILC students and parents, other synod members, and those outside the synod with whom we do business.

Those interested are encouraged to contact Tom Lentz for a full job description and application (tdlantz@chartermi.net/507-625-9390). The deadline for applications is February 1, 2016. †

Grace Recycling Programs - We will be sending in a load of cell phones and toner cartridges this coming week. If you have any phones or toner cartridges you would like to have included, please speak with Pastor Mayhew. Cell phones do not have to be in working condition to be recycled!



Thank you to everyone who has recycled ink and toner cartridges and cell phones this past year! It has been a big help toward the purchase of needed church supplies. Thank you!

You can find boxes in the entryway (near the bathroom) for recycling cell phones, and ink and toner cartridges. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mayhew or Jane Fischer (cell phones). †

CLC Call News - Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato Minnesota, is still considering the call to Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley Washington. Pastor Bob List continues to serve Gethsemane until the Lord provides them with another pastor. †

Responding to God's Grace at Grace

Sunday, December 27, 2015

Worship: 93

Bible Class: 12

Thursday, December 31, 2015

Worship: 30

Local Purposes

Grace General Fund	\$ 5,669.00
Grace Building Fund	\$ 1,295.00
Grace Memorial Fund	\$ 40.00
Grace Student Aid Fund	\$ 30.00
Grace School Fund	\$ 1,110.00
Plate Offerings	\$ 368.01
Miscellaneous	\$ 106.39
Total Local	\$ 8,618.40

Contributions were received for the Grace Memorial Fund in memory of Merrill Anderson and Ron Simpson.

Contributions were received for the Grace School Fund in memory of Lois Beilke and Armin, Arlene, Fred and Anna Wotschke.

Synodical Purposes

ILC Building Fund	\$ 75.00
ILC Student Aid Fund	\$ 75.00
ILC Tour Choir CDs	\$ 94.00
CLC Mission Development Fund	\$ 1,290.00
Total Synodical	\$ 1,534.00

A contribution was received for the CLC MDF in memory of Arvid Gullerud.

Overall Total **\$ 9,662.40**

The above includes offerings for December 16, 20, 24, 25, 27 and 31.