



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Word of Truth

*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28 NKJV

Trinity 17

September 22, 2024

Musicians: Carol Ahrens, Jeanie Hoffman, Stephen Krause, Anna Maas, Louise Mayhew
Videographers; Dale Bernthal; David Maas
Ushers Team B: Jack Mayhew, Dale Bernthal, David Maas



WELCOME to everyone who has come to share the Good news of the gospel with us today. We ask our guests to please sign our Guestbook, and we invite you to join us regularly for worship services. If you would like more information about our church, please contact Pastor Nolting (507-201-5524).

VIDEO FEED: For overflow or other reasons the church service may be viewed in the basement.

Quiet Bags: Parents—borrow a bag that hangs in the entryway to help your child's quiet endeavors during the sermon. Please return the bags to their hooks after the service. Thank you!

Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 33:1-5, 8-9 NKJV

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the LORD with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. ... Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

Pre-Service Prayer: O LORD God, as I approach You today, please, guide the thoughts of my mind, the feelings within my heart, the prayers ascending from my lips. Indeed, send Your Spirit to bless me as I worship. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome in the name of Jesus, whose witnesses we are!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

The Lutheran Hymnal 239



Invocation

All (sing): Amen

Confession of Sins & Absolution

(WS p. 22)

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn. 1:5)

All: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 Jn. 1:7)

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 Jn. 1:8)

All: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn. 1:9)

P: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.



P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (1 Jn. 2:2; Heb. 4:16; Ps. 146:1)

Psalm 95 (as printed): All sing

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

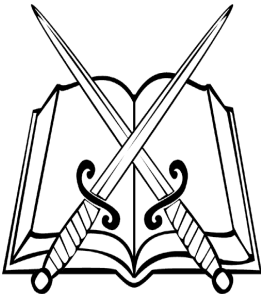
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry — land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow — down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray . . . **All** (sing): Amen



1st Scripture Readings: Psalm 75:4-7 ESV
The Psalmist here urges us not to boast in ourselves, but rather to rest in the LORD, who puts down one and lifts another!

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:1-8 ESV
When the Pharisees criticized His disciples for breaking man-made laws, Jesus responded by telling them God was more interested in mercy than in their sacrifices."

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. (Lk.11:28)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Our Confession of Faith in the Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.



He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children (pre-school-5th grade) are invited to come forward and gather around the pastor in the front of the church.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" *The Lutheran Hymnal 351*

Sermon: Text - Hebrews 4:9-13 NKJV

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

THERE REMAINS A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

I. Be diligent to enter that rest!

II. Make use of the living and powerful word of God!

III. Remember that we are all accountable to God!

Offertory: All (sing)

Create in *me* a new heart, Lord,
That gladly *I* obey Your Word.
Let what You *will* be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire. Amen.

Offerings of Thankful Hearts

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we *kneel* and adore You,
We bless Your holy *name*, glad praises we sing.

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Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

All (sing): Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

The Lutheran Hymnal 292:1-5, 8-9

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CLC **CLC CALL NEWS** Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud **has been called and has accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA beginning October 15, 2024. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has **received** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD. <> Pastor Timothy Daub has also **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.<> Pastor Zachary Sippert will be **installed** at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze has **received and accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO following Pastor Timothy Wheaton's retirement on September 29, 2024.

Pastoral Absence Next Week: Pastor Nolting will be gone next Sunday. He will be serving as a Presenter at the CLC ManUp Conference in Wisconsin. Andrew Roehl will serve at the Adult Bible Study Teacher, while Dale Bernthal will serve as the Lay-Leader for the Worship Service



Men's Retreat

next Sunday morning. Pastor Nolting will be leaving our area Thursday morning and, God-willing, returning late Sunday evening.



Church Anniversary: Zion Lutheran Church of rural Hidewood Township, SD, is celebrating their 125th anniversary this year. They will be celebrating on Sunday, October 13. The worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. Previous pastor Andrew Schaller will be the guest speaker. The service will be followed by a planned meal. Visitors are welcome -- for planning purposes, please let us know you are coming, if at all possible. Letters of greeting should be sent to Paul Krause. We also welcome any photos that you may have of Zion and their history -- send them to my e-mail so we can include them in our planned scrolling video display of our history.

Grace Mission Festival: Grace will celebrate its Mission Festival on Sunday, October 6. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer from Red Wing, Minnesota. A special presentation on evangelism will be held during our normal Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. The worship service will follow at 10:30 a.m. A fellowship potluck will follow the worship service. Please plan to join us for these special activities!



Our mission offerings go to our synod—the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). They are used for four major purposes: 1) The work of our Board of Trustees, which is entrusted with the synod’s administration and support of our older retirees; 2) The work of our Board of Regent, which is entrusted with the operation of our Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, Wisconsin; 3) The work of our Board of Missions, which is entrusted with mission outreach both in domestic and foreign fields; and 4) The work of our Board of Education and Publications, which fosters Christian education and produces a variety of spiritual publications, including the *Lutheran Spokesman* and *Daily Rest*.

Our mission goal for synod purposes in 2024 is \$18,500. As of August 31 our total mission giving, which is 13% of our regular giving, amounted to \$11,336.22. All undesignated offerings on October 6 will go to meet or exceed our mission goal for the year.

*“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart,
not grudgingly or of necessity for God loves a cheerful giver.
And God is able to make all grace abound toward you,
that you, always having all sufficiency in all things,
may have an abundance for every good work!”*

(2 Corinthians 9:7-8)



Thank You! We thank everyone who was able to attend our work day yesterday. Concrete was poured for the school sidewalk and back parking lot patio. Additional jobs were also completed and begun. Dates for future workdays this fall will be posted as soon as details are available. May the LORD bless our efforts to maintain the property He has so graciously entrusted to us as we seek to fulfill our calling to share the gospel!

Weekly Calendar: September 22-29, 2024

Today	8:00 a.m.	Peace/St. Paul's WORSHIP in Mission
	8:05 a.m.	940 AM "Words of Grace" Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class @ Grace
	10:30 a.m.	Grace WORSHIP in Valentine
	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's Confirmation in White River
Next Sunday	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul's Bible Class/Sunday School
	8:05 a.m.	940 AM "Words of Grace" Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class @ Grace
	10:30 a.m.	Grace WORSHIP in Valentine
	7:00 p.m.	St Paul's/Peace WORSHIP in White River

Fruits of Faith—August 15-20, 2024

Peace—Worship Attendance: 13 Communed: 9 Offering: \$710.00
St. Paul's—Bible Class Attendance: 3 Sunday School Attendance: 7
Grace—Worship Attendance: 42 Communed: 28 Online Views: 2
 Bible Class: 13 Sunday School: 14 Friday Family Bible Study: 11
 General Fund: \$1,969.75 School Tuition: \$3,825.00
 Debt Retirement: \$100.00 Kinship: 98.18
 Advertising: \$100.00 Delegate Conference: \$414.62