

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday: - **Peace & St. Paul's Worship w/ communion - Mission - 8am**
5/20/12 - **"Words of Grace" - Radio Service on KVSH 940AM - 8:05am**
 - **S.S. - 9:30am & Bible Class - 9:30am**
 - **Worship Service at Grace w/ communion - 10:30am**



Blessed Mother's Day! - to all the mothers and grandmothers (and great-grandmothers and great-great grandmothers!) who are with us this morning. What an irreplaceable blessing Christian mothers and grandmothers (and all Christian women) are! We thank God for the blessings He has given us in you!

CLC News - Seminary graduate Mark Tiefel has accepted the call to Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN. Pastor Elton Hallauer of Bethel, Morris, MN plans to retire from the holy ministry by the end of August. <- Educational graduate Megan Rehm has accepted the call to teach the lower grades at Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL.

The Branches Magazine - Subscription Renewals - Brothers and Sisters in Christ—Hello! This is just a brief announcement that subscriptions are available and/or due for renewal for the 2012-2013 subscription year (July through June) for The Branches magazine, a quarterly publication for Christian women. (See insert in your mailbox). **Please note: Current subscribers will receive a postcard in the mail at the time of their renewal.**



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General (5/6)	1233.00
<i>Also Given</i>	
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	100.00
ILC Student Aid Fund	25.00

CLC Financial Report - April 2012
 A very encouraging CLC Financial Report for April 2012 is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please take some time to take a look at how much the Lord has blessed our church body. We thank the Lord for His work in the hearts of His people.

Daily Bible Readings for This Week May 14th - May 19th

ATTENDANCE - 5/6		May	Reading	Hymn
Worship - 42	Bible Class- 19	14	Matthew 28:1-8	603
		15	Mark 16:1-8	191
		16	John 20:2-10	208
Mission, SD - 16		17	John 20:11-18	188
		18	Matthew 28:9-15	428
		19	Luke 24:13-32	194

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church

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 May 13th, 2012 ☩ Easter 6



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☩ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 98 ☩

Opening Hymn: 20 God of Mercy, God of Grace

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 (Hymnal, page 5)

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGR.: 🎵 *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR.: 🎵 *Who made heaven and earth.*

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR.: 🎵 *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

PASTOR Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CONGR.:  **Amen.**

THE INTROIT

With the Introit we welcome our Lord, humbly seeking His gifts, and praising Him for His greatness and His grace.

P: With the voice of singing declare and tell this.

C: Utter it even to the end of the earth. **Hallelujah!**

P: The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob.


C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all you lands!

C: Sing forth the honor of His name! **Make His praise glorious!**


THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR.:  **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**


THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal, page 7)

 **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

In Latin "Gloria in excelsis Deo" means "Glory to God in the highest." We rejoice in our Lord who came to earth to bring us His peace. (Hymn 237:1)

 **All glory be to God on high who hath our race befriended.**
To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men And peace shall reign on earth again.
Oh, thank Him for His goodness.

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)


PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGR.:  **And with thy spirit.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

OFFERING HYMN - (Hymn 441 v. 1-2)

 **We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be;**
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, o Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

THE GENERAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn: 351 **Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

PASTOR: Almighty God, we pray that You would give Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and building up of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

CONGR:  **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR:  **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 375 **If Thy Beloved Son, O God**

Silent Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: **Tuesday - Bible Instruction Class - Nina Pries - 7pm**
Catechism Class - Pinkelman - 9pm
Wednesday - Catechism Class - Valentine - 1pm
Catechism Class - Mission - 3:45pm
Thursday - Ladies Aid - 7:30pm
(Hostess: Kay Morrison)
Friday - Catechism Class - White River - 11:30am

Church Cleaning (5/14 - 5/19) - Kay Morrison

go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 "These things I command you, that you love one another.

PASTOR: Here ends our second reading.

CONGR:  *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: 776 (W.S.) *Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You*

THE SERMON


1 John 4:7-11 (NIV)

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Theme: **Smile! God Loves You!**

THE OFFERTORY

(Hymnal, pages 12-13)

 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR: Let us pray...

CONGR.:  *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

God speaks to us.

First Lesson: Acts 11:19-26

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. 22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Hallelujah!"— meaning "Praise the Lord!"

PASTOR: Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.
Hallelujah!

CONGR:  *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PASTOR: The second lesson is from John 15:9-17.

CONGR:  *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

2nd Lesson: John 15:9-17

9 " As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should