

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

A WORD FROM PT

I promised last week that I would write more on why it is a mistake to abandon a common lectionary. Again, let me refresh you that a lectionary is a schedule of Bible readings. The Revised Common Lectionary, a Protestant effort based on the Roman Catholic *Ordo Lectionum Missae*, was formed and is used by a large number of Protestant denominations, including, but not limited to, the American Baptist Church, the Episcopal Church, Several Lutheran Bodies, the Moravian Church, the Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church, and others.

We have been encouraged, but not commanded, by the North American Lutheran

Church to use this schedule of readings for Sunday and Feast Day services. We have also been encouraged to use the form of it with a few revisions made by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This is the path taken by our congregation.

On the face of it there is one obvious advantage, and that is of “common” usage lending to an expression and practice of unity. In spite of our many vexing differences between various denominational traditions, being able to share in common lessons can lend a sense of participating together in hearing God’s Word. Further, it affords us a chance to share in mutual conversations and reflections on God’s address and revelation to us.

I am not as well versed on the development of the two year daily lectionary of readings, but I do know the one found in the Lutheran Book of Worship is the same as the one used in the Book of Common Prayer used in the Anglican Church.

Unlike some reading plans, the two year lectionary ensures that each day there is a reading from the Gospel Accounts to go with successive readings through the Old Testament, and the rest of the New Testament. Such readings prevent an individualized, idiosyncratic, and undisciplined approach. It provides a trustworthy, time-honored, and wise guide. And in humility we all need a trustworthy guide.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Why do we say in the Creeds that Jesus Christ “is seated at the right hand of the Father”? Does this mean that our Lord is far away from us?

This has little to do with Christ’s physical location.

Instead it has to do with the authority he assumes. For a King to be seated on a throne is a symbolic gesture of his rule and authority. Heaven itself is a reality that transcends time and space. It is the unseen and timeless realm that underlies the visible and temporal world.

We confess Christ to be seated at the right hand of the Father because we believe him to be the rightful King of the universe. Indeed, Jesus is Lord!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, 11/5**
1:00pm Prayer Gathering
- Wednesday, 11/6**
6:30pm Adult Ed and Confirmation
- Friday, 11/8**
6:30am Men’s Breakfast at church
- Sunday, 11/10 22nd Su a Pentecost**
8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Divine Service
10:45am Adult Ed
- Tuesday, 11/12**
1:00pm Prayer Gathering
6:00pm Church Council

KEY ATTRIBUTES OF LCMC & NALC

- *Christ-Centered*
- *Mission-Driven*
- *Traditionally-Grounded*
- *Congregationally-Focused*

LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

NALC (North American Lutheran Church) (www.thenalc.org)

THIS AND THAT...

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, November 12, 6pm at the church.

The **Worship Team** will meet over lunch on Sunday, November 17, 12pm, at the home of Pastor Tim and Leslie Duesenberg

The **Ladies' Night Out** will be on Monday, Nov. 18, 5:30pm at Olive Garden. Please RSVP Karri Bjornstad at 4bjs@chater.net.

The **Ladies' Lunch Out** will be on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 11:15am at Features. Please RSVP Jane Kruse at jkruse@phiinspect.com.

We will have a **Thanksgiving Service** with pie on Nov. 26.

The chosen **Designated Benevolence** for the month of October is for the La Crosse Jail Ministry.

Don't forget to bring non-

perishable food items for the **Holmen/Onalaska Food Pantry.**

Pr. Tim and Leslie are signed up to clean the church the week of November 18, and Paul and Nikki Hanson are signed up for the week of December 16.

Use your computer and smart phones and tablets to reach out to family and friends. You might want to consider sending someone our prayer guide or newsletter; or direct someone to our website...

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

HUMOR DEPARTMENT

Celebrations

Birthdays

Nov 11..... Sam Schoonover
 Nov 22..... Merl Wangen
 Nov 28..... Heather Roll
 Nov 29..... Sydney Hanson

Anniversaries

Ten Best Things To Say If You Get Caught Sleeping At Your Desk

10. They told me at the blood bank this might happen.

9. This is just a 15 minute power-nap like they raved about in that time management course you sent me to.

8. Whew! Guess I left the top off the whiteout. You probably got here just in time.

7. I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm.

6. I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance.

5. I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work related stress. Are you discriminatory toward people who practice Yoga?

4. Darn! Why did you inter-

rupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.

3. The coffee machine is broken.

2. Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot.

And the #1 Best Thing To Say If You Get Caught Sleeping At Your Desk...

1. In Jesus name. Amen.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

11/10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Naomi Rislow

Crucifer: Kylee Kernan

Acolyte: Alex Uy

Ushers: Merlin Wangen

Counters: Heather R/Connie M

Comm Asst: Karri Bjornstad

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Mary B/tba

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: David B/Jeremy S

Comm Asst: Leslie Duesenberg

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Dottie H/Jessica S

11/24 Christ the King Sunday

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Jon Uy

Crucifer: Elyse Schoonover

Acolyte: Sam Schoonover

Ushers: Jon Uy

Counters: Tom R/Jarrold R

Comm Asst: Jessica Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tba

12/1 First Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Heather Roll

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Jed Roll

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Cheryl R/Mary B

Comm Asst: Heather Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tba

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Services held at 9am at:
 642 Western Avenue
 A block north and then
 a block west of King Furniture

11/17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Brad Benrud

Crucifer: Drew Staff