

# GIFT of GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 10, 2020

#### A WORD FROM PT

God's Word in the Holy Scriptures informs us that human beings were created in the image and after the likeness of the LORD God. That affords dignity to each and every person born of the race of Adam and Eve.

The Bible continues to delineate how humans were given an exalted role in representing the Almighty to the rest of the creation, and by being entrusted with the vocation of stewarding the earth, tending and preserving it.

Even after our first parents, tempted by the devil, broke in their trust of God's goodness and sinfully rebelled against His commands, the distorted and corrupted image lingers on. The infec-

tion of sin polluted the whole of the human race, not just some more than others.

If that were not enough to establish the worth of each individual, the Apostle John stated in His New Testament letter that Christ's death was not only a propitiation for our sins, but for the sins of the whole world (1 Jn 2:2). To put it vividly, our Incarnate, non-Caucasian, olive skinned, Semitic, Jewish Savior shed blood that covers the sins of humans from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. That is how much each of us is worth.

Furthermore, the Risen Lord commissioned us to make disciples *of all nations!* Racism is a perverse sin!

Marginalizing people shows disdain or indifference toward people created in God's image and redeemed by Christ's blood.

Of course we not only tend to marginalize people according to color. We also do so on the basis of ideology, education, economic class, those we consider to be enemies, and the list goes on. We even marginalize humans because they are tiny, out of sight, early in development, and totally dependent in the womb. Don't we all need to repent for this?

I don't know how a materialist atheist argues for the value of human life? But I do know how a Christian does. Lord, have mercy.

#### SINCE YOU ASKED...

**What is the purpose of the Psalm Reading? And why do we often sing (chant) the Psalm?** "The appointed psalm is sung as a meditation on the First Lesson, a response to it, and a bridge to the Second Lesson. ... Hearers of the lessons need a chance to assim-

ilate the First Lesson before the Second Lesson begins. The required use of a psalm between the lessons provides for the restoration of psalm singing to its traditional place in the life of the church and gives the worshiper the opportunity to participate in the singing (or

reading) of a portion of Scripture..." (from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)

Chanting can be thought of as "exalted speech". It sets the speech apart from regular speech and the slower cadence allows for reflection

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, 6/9**  
6:00pm Council Meeting

**Thursday, 6/11**  
10:00am Ministerium at Olivet Luth  
6:30pm Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, 6/14** 2nd Sunday a Pentecost  
9:00am Divine Service

**Tuesday, 6/16**  
4:00pm Prayer Gathering

**Wednesday 6/17**  
6:00pm Rescheduled Council Meeting

#### 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](http://www.thenalc.org))

# THIS AND THAT...

Weather permitting the Men's Bible Study group is meeting outdoors on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in place of over breakfast on Friday mornings.

We are asking that you email your **intention to attend** an upcoming service by Friday, two days before the service. To begin with, we will limit the number that can attend. If you miss out one Sunday, you will be given priority for the next time you wish to attend.

Not all will be able or desiring to attend yet. We understand. That's why **we will live-stream the services**. Pastor Tim is also willing to meet with small groups during the week for a brief service of Word and Sacrament. Contact him if you are interested in this.

Our **Designated Benevolence** for the month of June will be directed to The Food Basket serving Holmen and Onalaska.

Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items for **The Food Basket** serving Holmen and Onalaska.

The Roll family is signed up for cleaning the church the week of June 21. Beginning in July we need a new signup list.

Having compassion and showing mercy to our neighbors is always the finest witness that we can do.

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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

- June 3..... Vincent Lu
- June 13 ..... Paul Hanson
- June 14 ..... Jane Kruse
- June 15 ..... Sam Stutzman
- June 25 ..... Mary Bartos
- June 26 ..... Tom Rislow

#### Anniversaries

- June 13 ..... M & M Wangen
- June 22 ..... P & N Hanson

### Sunday School Kids

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

When asked by his mother

what he learned in class, Joey said, "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters

for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined) a little before service

### 6/14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Asst Minister: tbd
- Reader: tbd
- Crucifer: tbd
- Acolyte: tbd
- Ushers: tbd
- Counters: tbd
- Comm Asst: tbd
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### 6/21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Asst Minister: tbd
- Reader: tbd
- Crucifer: tbd

### 6/28 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Asst Minister: tbd
- Reader: tbd
- Crucifer: tbd
- Acolyte: tbd
- Ushers: tbd
- Counters: tbd
- Comm Asst: tbd

### 6/7 The Holy Trinity Sunday

- Asst Minister: tbd
- Reader: tbd
- Crucifer: tbd
- Acolyte: tbd
- Ushers: tbd
- Counters: tbd
- Comm Asst: tbd
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