

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

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A WORD FROM PT

May I never tire of extolling and commending Luther's Small Catechism as a reliable framework for being well catechized in the Christian Faith! And may you never tire in building on this foundation. Amen.

The Congregation at Prayer resource that comes to you weekly continually reviews a portion of the Small Catechism. We have just recently rounded the corner and are once again starting over with the Ten Commandments. As I commend this resource, please understand that this is not merely a matter of bragging up on the Reformer, Martin Luther. Rather, his gift of giving succinct explanations borrows heavily on the great teachers that taught before him. And even more

importantly, the principal portions are the Holy Scripture themselves.

In review of the six principal parts we start with the first three: The Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. The Ten Commandments preach the law with the primary purpose of moving us to ongoing repentance and recognizing our need of a Savior. They portray the will of God and what he demands of us. Accordingly they convict and condemn us all as sinners.

The Apostles' Creed preaches the gospel with the primary purpose of revealing God's rich promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation. It speaks of what God

has done, continues to do, and what he will do in the future to redeem and restore lost sinners and the rest of his creation.

The Lord's Prayer preaches the holy life, that is, how saved sinners live their vocations in thanksgiving for the Lord's rich mercy. Without the help of God, reflected in the petitions, we are not able to please our Lord or truly love our neighbor.

Interestingly, the final three parts deal with the resources available to us to make and nurture us as Christians. In Holy Baptism we receive spiritual birth. In Confession and Absolution we live out our baptism. And in Holy Communion we are sustained with food for the journey.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is a Paschal Candle?

The Paschal Candle is a massive candle, two or three inches in diameter and three or four feet in length, used during Easter to represent the presence of the risen Christ among his peo-

ple. It is therefore accordingly used also at baptisms and funerals as a sign of the dying and rising with Christ that we are joined to by faith. *(from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)*

Our thanks to Carol Peterson and family, along with

the memorial gifts from Buff Peterson's Funeral for the beautiful Paschal Candle, which other than during the Easter Season, resides next to the Baptismal Font at the back of the nave.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 8/24
11:00am Prayer Gathering

Friday, 8/27
6:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 8/29 14th Sunday a Pentecost
9:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, 8/31
11:00am Prayer Gathering

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...

During the summer months we will be using Setting V found in the **With One Voice Hymnal** (Blue hymnal).

Thanks to all of you that helped out with our participate in the **Kornfest Parade**. This includes those who stuffed the seed packets along with those who walked the route. The visibility is important!

The continued **livestreaming** is for those who cannot

otherwise attend in person! It is a good outreach tool and a way for shut-ins to connect.

When you **travel over the weekend**, be sure to find a place to **worship**. Whether Lutheran or not, let me know what you learned from the experience.

Don't forget **Food Donations** for the Onalaska Food Basket!

Our **Designated Benevo-**

lence for the month of August is the St. Clare Health Mission.

Cole and Ann Warner are scheduled to clean the church the week of September 19. Hannah Scholze and Cheryl Ruud are signed up for the week of October 17.

The more time you spend in the "one thing necessary" the more likely you will share the one thing necessary with others. Think about it...

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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

Aug 25..... Pam Benrud
 Aug 29..... Jeremy Schoonover
 Sep 2..... Karri Bjornstad
 Sep 9..... Anne Warner
 Sep 10..... Carol Halderson
 Sep 10..... Hannah Scholze

Anniversaries

Aug 17..... W&C Halderson
 Aug 19..... M&C Meunier
 Aug 28..... B&A Fisher
 Sep 8..... J&D Uy

Food for Thought

- How does a thermos know if the drink should be hot or cold?
- How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the morning?
- Do you realize how many holes there could be if people would just take the time to take the dirt out of

them?

- If a word in the dictionary were misspelled, how would we know?
- If you're in a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

- Why do hot dogs come 10 to a package and hot dog buns only 8?
- Why is it that night falls but day breaks?
- Why is it that you must wait until night to call it a day?
- What if the Hokey Pokey IS what its all about?

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

8/29 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Karri Bjornstad

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: tbd

Ushers: David Bjornstad

Counters: David B/Tom R

Comm Asst: Karri Bjornstad

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Ruth & Hannah Scholze

Livestreamer: tbd

9/5 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: tbd

Crucifer: Hanson Family

Acolyte: Hanson Family

Ushers: tbd

Counters: Hannah S/Cheryl R

Comm Asst: Jessica Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Connie Meunier

Livestreamer: tbd

9/12 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tbd

Reader: Jarrod Roll

Crucifer: Roll Family

Acolyte: Roll Family

Ushers: Jessica Schoonover

Counters: Jarrod R/

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Cyndi M/the Rolls

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

9/19 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tbd

Reader: Hannah Scholze

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: tbd

Ushers: tbd

Counters: Connie M/

Comm Asst: Connie Meunier

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: tbd

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