

# GIFT of GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

#### A WORD FROM PT

A pivotal verse for understanding Christian fellowship is that which is found in the second chapter of Acts. The context is on the heels of the first sermon by an Apostle in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection. It happens on the Day of Pentecost fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection. The sermon by the Apostle Peter is actually scathing. The law portion was very direct. "You crucified [Jesus, God's anointed] and [had him] killed by the hands of lawless men." But then the gospel portion was equally strong. "This Jesus God raised up," and you will, "[receive] the forgiveness of sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit."

We read in Acts 2:37 that many of the hearers were cut to the heart. The law which rightly condemns and kills left folks hopeless in their own ability to right their grievous wrongs. But what is impossible for us Jesus' death, resurrection, and sending of the Holy Spirit makes possible on our behalf. Peter invites the hearers to "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Then we read in verse 41,

"So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls!" It is the next verse that is especially pivotal. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Time and space only permits me to point out the shape of our gathering for the Divine Service. It is to receive from God. To receive his word in community, this is ultimately our need to receive forgiveness. It is to receive the meal of forgiveness (the breaking of bread) in Holy Communion. And it is to offer the prayers. And this is to be done as often as possible!

#### SINCE YOU ASKED...

**Why is the Triune Name of God repeated so frequently in our worship services?**

The mystery of the Trinity is one of the most distinctive elements of our Christian Tradition. Christianity is not alone in claiming to

be monotheistic (*belief in one Supreme Being, one god*). But Christianity holds that this One, True God has revealed himself to us as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Scripture teaches that God the Father has revealed himself through God the Son

and in God the Spirit. Only the Son can be seen, and only through the Spirit are we enabled to believe in the Father and the Son. And so we often invoke the name of the Triune God in the mystery of our faith.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### Tuesday, 9/14

11:00am No Prayer Gathering  
6:00pm Council Meeting

##### Thursday, 9/16

10:00am LCMC Ministerium

##### Friday, 9/17

6:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

##### Sunday, 9/19 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday a Pentecost

8:00am Choir Practice  
9:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:15am Coffee Fellowship  
10:45am Confirmation Class

##### Tuesday, 9/21

11:00am No 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](http://www.thenalc.org))

## THIS AND THAT...

**Confirmation Class** is up and running on Sunday Mornings from 10:45 to 11:30am.

**Choir Practices** are likewise up and running on Sundays at the tender hour of 8am. How much we look forward to the enhancement of the choir anthems at the Divine Service.

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.

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We are looking into public space for the public showing of the mini series entitle **The Chosen**. We think this might be a great outreach and educational endeavor.

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The **Church Council** meets Tuesday, 6pm.

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

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Our **Designated Benevo-**

**lence** for the month of September is Lutherans for Life.

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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.

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Don't overlook the possibility of forwarding such congregation resources such as *Grace Notes*, the *Daily Devotionals*, or *The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer* to family, friends, and potential members via cyberspace.

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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**

Sep 9..... Anne Warner  
Sep 10..... Carol Halderson  
Sep 10..... Hannah Scholze  
Sep 15..... Butch Fisher  
Sep 21..... Debera Uy  
Sep 30..... Cheryl Ruud

**Anniversaries**

Sep 8..... J&D Uy  
Sep 18..... J&H Roll  
Sep 25..... R&A Stutzman

**New Laodicean Hymnal**

*Titles to Hymns*

"I Surrender Some"

"There Shall Be Sprinkles of Blessings"

"Fill My Spoon, Lord"

"Oh, How I Like Jesus"

"He's Quite a Bit to Me"

"I Love to Talk About Telling the Story"

"Take My Life and Let Me Be"

"It Is My Secret What God Can Do"

"There Is Scattered Cloudiness in My Soul Today"

"Onward, Christian Reservists"

"Where He Leads Me, I Will Consider Following"

"Just as I Pretend to Be"

"When the Saints Go Sneaking In"

"Sit Up, Sit Up for Jesus"

"A Comfy Mattress Is Our God"

"Self Esteem to the World! The Lord is Come"

"Oh, for a Couple of Tongues to Sing"

- more to follow...

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

**9/19** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:** Tom Rislow

**Reader:** Hannah Scholze

**Crucifer:** tbd

**Acolyte:** tbd

**Ushers:** Cheryl Ruud

**Counters:** Connie M/Dan M

**Comm Asst:** Connie Meunier

**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg

**Fellowship:** tbd

**Livestreamer:** Jeremy Schoonover

**9/26** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:** Cole Warner

**Reader:** Mike Meunier

**Crucifer:** Hanson family

**Acolyte:** Hanson Family

**Ushers:** tbd

**Counters:** Tom R/Dan M

**Comm Asst:** Leslie Duesenberg

**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow

**Fellowship:** tbd

**Livestreamer:** tbd

**10/3** 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:** tbd

**Reader:** tbd

**Crucifer:** tbd

**Acolyte:** tbd

**Ushers:** tbd

**Counters:** tbd

**Comm Asst:** tbd

**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg

**Fellowship:** tbd

**Livestreamer:** tbd

**10/10** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:** tbd

**Reader:** tbd

**Crucifer:** tbd

**Acolyte:** tbd

**Ushers:** tbd

**Counters:** tbd

**Comm Asst:** tbd

**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow

**Fellowship:** tbd

**Livestreamer:** tbd

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