

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

The first of seven petitions our Lord taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer involves indirect speech. Ostensibly, when we pray "Hallowed be Thy name" we are asking God that His name be holy. But in actuality we are asking instead that God assist us so that we hallow His name.

This is why Luther in his explanation to the first petition says, "God's name certainly is holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also."

We don't always automatically make a connection between a person's name and their speech. But it is through speech that we get to know someone. Other

than sizing up their physical attributes, it is when a person starts to reveal themselves to us through words that we really get to know them, to know their character.

The connection between God's name and His Word is essential. So, when we are asking God to assist us that we honor His name we are thereby asking that we honor His Word. This is why part of Luther's explanation as to how God's name is kept holy involves this: "God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it." Weak and sinful as we are, we

need to ask God to help us to do this!

Left to our own devices and limited wisdom we are likely to teach and live contrary to God's Word. Just so, we profane (treat like dirt) the name of God in the hearing and observation of the world. In the first petition we are earnestly praying that God would protect us from doing this.

We all fail on this account. "Forgive us our trespasses" will quickly come with the fifth petition. And God does forgive. He also honors our prayer that we hallow His name. Expect Divine help in doing so.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 11/8
5:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, 11/9
9:30am Prayer Gathering
6pm Church Council

Friday, 11/10
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 11/12 24th Sunday after Pent
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Comm
10:15am Fellowship
10:45am Education Hour Youth/Adult

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Why do we celebrate Holy Communion nearly every Sunday?

The celebration of the meal we call Holy Communion has consistently been the chief act of Christian worship since the age of the Apostles. The Lutheran

Reformation did not break with this tradition of 1,500 years. In fact the Augsburg Confession (our principal statement of faith) declares Holy Communion to be the chief act of worship for Lutherans on Sundays and festivals (Art. 26). *(from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW,*

from Augsburg Pub.)

You might think of Holy Communion as spiritual bread and drink for our journey (pilgrimage), for our Lord's Body and Blood is true nutrition indeed!



Making Disciples for Life

LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) (LCMS.org)

THIS AND THAT...

Looking ahead. We can look forward to a special **Thanksgiving Divine Service** the week of the National Holiday of Thanksgiving. We will gather at 7pm, on Tuesday, November 21 for a Divine Service with Holy Communion. And then for a slice of Thanksgiving Pie after the Service.

Two events to be anticipating: For the Ladies, there is the **Advent by Candlelight** on Saturday, 12/7 at Shepherd of the Hills Luther-

an Church. And the **Advent Mass Choir Gathering** on Sunday, 12/10, also at Shepherd of the Hills.

Don't overlook the bulletin board in the kitchen. And pay attention to the **signup sheets** posted there! Thanks for so many of you volunteering to help out!

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Pantry!

The Molstads are signed up for the week of November 19 to clean the church. The Hanson family is scheduled for the week of December 17.

The November **Designated Benevolence** is for the **SWD of the LCMS**.

The first petition in the Lord's Prayer seeks Divine help in our keeping the Second Commandment: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

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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
 Nov 30 Cyndi Molstad

Anniversaries

Jeff Foxworthy on Wisconsin

If you think the ketchup is a little too spicy, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you know how to say Oconomowoc, Waukesha, Waunakee, Stoughton, Menomonie, and Manitowoc, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you have had a lengthy telephone conversation with

someone who dialed a wrong number, you might live in Wisconsin.

If your town has an equal number of bars and churches, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you have had a pet named "Brett", you might live in Wisconsin.

If you have worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you may have not actually eaten it, but you have heard of Head Cheese, you might live in Wisconsin.

If someone in a store offers assistance, and they don't work there, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you instinctively walk like a penguin for five months of the year, you might live in Wisconsin.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/12 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Jarrod Roll

Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham

Ushers: Mary Bartos

Counters: Cole W/Bev K

Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Jessica Schoonover

Livestreamer: Jed Roll

11/19 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Tom Rislow

Reader: Brad Benrud

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Jed Roll

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Connie M/Ron K

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: the Molstads

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/21 Thanksgiving Service

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Paula Betlach

Crucifer: N/A

Acolyte: N/A

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: N/A

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: donated pies

Livestreamer: N/A

11/26 Christ the King Sunday

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Karri Bjornstad

Crucifer: Stella Roll

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Jeremy S/David B

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

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 a block west of King Furniture