

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 26, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

In continuation of our exploration of the Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism, this week we will look at the responsibilities "To Workers of All Kinds" along with those "To Employers and Supervisors."

Something you will note right away is that the passages taken from Ephesians refer to slaves and masters. Two things need to be said. First, some kind of slave/servant system existed in most of the ancient world. Eventually, slavery began to subside in the West and arguably because of Christian influences and thinking. Second, the pre-modern world did not know of massive employment in things like factories, businesses, and the recreation and entertainment industries. Coming under and rendering

service to a master in return for food, lodging, and protection was a matter of survival.

As the institution of slavery rightly became criticized, mitigated, and then done away with, what was said about masters and slaves could beneficially be applied to employers and workers. Indeed, a worker loses a great deal of freedom for 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. Moreover, employers are able to give orders with expectations for assigned work to be accomplished. Obviously, this system is better than that of slavery. But abuses can and do take place here. Fair wages, honest work, a safe environment, and treating one another with dignity come to mind. So, to workers:

Bondservants, obey your

earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. (Eph 6:5-8)

Then to employers:

Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. (Eph 6:9)

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Are announcements necessary? And should they be included as a part of the liturgy?

Not all announcements are necessary! Nor should they be allowed to disrupt the rhythmic flow of the service. It is likewise im-

portant that announcements be kept to a minimum. But certain announcements are important. Information that will enhance participation in the worship, information pertaining to further Christian service, and information for regarding further opportunities for spiritual

edification are such announcements of importance, and they are worthwhile to promote publicly to the assembly. We have chosen the beginning of the worship service as the most helpful and least disruptive placement for announcements.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 6/27

Helping out at the HACC Sr. Meal

Friday, 6/28

7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

Saturday, 6/29

9am Rescheduled Elders' Meeting

Sunday, 6/30 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship



Making Disciples for Life

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

THIS AND THAT...

Our congregation's annual Sunday at the **Halfway Creek Park, West Shelter** in Holmen is coming up on Sunday, July 14. The Divine Service there will be at 10:00am and a Potluck/Picnic lunch will follow.

Please note the Sign Up Sheet for the **HACC (Holmen Area Community Center) Senior Meal Site** on the kitchen bulletin board at church. Karri Bjornstad has arranged for our congregation to help out every other

Thursday. Ordinarily two volunteers are needed from 10am to 1pm in the kitchen. And then there is a need for a driver to deliver meals from 11am to 12:30pm.

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Pantry! Peanut Butter and canned beans are especially requested.

Heide Traver and Lee Fehr will be cleaning the church the week of July 21. At pre-

sent we have no one signed up for the week of August 18.

The June **Designated Benevolence** is for **Pastor Matthew Woods**, missionary in Indonesia.

Our stations in the workplace do not match our status in God's family. As baptized believers we have God as our Father, with Christ our Lord as our eldest brother. That makes us all brothers and sisters. We should regard each other accordingly.

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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 25 Mary Bartos
June 26 Tom Rislow
July 15 Tim Betlach

Anniversaries

June 19 P&C Cunningham
June 22 P&N Hanson
July 3 M&J Repaal

Completed Cliches

"A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory."

"Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine."

"Get a new car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade!"

"Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow."

"Always try to be modest and be proud of it."

"If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments."

"How many of you believe in Psychokinesis? Raise my hand."

"What's the speed of dark?"

"How do you tell when you are out of invisible ink?"

"If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously missed something."

"When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane."

"Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now."

"Eagles may soar, but weasels do not get sucked into jet engines."

"Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak."

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

6/30 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg
Reader: Karri Bjornstad
Crucifer: Stella Roll
Acolyte: Asher Roll
Ushers: Dan Molstad
Counters: Dan M/David B
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

7/7 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Cole Warner
Reader: Naomi Rislow
Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Chase Repaal
Ushers: Paula Betlach
Counters: Cole W/Ron K
Comm Asst: Tom Rislow
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: Cole and Anne Warner
Livestreamer: Cole Warner

7/14 8th Su a Pent - Outdoor Wors
Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow
Reader: Connie Meunier
Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham
Acolyte: Regan Cunningham
Ushers: Mary Bartos
Counters: Connie M/Dave B
Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: potluck
Livestreamer: N/A

7/21 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Mike Meunier
Reader: Heather Roll
Crucifer: Regan Cunningham
Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham
Ushers: Cole Warner
Counters: Jarrod R/Tom R
Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: tbd
Livestreamer: Jed Roll

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