

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

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A WORD FROM PT

As Lutheran we speak of the “means of grace.” And this refers to how, or in what manner, the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us. The benefits of what Christ accomplished on the Cross come to us and can claim and sustain us onto life eternal. We do well to pay attention to what these means are, and then make sure we are on the receiving end!

The means of grace are at least fivefold. But each of the five involve God’s Word. At the top of the list is the preaching of the Gospel. Here we are admonished in Luther’s explanation to the Third Commandment that we do not despise preaching and His

Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Next on the list are the two Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. One of the great theologians of the Church early on dubbed these two as a “Visible Word.” Baptism involves a one-time Rite, but it is lived out in continual repenting and believing in the Gospel. And Holy Communion provides sustenance as it is celebrated regularly.

A fourth means of grace is the Power of the Keys. I am referring to Confession and Absolution. It is based on the promise of Scripture that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from unright-

eousness. (1Jn 1:8-9) This means can take place corporately with the word of forgiveness spoken by the Presider at Worship. Or it can take place privately with the absolution spoken by the Confessor.

The final means of grace is known as “The Mutual Conversation and Consolation of Brethren”. The method keeps in mind Jesus’ promise “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” It happens when believers speak Scriptural truths to each other, and console each other with the promises of the Gospel. Of course, it is predicated on our coming together and having edifying conversation.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is a Paschal Candle?

The Paschal Candle is a massive white candle, two or three inches in diameter and three or four feet in length, used during the Paschal Season, that is, the Season Easter, to represent the presence of the risen Christ among his people. 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.*)

For churches that celebrate the Easter Vigil, the ceremonial lighting of the Paschal candle is one of the most solemn moments of the service. In our

congregation’s use of the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, the removal of the lit Paschal Candle at the conclusion of the Service to a room or closet, in near total darkness, reminds us that Christ was buried in a tomb following his death on the Cross.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, 10/15**
5:30pm Ladies Night Out at Su Casa
- Wednesday, 10/16**
6:30pm Every One His Witness Study
- Friday, 10/18**
7am Men’s Breakfast at McDonald’s
- Saturday, 10/19**
9am Walk For Life at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- Sunday, 10/20 22nd Su after Pentecost**
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth
10:45am Worship Team Meeting
- Wednesday, 10/23**
6:30pm Every One His Witness



Making Disciples for Life

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

THIS AND THAT...

The **Ladies Night Out** is Tuesday, October 15, 5:30pm at Su Casa's in Holmen.

The **Every One His Witness** class is at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will continue to meet on Fridays at 7am at the McDonald's restaurant off of County OT.

The **Walk for Life** begins at

9am at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. This is a fund raiser for Alliance Family Services.

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

Cole and Anne Warner are signed up to clean the church the week of October 20. And Pr Tim and Leslie are signed up for the week of November 17.

The October **Designated Benevolence** is for **Alliance Women's Clinic** in LaCrosse.

The writer to the Hebrews in the New Testament had this to say. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (He 10:24, 25)

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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

Oct 26 Naomi Rislow
Nov 5 Chase Repaal

Anniversaries

Oct 12 C&A Warner

Bad Dad Jokes

What do you call a fake dad?
A faux pas.

How do you make an eggroll?
You push it.

I've never been a fan of facial hair. But now it's starting to grow on me.

Did you hear about the fire at the shoe factory?
Unfortunately, many soles were lost.

What do you call a pig who knows how to use a knife? *A pork chop.*

What kind of fish knows how to do an appendectomy? *A Surgeon.*

Why did the pony ask for a glass of water? *Because it was a little horse.*

Is there anything worse than when it's raining cats and dogs? *Yes, hailing taxis.*

How many apples can you grow on a tree? *All of them.*

My manager told be to have a good day. So I didn't go into work.

What do kids do when they have nothing else to do? *Bored games.*

What did the boy say to his fingers? *I'm counting on you.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

10/20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow
Reader: Mike Meunier
Crucifer: Benjamin Roll
Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham
Ushers: Tim Betlach
Counters: Dan M/Dave B
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: the Schoonovers
Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham
Ushers: David Bjornstad
Counters: Connie M/Tom R
Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Connie Meunier
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/3 All Saints Sunday
Asst Minister: Tom Rislow
Reader: Jarrod Roll
Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham
Acolyte: Stella Roll
Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover
Counters: Jarrod R/Tim B
Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: Heide Fehr
Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

11/10 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad
Reader: Brad Benrud
Crucifer: Regan Cunningham
Acolyte: Chase Repaal
Ushers: Jarrod Roll
Counters: Cole W/Naomi R
Comm Asst: Mike Meunier
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: xxxxx
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

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