

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

When a loved one travels abroad for any extended period time we long for their return. In our day with instant communications and the reliability of flight schedules we can anticipate the day and even the hour of their return. We can receive notifications about any delays. And yet, given all that, we still drive to the cell phone parking lot and anxiously gaze at the skies to await our loved one's appearance.

Things should be no different when it comes to Jesus' return. Of this return our Lord Himself told us that only God knows the day or the hour. As it happens, we do not even know the month, year, century, or

millennium of His arrival! But that has not hindered many generations of the devout longing and looking for Christ's coming.

Do you and I long for His return? I know that He has promised to be with us until the end of the age. But we should also know that we do not now fully see what will be when we look upon His face. Then, John tells us in his first epistle we shall be like Him, and we will finally be perfected in the Faith. So we can legitimately speak both of Christ's abiding presence, and of His absence as we await His return.

And yet again, I ask you. Do you watch for, and eagerly hope for Christ's appearing?

I hope we have not lost sight of His promise to come for His own and take us to be with Him. Have we become distracted and enamored by the hopes and aspirations of this age? It can be all the more tempting in the modern age with advanced technology, medicine, creature comforts, and entertainment.

We might also ask. Have I grown in my appreciation and fondness of Jesus? Have I spent time listening to Him? Have I appreciated the depths of His love He has showered on me with His mercy? It is with loved ones that we long for their return!

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

Thursday, 11/14

6pm Church Council

Friday, 11/15

7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

Sunday, 11/17 26th Su after Pentecost

8am Choir Practice

9am Divine Service with Communion

10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth

10:45am Adult Bible Study



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

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

THIS AND THAT...

You should have received an email and/or a bulletin insert with instructions in how to participate in the **Re:Vitality** Online survey. You have the rest of November to take the survey.

Pastor Tim will be joining the LCMS Circuit **Winkel Meeting** on Tuesday at St. James Lutheran Church in Necedah.

The **Church Council** will meet this Thursday, 6pm, at

the church.

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

Our special **Thanksgiving Service** with Holy Communion will be on Tuesday, November 26, at 7pm. Pie and ice cream will be served after the service.

Don't forget non-perishable

Food Donations for the Food Pantry!

Pr Tim and Leslie will clean the church the week of November 17. And the Bjornstads are scheduled for the week of December 22.

The November **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Onalaska Food Basket**.

Watching for the Lord's return helps you to be more hopeful and helpful now.

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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 5 Chase Repaal
 Nov 28..... Heather Roll
 Nov 30..... Cyndi Molstad
 Dec 1 Brad Benrud
 Dec 9 Cole Warner
 Dec 21..... Drew Staff
 Dec 31 Marilyn Magnuson

Anniversaries

Bad Dad Jokes

What happens when doctors get frustrated? *They lose their patients.*

What do you call a bear with no teeth?, *A gummy bear.*

What invention allows us to see through walls? *Windows.*

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? *A carrot.*

Why did the coach go to the bank? *To get his quarter back.*

Why do nurses like red crayons? *Sometimes they have to draw blood.*

What kind of jewelry do rabbits wear? *14 carrot gold.*

Why can't the sailor learn the alphabet? *Because he keeps getting lost at C.*

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?. *Nacho cheese!.*

How do celebrities keep cool? *They have many fans.*

What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? *Supplies!*

Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants? *Just in case he got a hole in one.*

Why did the cowboy adopt a wiener dog? *He wanted to get a long little doggie.*

How did the barber win the race? *He knew a shortcut.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/17 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Paula Betlach

Crucifer: Chase Repaal

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/24 Last Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Craig Bartos

Crucifer: Stella Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Mary Bartos

Counters: Dan M/Tim B

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Connie Meunier

Livestreamer: Cole Wanner

12/1 First Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Cole Warner

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Tim Betlach

Counters: Connie M/Tom R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

12/8 Second Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Tom Rislow

Reader: Jeremy Schoonover

Crucifer: Benjamin Roll

Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham

Ushers: David Bjornstad

Counters: Jarrod R/Naomi R

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

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 a block west of King Furniture