

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

What a friend we have in Jesus. Indeed, we do! Jesus spoke to His disciples, “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you” (Jn 15:15).

Interestingly, none of Jesus disciples in the New Testament address Jesus as their friend. I don’t think that is because they did not believe His word. Rather, they believed it more important to address their Lord with reverence.

We normally think of our friends as peers. A group of friends may not be equal to each other in terms of

health, strength, intelligence, and skill, but none of them are infinitely superior in these terms to the others. One friend may have some command or say over the rest, but it isn’t much of a friendship if any one person has complete command over the rest. Hopefully you see where I am going!

Jesus calls us His friends, and yet He is infinitely superior to us. In fact, He is our Maker. He gives us Commandments and we are obligated to obey. Our opinion as to what might be best for Him or how He should conduct His business is of no interest or benefit to Him. So whatever kind of friendship we enjoy with our Lord, it is much differ-

ent than how we typically think of friendships.

Little wonder that His disciples at first called Him Master and Teacher. They would go on to address Him as Savior, Redeemer, Lord, the Messiah (Christ), and the King. They identified themselves as His bondservants, laborers, followers, messengers, ambassadors, and spokesmen.

As we come to the end of the Church Year, we close it out with Christ the King Sunday. There we are reminded that our dear Savior is the King and Judge. How thankful we can be that He identifies those justified by faith as His friends!

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the significance of Christ the King Sunday?

The Festival of Christ the King marks the end of the long season after Pentecost, and it anticipates the day when Christ will return and be revealed to everyone as

the rightful ruler of the world. The appointed lessons for the day make it clear that at the end of the age Christ will come in power and great glory. Previous to this we have known his gentle rule. We have known King Jesus as the one who shed his blood to

free us from the grips of sin and death. But when he comes again in glory he will come to judge the living and the dead. There will then be no doubt as to who the sovereign of the cosmos is!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 11/19
5:30pm Ladies Night Out

Thursday, 11/21
10:00am LCMC Ministerium

Friday, 11/22
7am Men’s Breakfast at McDonald’s

Sunday, 11/24 Christ the King Sunday
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth
10:45am Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, 11/26
7:00pm Thanksgiving Service



Making Disciples for Life

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

THIS AND THAT...

Be sure you fill out the **Re:Vitality** Online survey. The survey tool will be more helpful with a larger number of participants. You have the rest of November to take the survey.

The **Ladies Night Out** on Tuesday, November 19, 5:30pm will involve a Soup Buffet and will be hosted at the Magnusons.

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** continues 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**.

All come before the King in reverence and in recognition of His authority. Those opposed to the King will appear before Him in great fear. Those thankful for the King's mercy and grace will come before Him with great joy.

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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 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 is more remarkable than a talking dog? *A spelling bee.*

What do you call a cow with no legs? *Ground beef.*

What do you call a happy cowboy? *A jolly rancher.*

Why shouldn't you trust trees? *They seem shady.*

How do you fix a broken tomato? *With tomato paste.*

What kind of music scares balloons? *Pop music.*

Why did the orange stop halfway across the road? *It ran out of juice.*

Why did the Oreo go to the dentist? *It lost its filling.*

How do you get an astronaut's baby to stop crying?. *You rocket.*

What do dogs and phones have in common? *Both have*

collar ID.

Why shouldn't you play poker in the jungle? *Too many cheetahs.*

How do you stop a bull from charging? *You cancel its credit card.*

Why was the math book sad? *It had too many problems.*

Why are fish so smart? *Because they swim in schools.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

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/Tom R

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/Tim B

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Paula Betlach

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

12/15 Third Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: Jessica Schoonover

Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Cole W/Tim B

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: the Warners

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/26 Thanksgiving Service

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Dan Molstad

Ushers: Paula Betlach

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

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 a block west of King Furniture