

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

Why do so many hate Christ and the believers connected with His Name? The twentieth century saw more Christians put to death on account of their faith than were martyred in the prior nineteen centuries. Christians are far and away the most persecuted religious group in the world. It is not even close.

Our Lord Jesus sure stirred up a hornet's nest during the two or three years of His public ministry some twenty centuries ago. People were either drawn to Him with intense devotion, or they were repulsed by Him and saw Him as a threat. There did not seem to be much neutral ground. You either hated Him or

loved Him.

Arguably, Jesus lived a decent life. There is no hint of His having abused, taken advantage of others, lied, cheated, stolen or caused any physical harm to others. He taught the greatest two commandments had to do with love, first to love God with your whole being, and then to love your neighbor as yourself. He even taught the turning of the cheek to one who strikes you, to love your enemies, and to pray for those who persecute you. So why was there so much animosity directed toward Him?

It cannot be because He was merely a great teacher. There have been a number of highly regarded teachers

who lived long lives and died in old age. Jesus was put to death when he was about thirty to thirty-three years old. The Roman Prefect, Pontius Pilate, recognized that Jesus did not represent a credible threat as a military insurrectionist. So again, why the vehemence?

I think it had to do with who He is, and who we are. If He in fact is God in the flesh and we are the sinners the Word of God says we are, then sinners resent and balk at the rightful Lord of their lives. We want to play God instead. But He is our merciful Lord and Savior who offers salvation for repentant sinners.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, 6/17**
5:30pm Ladies Night Out at Su Casa
6pm Elders Meeting at Church
- Wednesday, 6/18**
10am Prayer Team at church
- Friday, 6/20**
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's
- Sunday, 6/22** 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the meaning of the "KYRIE" (kir-E-A)?

KYRIE is a Latin term which in turn is a transliteration of a Greek word meaning "Lord." In the Latin Mass the term KYRIE was combined with the term ELESION meaning "have mercy." In addition, the Mass included a three-fold response:

KYRIE ELEISON, CHRISTE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON, which translated is "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy." In our Lutheran Worship Service we utilize a prayer from the Latin Mass known as a Peace Litany. A Litany is a responsive prayer. This Litany is usually led by our Assisting Minister, and the

congregation response is the KYRIE ELEISON. And so the Assisting Minister begins, "In peace let us pray to the Lord," and the congregation responds to this and each succeeding petition with, "Lord, have mercy." (with help from the Manual on the Liturgy a companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship, publ. by Augsburg).



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

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

THIS AND THAT...

The **Ladies Night Out** is 5:30pm, Tuesday, June 17 at Su Casa in Holmen.

If you haven't already, do check out the **LifeWise Academy** website at: life-wise.org. Find out what it is all about. Then seriously consider signing the interest list for the Holmen School District. With at least 50 signatures LifeWise will come to us and share more information as to how one goes

about to start up this ministry in our community.

We would sure appreciate additional people/households taking a turn at providing treats for the **The Coffee Fellowship** after the Divine Service each Sunday.

Do check the sign up sheets in the kitchen for **Fellowship, Cleaning,** and delivering **Senior Meals.**

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

The Magnusons will clean the church the week of June 15. The Duesenbergs are signed up for the week of July 20.

The June **Designated Benevolence** is for **Lutherans in Africa.**

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy) is one of the finest short prayers that can be prayed.

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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 13 Paul Hanson
June 15 Susan Wilhelm
June 25 Mary Bartos
June 26 Tom Rislow

Anniversaries

June 19 P & C Cunningham
June 22 P & N Hanson

Men and Women

- A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item she doesn't need
- A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
- To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman, you must love

her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

- Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.
- Any married man should forget his mistakes. There's no sense in two people remembering the same thing.
- Men wake up as good-looking as when they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.
- A woman marries a man expecting that he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.
- A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.
- There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman - before marriage and after marriage.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

6/22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Naomi Rislow

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Cole Warner

Counters: Cole W/David B

Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Cole & Anne Warner

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

6/29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Karri Bjornstad

Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham

Ushers: David Bjornstad

Counters: Jackie R/Jeremy S

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

7/6 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Mike Meunier

Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Dan M/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Leslie Desenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

7/13 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Dan Molstad

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Chase Repaal

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Connie M/David B

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

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