

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 9, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

This week we continue with the list from the section of Luther's Small Catechism entitled "Christian Questions with Their Answers". Use these questions as a good spiritual inventory or health assessment... (page 329 in LSB)

11. *How do you know this (that the Son died for you)?* From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in this Sacrament. (Note that we take Jesus at his word that the bread He blesses is His body, and the cup that He blesses is His blood.)

12. *What are the Words of Institution?* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when

He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (Note that a miracle would need to be involved here, and therefore we do not understand how this happens. But our Lord says that we are receiving His body and blood. Doubters

call Jesus' language metaphorical. But when you consider it, this would be a strange metaphor. How is bread like a human body?)

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?* Yes, I believe it. (Note that we are not asked how this is possible, rather, we are asked if we trust Jesus' words.)

14. *What convinces you to believe this?* The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

We will continue with Question fifteen next week...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 7/10
6:00pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, 7/11
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

Saturday, 7/12
9am Paint Party with lunch at church

Sunday, 7/13 5th Sunday after Pentecost
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, 7/15
5:30pm Anniversary Celebration for Alliance Clinic

Wednesday, 7/16
10am Prayer Team Gathering

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the purpose of the Psalm Reading? And why do we often sing (chant) the Psalm? "The appointed psalm is sung as a meditation on the First Lesson, a response to it, and a bridge to the Second Lesson. ... Hearers of the lessons need a chance to assim-

ilate the First Lesson before the Second Lesson begins. The required use of a psalm between the lessons provides for the restoration of psalm singing to its traditional place in the life of the church and gives the worshiper the opportunity to participate in the singing (or

reading) of a portion of Scripture..." (from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)

Chanting can be thought of as "exalted speech". It sets the speech apart from regular speech and the slower cadence allows for reflection



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

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

THIS AND THAT...

The **Church Council** meets this week on Thursday, 6pm at the church.

If you haven't already, do check out the **LifeWise Academy** website at: life-wise.org.

The next **Prayer Team Gathering** is Wednesday, July 16, at 10am.

For those who have registered, the **Anniversary**

Celebration for the Alliance Women's Clinic is July 15, 5:30pm at Myrick Park.

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 Duesenbergs will clean the church the week of July 20. The Bjornstads are signed

up for the week of August 17.

The July **Designated Benevolence** is for **St. Clare's Health Mission.**

Our Lord speaks of the believer as both *being in Christ* and as *Christ being in us*. In John 6 Jesus also spoke of believers eating His flesh and drinking His blood if they were to have any part of Him. No one at the time knew what He was talking about. It would seem that when He instituted the Lord's Supper they finally had an idea.

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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**

July 15 Tim Betlach
 Aug 10 Carrie Cunningham
 Aug 12 Dawson Staff
 Aug 13 Jessica Schoonover

Anniversaries

Aug 12 R & B Kuehn

Ole, Lena, & Sven

Ole, Lena, and Sven were lost in the woods of Northern Minnesota and were becoming desperate having run out of food several days ago. It was winter, the snow was deep, their situation was looking very bleak.

When Ole dug down into the snow to look for nuts, he found an old lamp, and upon

rubbing it to get the snow off, a genie came out. The genie says, "I am da great genie of Norderm Minnesooota and I can grant each of you vun vish."

Ole says, "I vish I was back on da farm." Poof, Ole was gone.

Lena quickly says, "I vish I was back on the farm wit Ole." Poof, Lena was gone.

Sven was sitting there looking sad and the genie says, "Sven, vat is your vish?" and Sven says, "Gee, I'm really lonely. I vish Ole and Lena were back here with me."

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

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: Cyndi Molstad
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

7/20 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Tom Rislow
Reader: Jarrod Roll
Crucifer: Chase Repaal

Acolyte: Stella Roll
Ushers: Jarrod Roll
Counters: Jarrod R/Naomi R
Comm Asst: Tom Rislow
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: Leslie Duesenberg
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

7/27 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg
Reader: Paula Betlach
Crucifer: Stella Staff
Acolyte: Asher Roll
Ushers: Paula Betlach
Counters: Cole W/Tim B
Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Paula Betlach
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

8/3 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier
Reader: Heather Roll
Crucifer: Asher Roll
Acolyte: Benjamin Roll
Ushers: Mary Bartos
Counters: Jeremy S/Tom R
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: tbd
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

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