

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 6, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

Some of you will know this, and others of you may not. But not every church where people gather for worship will there be portions of Scripture read, variously called lessons or readings. And in many churches Psalms are not spoken or chanted back and forth.

As you are aware, in our tradition we are accustomed to three readings, a selection usually from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament Letters (Epistles), and a final reading from one of the Gospel Accounts. A Psalm is chanted or spoken, responsively or antiphonally, between the Old Testament and Epistle Readings.

We stand at the reading of the Gospel Lesson, and it is always read by the Pastor.

The Gospel Lesson always reflects the theme of the Sunday, and there is always some intentional connection with it and the Old Testament Reading. In the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter there is always a clear connection with the Epistle Reading. Otherwise, in the Seasons following the Epiphany and Pentecost (the paraments being green) the Epistle selections often work consecutively through the Letter and don't necessarily connect with the theme of the Sunday.

At Gift of Grace, we have been using a Three-Year Lectionary that determines what is read on a particular Sunday. A lectionary is a schedule of readings. Our LCMS lectionary originates from the

Roman Catholic Church, then modified by something called the "Revised Common Lectionary". This means that on any given Sunday, many historic Christian Communions will often share the same, or very similar lessons.

One of the many advantages of having a Lectionary is to ensure a wide and encompassing reading of the important passages of Scripture, especially covering most of the New Testament. Another advantage is by careful listening and regular attendance one can become familiar with most of the Bible. Little wonder that the Apostle Paul encouraged Timothy, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching" (1Ti 4:13).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 8/7
10am Prayer Team Gathering

Friday, 8/8
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

Sunday, 8/10 9th Sunday after Pentecost
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship

Thursday, 8/14
6pm Council Meeting

Friday, 8/15
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What does the Pastor's Stole signify? (*the stole is the colored strip of cloth that loops around the back of the neck and hangs from both shoulders*)

The stole represents a yoke such as would be used to link and employ an ox with

a plow or cart. When a work animal is yoked to a task, that animal comes under the rule and guidance of its master. As Christians we are to be yoked to Christ (cf. Mt. 11:28-30). We are to fear, love, serve, and obey the Lord Jesus Christ. The Pastor's stole is

therefore not only a sign of ordination in the Lutheran Church, but it visibly reminds the whole congregation of our servanthood to Christ.



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

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

THIS AND THAT...

We are planning a **Congregation Barbeque and Campfire** at the Rislow's (weather permitting) Sunday afternoon, August 24 at 4pm. Please note the signup sheet in the kitchen for the sharing of dishes. Meat and beverages will be provided.

The next **Prayer Team Gathering** is Thursday, August 7, at 10am.

The next **Church Council**

Meeting is Thursday, August 14 at 6pm.

The next **Elders Meeting** is 6pm on Tuesday, August 19 at the church.

The Friday Morning **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is meeting at the McDonald's Restaurant off of County OT at 7am.

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

The Bjornstads will clean the church the week of August 17. The Molstads are signed up for the week of September 21.

The August **Designated Benevolence** is for our La-Crosse **Campus Ministry**.

There are no shortcuts in becoming familiar with the Bible. It is to be read, studied, and meditated on. It is the one trustworthy source for learning about Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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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**

Aug 10..... Carrie Cunningham
Aug 12..... Dawson Staff
Aug 13..... Jessica Schoonover
Aug 25..... Pam Benrud
Aug 29..... Jeremy Schoonover

Anniversaries

Aug 12..... R & B Kuehn
Aug 17..... L & H Fehr
Aug 19..... M & C Meunier
Aug 24..... D & C Schoonover
Aug 28..... B & A Fisher

**Renamed Hymns
if Being Honest**

"I Surrender Some" for *"I Surrender All"*

"Fill My Spoon, Lord" for *"Fill My Cup, Lord"*

"Oh, How I Like Jesus" for *"Oh, How I Love Jesus"*

"He's Quite a Bit to Me" for *"He's Everything to Me"*

"I Love to Talk About Telling the Story" for *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

"Take My Life and Let Me Be" for *"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

"It Is My Secret What God Can Do" for *"It Is No Secret What God Can Do"*

"Onward Christian Reserves" for *"Onward Christian Soldiers"*

"Just as I Pretend to Be" for *"Just As I Am Without One Plea"*

"When the Saints Go Sneaking In" for *"When the Saints God Marching In"*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

8/10 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Craig Bartos

Crucifer: Benjamin Roll

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Tim Betlach

Counters: Dan M/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Karri Bjornstad

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

8/17 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Cole Warner

Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham

Ushers: Cole Warner

Counters: Connie M/David B

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

8/24 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Jeremy Schoonover

Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham

Ushers: David Bjornstad

Counters: Jarrod R/Naomi R

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Jessica Schoonover

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

8/31 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Tom Rislow

Reader: Jessica Schoonover

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Chase Repaal

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Jarrod R/Tom R

Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

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