

# GIFT of GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

#### A WORD FROM PT

This week I am sharing with you a list of 12. Twelve things that often are missing apart from good liturgical worship, such as we value in the Lutheran Tradition. I would argue it is not good to be without the following 12...

1. The reading of Scripture Lessons, including the Old Testament...
2. The use of the Psalms...
3. Trinitarian language...
4. The use of the historic Creeds summarizing in Scripture what God has revealed...
5. Responsive prayers involving the voices of the congregation...
6. The use of Biblical Canticles such as the Gloria in Excelsis, the Sanctus, the Benedictus, the Magnificat, and the Nunc Dimittis...
7. The use of Biblical phrases, and terms...
8. A liturgical calendar ensuring the annual covering of the major events in Jesus' life...
9. Learning to pray the Lord's Prayer together...
10. Frequent communion as a highpoint in the Divine Service...
11. The use of rich historical and Biblical symbols...
12. Physical activity such as

bowing, kneeling, crossing oneself, coming forward to the altar, eating and drinking, exchanging the peace...

Unfortunately, we don't always know why these things are included in the Divine Service. Often, we haven't been taught well. And without a doubt their use can often be perfunctory and seem meaningless. But none of that is the fault of the listed elements. Rather it is in our understanding, or lack thereof, along with the personal preparation that we might lack in approaching all that God wishes to give us when we gather together weekly for the Divine Service.

#### SINCE YOU ASKED...

##### What is the Christian's Hope?

In a word, it is the resurrection of the body to life everlasting in the world to come. This is more accurate and complete than just saying "life after death." It is also more helpful than say-

ing "going to heaven." When Jesus returns at the end of the age to judge the living and the dead, baptized believers will be raised bodily! They will share in a resurrection similar to Jesus' resurrection. And being in His presence on that day and for all eternity is not

just a matter of escaping to heaven, but living in His presence in the new heaven and earth. The Lord intends to renew and restore His creation. So our central hope is the resurrection of the dead, with believers inheriting the Kingdom.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, 9/16**  
6:15pm Elders Meeting at church
- Wednesday 9/17**  
6:30pm Christian Teaching Study
- Thursday, 9/18**  
10am Prayer Team Gathering
- Friday, 9/19**  
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
- Sunday, 9/21 St. Matthew, Apostle**  
7am Choir Practice  
9am Divine Service with Communion  
10:15am Coffee Fellowship  
10:45am Bible Study
- Tuesday, 9/23**  
5:30pm Ladies Night Out at Su Casa
- Wednesday, 9/24**  
6:30pm Christian Teaching Study
- Friday, 9/26**  
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study



**Making  
Disciples  
for Life**

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## THIS AND THAT...

The **Elders Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 6:15pm.

The **Prayer Team** will gather for prayer this Thursday, September 18, 10am, at the church. Please come join us as we pray for the congregation.

Consider participating in one of the three **Bible Studies** available to you at Gift of Grace. This can be of immense benefit to our faith.

The next **Ladies Night Out** will be on Tuesday, September 23, 5:30pm at Su Casa in Holmen.

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 Molstads will clean the church the week of September 21. The Rolls are signed up for the week of October 19.

The September **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Alliance Women's Clinic**.

If there is something you don't understand about our worship service, please do not hesitate to ask PT about it, either in person, over the phone, or by email. It is hard to appreciate what you don't understand.

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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**

Sept 15..... Butch Fisher  
Sept 24..... Noel Peterson  
Oct 1..... Wendell Halderson

**Anniversaries**

Sept 18..... J & H Roll  
Oct 6..... B & P Benrud  
Oct 7..... D & K Bjornstad

**Top Ten Ways You Know You're In A Bad Church**

10. The church bus has gun racks.
9. The church staff consists of Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Socio-Pastor.
8. The Bible they use is the "Dr. Seuss Version."
7. There's an ATM in the lobby.
6. The choir wears leather robes.
5. Worship services advertise B.Y.O.S. - "Bring Your Own Snake"
4. No cover charge, but communion is a two-drink minimum.
3. Worship Service billed as "Karaoke Worship Service"
2. Ushers greet visitors and ask, "Smoking or Non-Smoking."
1. The only tune the accompanist knows is "In-a-gadda-da-vida" by Iron Butterfly.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

**9/21** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**Asst Minister:** Mike Meunier**Reader:** Naomi Rislow**Crucifer:** Asher Roll**Acolyte:** Benjamin Roll**Ushers:** Mary Bartos**Counters:** Connie M/Tom R**Comm Asst:** Jarrod Roll**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow**Fellowship:** Leslie Duesenberg**Livestreamer:** Cole Waner**9/28** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**Asst Minister:** Karri Bjornstad**Reader:** Karri Bjornstad**Crucifer:** Benjamin Roll**Acolyte:** Dawson Staff**Ushers:** Dan Molstad**Counters:** Jarrod R/David B**Comm Asst:** Tim Betlach**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg**Fellowship:** Cyndi Molstad**Livestreamer:** Jeremy Schoonover**10/5** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**Asst Minister:** Jeremy Schoonover**Reader:** Cole Warner**Crucifer:** Stella Roll**Acolyte:** Asher Roll**Ushers:** David Bjornstad**Counters:** Cole W/David B**Comm Asst:** Jeremy Schoonover**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow**Fellowship:** Jessica Schoonover**Livestreamer:** Jarrod Roll**10/12** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**Asst Minister:** Cole Warner**Reader:** Karri Bjornstad**Crucifer:** Elliott Cunningham**Acolyte:** Regan Cunningham**Ushers:** Dan Molstad**Counters:** Connie M/Tom R**Comm Asst:** Mike Meunier**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg**Fellowship:** Cole and Anne Warner**Livestreamer:** Cole Warner

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