

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

The use of the Psalms is often missing in congregations departing from good liturgical worship. And the consequent lack of familiarity with them robs us of having a richer prayer life.

Did you know that the Book of Psalms is quoted in the New Testament more than any other Old Testament Book? Likewise, in the Gospel Accounts Jesus quoted from this Book more than any other!

Perhaps the best-known instance of a Psalm on Jesus' lips was spoken by Him as He hung and suffered on the Cross. Our Lord cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This is one of the seven last things recorded in Scripture that

Christ spoke from the Cross. It is the first verse of Psalm 22. No doubt He had the entirety of the Psalm on His mind, if not on His lips!

The Psalms served both as a Song Book and a Prayer Book for Israel. But it did not stay confined to the Jewish Faith. Christians adopted the same use as reflected both in the New Testament and in the development of Christian Worship.

Noteworthy, many of the Psalms speak prophetically, along with other Old Testament passages. They speak pointedly to and of Christ. Take a look at all of Psalm 22 and you will see an extraordinary example of this prophetic use.

As a collection of prayers,

the Book of Psalms is an invaluable aid to our own praying. They feature a broad range of the human experience before God.

They express to God a full range of our emotions. This includes sorrow, anguish, lament, doubt, fear, anger, joy, jubilation, praise, and thanksgiving. The Psalmist speaks with great candor, often expressing more impious first thoughts than merely trying to sound devout and speak in platitudes.

We are spiritually much poorer if we lack familiarity with the Psalms. And their continuous use in historic liturgies not only aids in joining our voices together, but also makes them memorable.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the significance of sharing the peace?

"The peace which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness comes only from Christ whose word has been proclaimed. ... The peace is a sign that those who partic-

ipate in it open themselves to the healing and reconciling power of God's love and offer themselves to be agents of that love in the world. ... The personal exchange of the peace should be as unpatterned as possible, but its meaning and significance should be

kept clear. It is not the occasion merely for conviviality. The choice of gesture, whether a handshake, holding hands, or an embrace, should be left to the persons themselves." (from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 10/1

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Friday, 10/3

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
10am Worship at the Care Center

Sunday, 10/5 17th Sunday after Pent.

8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:45am Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, 10/8

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Thursday, 10/9

10am Prayer Team Gathering
6pm Council Meeting

Friday, 10/10

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
10am Worship at the Care Center



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THIS AND THAT...

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 **Worship Team** will meet on Sunday, October 5, after the Coffee Fellowship at 10:45am.

The next **Prayer Team Gathering** is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 10am at the church.

The next **Church Council Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 6pm 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 Rolls will clean the church the week of October 19. We currently do not have anyone signed up for the week of November 16 or December 21.

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

There is a listing of appropriate Psalm readings for the morning and evening of each day in the Congregation at Prayer Guide sent you each week.

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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 24..... Noel Peterson
Oct 1..... Wendell Halderson
Oct 26..... Naomi Rislow

Anniversaries

Oct 6..... B & P Benrud
Oct 7..... D & K Bjornstad
Oct 12..... C & A Warner

The Prayers of Children

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy: "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am!"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

10/5 17th 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 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Cole Warner
Reader: Karri Bjornstad
Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham
Ushers: Dan Molstad
Counters: Connie M/Dan M
Comm Asst: Mike Meunier
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: Cole and Anne Warner
Livestreamer: Cole Warner

10/19 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad
Reader: Jarrod Roll
Crucifer: Jarrod Roll
Acolyte: Dawson Staff
Ushers: David Bjornstad
Counters: Jarrod R/David B
Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Connie Meunier
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

10/26 Reformation Sunday
Asst Minister: Tom Rislow
Reader: Dan Molstad
Crucifer: Dawson Staff
Acolyte: Chase Repaal
Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover
Counters: Jeremy S/Naomi S
Comm Asst: Tom Rislow
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: tbd
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

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