

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 8, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

I have been writing for the past few weeks about elements that are often missing when we depart from historical, liturgical worship. So far, I have mentioned the reason why there is the reading of Scripture Lessons and the use of Psalms. This week I wish to address the employment of Trinitarian language along with the use of Biblical titles.

Trinitarian language reflects Biblical usage, especially in the New Testament. More than the generic word 'God' is used to address the deity. The names Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are used with many other titles in combination with these names.

Consider the Apostolic Greeting that the Apostle

Paul uses repeatedly in his letters, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Mention of the Spirit often follows soon after.

And then a whole slew of titles is utilized. Here are just a few for the three Persons of the Holy Trinity: Heavenly Father, Father of Lights, God Almighty, God our Provider, the Christ (Messiah), King of kings, the Lamb (often the Lamb that was slain), the Word, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, I could go on. There are hundreds of titles and terms for God in the Bible.

God has fully revealed Himself to us as Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit. It is in this name that we are baptized (cf. Mt. 28:19). And it is in contemplating the joint work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that we best understand our salvation. The Father sends His Son to bear the wrath of God against all sin, and the Holy Spirit testifies to Jesus being the Christ, God's Son, and He indwells believers making salvation possible.

In liturgical worship not only will you grow accustomed to Biblical titles like the Lord of Sabaoth (hosts), Emmanuel, the Lamb of God who was slain, the Alpha and Omega, and the Good Shepherd; but you will be enriched by their meaning.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday, 10/12 18th Sunday after Pent.

8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:45am Bible Study

Tuesday, 10/14

6pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday, 10/15

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Friday, 10/17

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, 10/18

10:30am Main Street Taping

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is an Alb? And why does our Pastor wear one?

Alb (from the Latin "white"): a white ankle-length vestment with sleeves, often gathered at the waist with a cincture, worn by all ranks of minis-

ters, ordained and unordained. The classical tunic became a specific church vestment about the fifth century. One of the functions of an ordained minister in our tradition is for that person to represent Christ to the people. Christ is pictured in the Book of

Revelation with a white robe. The white robe is also a symbol of his righteousness. For this reason, the alb is a proper covering for the presiding minister with the function of representing Christ to the people. *(from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)*



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Disciples
for Life**

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THIS AND THAT...

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

The **Church Council** will meet Thursday, October 9, 6pm at the church.

Pastor Tim leads a Friday Morning Worship Service at the **Onalaska Care Center** the first Friday of each month.

The next **Elders Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 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 October **Designated Benevolence** is for the **LCMS Disaster Relief**.

Attentive and regular participation in the Divine Service will enrich your Biblical vocabulary. And this for a good reason. Most of the liturgy is drawn straight from Scripture. Our hymnal notes where the passages are drawn from.

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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**

Oct 1..... Wendell Halderson
Oct 26 Naomi Rislow

Anniversaries

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

Play On Words

Did you hear about the fellow that got his left side cut out? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone. It is too tired.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell on an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which he never developed.

When she saw her first grey hair she thought she would dye.

Acupuncture is a job well done. That's the point of it.

Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

10/12 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Karri Bjornstad

Crucifer: Karri Bjornstad

Acolyte: Mary Bartos

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

10/1/2 All Saints' Sunday

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Cole Warner

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Dan M/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

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