

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 29, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

The Liturgical Calendar is of tremendous benefit to those churches who use it. Is its use necessary for the Christian Faith? No. Did it fall from heaven? Not exactly. Is it spelled out clearly in the Bible? No, nor is it commanded in Scripture or joined to any specific promises in Holy Writ! It is, as I have said, of tremendous benefit.

Whereas the calendar didn't fall intact from heaven, we would do well to not take lightly how the Holy Spirit has guided believers through the centuries. For Lutherans the Bible will always be the "the sole, pure standard for judging all teachers and doctrines." But Lutherans historically have been inclined to take gratefully and respectfully practices and traditions

deemed beneficial so long as they do not contradict Scripture or are taught as necessary for salvation.

And whereas the Liturgical Calendar was not commanded for Christians in the Bible, it was exemplified by Israel and the Hebrew Scriptures. Here it was actually commanded to Israel to remember God's important acts of deliverance and the special covenant He had established with Abraham's descendants.

So, you can say we have a Biblical example. And that stands for something.

The Liturgical Calendar developed in the Church along with assigned Lectionary Readings corresponding to this calendar, help to ensure that all the major events in Jesus' life and ministry are

reflected on and celebrated each year. It helps to keep us on task to imbibe and share the whole counsel of God's Word (cf. Acts 20:27).

Briefly, the Church Year starts with the Season of Advent. That is followed by the Season of Christmas culminating in the Epiphany. Then there is the Season following the Epiphany, which in turn is followed by the Season of Lent. The height of the Church Year is the Season of Easter which culminates on the Day of Pentecost. Then there is the long Season following Pentecost. During the year we follow Jesus birth, baptism, public ministry, sacrificial death, resurrection, ascension, outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and His promise to return.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the significance of All Saints' Day? The significance is expressed in the hymn The Church's One Foundation, the fifth stanza: "*And mystic sweet communion / With those whose rest is won.*" We certainly mourn in death the physical separation with our loved ones, but the Church affirms that the dead in Christ are very

much alive and are present with our Lord. We further believe in the Resurrection of the dead on the last day, and our joyful reunion with the saints of all the ages in the eternal kingdom of our Lord. Therefore we can speak of our dearly departed as being a part of the *Church Triumphant* while we remain the *Church Militant*.

On the festival of All Saints we direct our attention to the richness of Christian history, and the manifold workings of God's grace through the lives of believers who have gone before us. It is also an appropriate time to honor the memory of those members of our congregation who have died.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 10/28

6pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday, 10/29

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Friday, 10/31

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 11/2 All Saints' Sunday.

8am Choir Practice

9am Divine Service with Communion

10:15am Coffee Fellowship

10:45am Bible Study

3pm All Saints Choral Festival at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Wednesday, 11/5

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Friday, 11/7

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

10am Worship at Care Center



Making Disciples for Life

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

THIS AND THAT...

The next **Elders Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 6pm at the church.

A **Choral Celebration of All Saints' Day** with a mass choir will take place at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Onalaska, Sunday, November 2 at 3pm. Our choir will be participating. Casual fellowship to follow.

We will continue our tradition of holding a **Thanksgiving Service** the Tuesday

before Thanksgiving, 7pm, on November 25. Pie to be served afterwards.

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!

We currently do not have anyone signed up for cleaning

the church the week of November 16 or December 21.

The October **Designated Benevolence** is for the **LCMS Disaster Relief**.

Another advantage to the Liturgical Calendar is to mark sacred time in contrast to secular time. In secular time we pay attention to the changes of the seasons and that helps us to plan accordingly. The same benefit can be had with the paying attention to the many facets of our salvation.

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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 26 Naomi Rislow
- Nov 5 Chase Repaal
- Nov 28 Heather Roll
- Nov. 30 Cyndi Molstad

Anniversaries

Wry Observations

In filling out an application, where it asks "In case of Emergency, notify?" I put Doctor.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

You don't need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and then

call whatever you hit the target.

Going to church doesn't automatically make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/2 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: Cyndi Molstad
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow
Reader: Craig Bartos
Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Chase Repaal
Ushers: Mary Bartos
Counters: Connie M/Tom R
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Heide Fehr
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Mike Meunier
Reader: Jarrod Roll
Crucifer: Jed Roll
Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham
Ushers: Jarrod Roll
Counters: Jarrod R/Naomi R
Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: Leslie Duesenberg
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/23 Christ the King Sunday
Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover
Reader: Jessica Schoonover
Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham
Acolyte: Regan Cunningham
Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover
Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R
Comm Asst: Mike Meunier
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Bev Kuehn
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

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