

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

Most Christian denominations and congregations celebrate Holy Communion, or what is also known as the Lord's Supper. It is a ritual broadly practiced, and it has been from the beginning when our Lord Jesus first instituted the meal.

So far, well and good.

That said, there are widely divergent viewpoints on just what takes place during the meal and its significance when we as believers come together. Not growing up Lutheran, I remember in my childhood the teaching and practice in the Disciples of Christ Church. We did not come forward to the altar to receive the elements. Instead, the trays were passed down each row of pews. The bread was known as square

communion bread. It resembled Chicklets gum. It had more taste than the paper-like wafers often used by Lutherans and Catholics. And then the tray with small communion glasses followed the bread. It was dark grape juice only. And we could partake even as young children.

What was taught in my youth is that Communion was a meal of remembrance. We were to be reminded that Jesus' body suffered on the cross and that He shed His blood for our sins. I don't remember what was said up front by the Pastor, but nothing was said as we each partook of the elements.

The Disciples of Christ denomination, like most Protestants, called Communion

an *ordinance* as opposed to a *sacrament*. An ordinance is something that is done out of obedience, and Jesus certainly commended the meal to be celebrated. A sacrament is something held to impart divine grace, especially the forgiveness of sins.

Lutherans regard Holy Communion as a sacrament. We believe God has chosen Baptism and Communion as tangible means of personally delivering His grace to us. We benefit from the gift given when it is received by faith. This explains why both the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of Holy Communion are typically twin focal points of the Divine Service. We believe something is promised and delivered in both.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 11/5
6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Friday, 11/7
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
10am Worship at Care Center

Sunday, 11/9 22nd Sunday after Pent.
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:45am Bible Study

Tuesday, 11/11
9am Winkel at St. Matthew's in Warrens

Wednesday, 11/12
6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Thursday, 11/13
6pm Church Council

Friday, 11/14
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is meant by the term "liturgy"? (from the Greek, "work of the people" or "public service"); more than a set form of service or one particular service, the liturgy is the whole body of texts and music used for the worship of God. The Lutheran Service Book is the liturgy

of LCMS, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and we call the Liturgical Service "The Divine Service" for the Lord serves us with forgiveness, in Word and Sacraments, in the liturgy.

Our Lutheran liturgy involves the participation of all who are gathered: clergy, worship

assistants, and laity. Worship is not a spectator sport. We have been gathered by God to receive from Him. And so, in reverence, we give thanks by offering praise and thanksgiving to our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Liturgical worship helps us all share in this.



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

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

THIS AND THAT...

We will continue our tradition of holding a **Thanksgiving Service** the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, 7pm, on November 25. Pie to be served afterwards.

The **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** has been sparking some interest and been gradually growing in numbers. We are looking at **Important Teachings of the Christian Faith**, and Pastor Tim invites suggestions for topics and questions that participants might have for up-

coming classes. It is never too late to join one of our Bible Studies. Come try the Wednesday offering, 6:30pm 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!

We currently do not have any-

one signed up for cleaning the church the week of November 16. The Magnusons are signed up for the week of December 21.

The November **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Lutherans for Life**.

A general word of forgiveness is spoken to the whole congregation at the beginning of the Divine Service after we have corporately confessed our sins. But in Holy Communion, this gift is delivered to each one individually, one at a time.

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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

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.

Don't argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Evening news is where they begin with "Good evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it

takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

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: Mike Meunier
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Heide Fehr
Livestreamer: Cole Warner

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

11/23 Thanksgiving Service

Asst Minister: Cole Warner
Reader: Naomi Rislow
Crucifer: Regan Cunningham
Acolyte: Dawson Staff
Ushers: Dan Molstad
Counters: not needed
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: pie donations
Livestreamer: Cole Warner

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