

# GIFT of GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 11, 2025

#### A WORD FROM PT

In 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 the Apostle Paul writes, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We believe, teach, and confess in the Lutheran Confessions that the Sacrament of the Altar is "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." When Jesus says of the bread, "this is my body," and of the cup with wine, "this is my blood," we believe 'is' means 'is'!

This miracle is too much for some to swallow. How can

this be! Rather than taking the words and the sentence at its simplest and straightforward meaning, skeptics surmise that our Lord was utilizing a metaphor. For example, one could say that Tim eats like a pig. Now that's a metaphor. The word 'like' gives it away. But one could also say Tim is a pig. And although Tim eats about everything set before him, he does not have hooves, a tail, nor eats off the ground on all fours – usually. But there is obvious correspondence in the comparison with the amount of food consumed.

But if you said Tim's hand is a pig, you would be right in asking how so.? You would strain to find a likeness.

When Jesus said in John 6 that He was the Living Bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, that certainly can be metaphorical. But what are we to make of his holding bread in His hand and saying it is His body? How is bread like Christ's body? His body is living, mobile, and pulsing with blood. How is bread like this? It is not much of a likeness.

People of faith from the beginning have simply taken our Lord at His word. And then we concentrate on the promise that Christ's body and blood have been given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

#### SINCE YOU ASKED...

##### **What is the significance of the Day of Pentecost?**

A principal Festival, The Day of Pentecost (Jewish harvest festival) was the occasion when the promised gift of the Holy Spirit was sent and poured out on the expectant church. It accord-

ingly marks the culmination of the Easter Season. It occurs 50 days after Easter Sunday. Jesus had promised his followers that when he departed from them (the ascension, not the crucifixion) that he would not leave them as orphans. In fact, until his return at the end of

the age, it would be to their advantage that he was departing, for then he would send the Holy Spirit as one called alongside them to comfort them, teach them, guide them, and empower them, even as the Holy Spirit continued to sanctify them (to make holy).

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, 6/9-10**  
SWD Convention at CUW Mequon

**Thursday, 6/12**  
6pm Church Council at Church

**Friday, 6/13**  
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's  
10am Worship at Care Center

**Saturday, 6/14**  
2pm Dedication of New Church Building at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Sunday, 6/15 Holy Trinity Sunday**  
9am Divine Service with Communion  
10:15am Coffee Fellowship

**Tuesday, 6/17**  
5:30pm Ladies Night Out at Su Casa  
6pm Elders Meeting

**Wednesday, 6/18**  
10am Prayer Team Gathering



**Making  
Disciples  
for Life**

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

## THIS AND THAT...

Pastor Tim and President Tom Rislow will be attending a **SWD Convention** held June 9 and 10 at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, WI. We will be electing a President for our District.

The **Church Council** will next meet on Thursday, June 12, 6pm at the church.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church** in Rochester will be

dedicating their new church at 2pm, Saturday, June 14.

The next **Ladies Night Out** is 5:30pm, Tuesday, June 17 at Su Casa in Holmen.

Do check the sign up sheets in the kitchen for **Fellowship, Cleaning,** and delivering **Senior Meals.**

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Pantry!

The Magnusons will clean the church the week of June 15. The Duesenbergs are signed up for the week of July 20.

The June **Designated Benevolence** is for **Lutherans in Africa.**

When our Lord comes to us He can do so in ways that involve all our senses: touch, taste, smelling, hearing, and sight. We usually acknowledge the hearing of His Word. But He has not limited His exposure to this sense alone.

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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**

June 7..... Ron Kuehn  
June 7..... Jim Magnuson  
June 13 ..... Paul Hanson  
June 15 ..... Susan Wilhelm  
June 25 ..... Mary Bartos  
June 26 ..... Tom Rislow

#### **Anniversaries**

June 19 ..... P & C Cunningham  
June 22 ..... P & N Hanson

### **Guys' Rules for the Ladies' Consideration**

- If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.
- When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine... Really.
- Don't ask us what we are thinking about unless you are

prepared to discuss such topics as baseball, the shotgun formation, or monster trucks.

- You have enough clothes.
- You have too many shoes.
- I am in shape. Round is a shape. A whale has a swimmers build.
- Thank you for reading this. Yes, I know, I have to sleep

on the couch tonight; but did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping.

- Pass this to as many men as you can - to give them a laugh.
- Pass this to as many women as you can - to give them a bigger laugh!

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

**6/15** Holy Trinity Sunday  
**Asst Minister:** Mike Meunier  
**Reader:** Connie Meunier  
**Crucifer:** Asher Roll  
**Acolyte:** Stella Roll  
**Ushers:** Dan Molstad  
**Counters:** Jarrod R/Cole W  
**Comm Asst:** Jarrod Roll  
**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow  
**Fellowship:** Jessica Schoonover  
**Livestreamer:** Jarrod Roll

**6/22** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Asst Minister:** Karri Bjornstad  
**Reader:** Naomi Rislow  
**Crucifer:** Asher Roll

**Acolyte:** Benjamin Roll  
**Ushers:** Cole Warner  
**Counters:** Cole W/David B  
**Comm Asst:** Tim Betlach  
**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow  
**Fellowship:** Cole & Anne Warner  
**Livestreamer:** Cole Warner

**6/29** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Asst Minister:** Jeremy Schoonover  
**Reader:** Karri Bjornstad  
**Crucifer:** Dawson Staff  
**Acolyte:** Elliott Cunningham  
**Ushers:** David Bjornstad  
**Counters:** Jackie R/Jeremy S  
**Comm Asst:** Mike Meunier

**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg  
**Fellowship:** tbd  
**Livestreamer:** Jeremy Schoonover

**7/6** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Asst Minister:** Cole Warner  
**Reader:** Mike Meunier  
**Crucifer:** Elliott Cunningham  
**Acolyte:** Regan Cunningham  
**Ushers:** Jeremy Schoonover  
**Counters:** Dan M/Jackie R  
**Comm Asst:** Mike Meunier  
**Accompanist:** Leslie Desenberg  
**Fellowship:** tbd  
**Livestreamer:** Cole Warner

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