

# GIFT of GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 30, 2019

#### A WORD FROM PT

The second mention I made of things considered “adiaphora” is the use of a lectionary, that is, a schedule for Scripture readings. There are two lectionaries that we employ in our congregation. The first is the Revised Common Lectionary for Sunday Lessons in the Divine Service. We use the Three Year Lectionary, which means, it runs a three year cycle before starting over again. There is also a One Year Lectionary which starts over again each year. The other lectionary we make use of is the Two Year Daily Lectionary as found in the Lutheran Book of Worship.

The Three Year Lectionary for the Divine Service includes the First Lesson, usually drawn from the Old Testament. It assigns a

Psalm Reading which is usually chanted back and forth between Assisting Minister and the congregation (responsively), or between two sides (antiphonally). The Psalmody affords the congregation an opportunity to participate between the First and Second Lesson. The Second Lesson is usually drawn from one of the New Testament Letters of an Apostle. And the Gospel Lesson is a portion from one of the four Gospel Accounts.

The Daily Lectionary, for the most part, does not correspond to the Seasons of the Church Year and the Lessons for the Divine Service. Its intention is the systematic reading of most of the Biblical Text. Like the Sunday readings it utilizes a reading from the Old

Testament, one from the Letters of the New Testament, and one from a Gospel Account.

Now to get to the point, these tools are not explicitly commanded in Scripture. But that hardly means they are unimportant, or that they are not most helpful and edifying.

Again, there is Biblical precedence for scheduled readings as reflected in temple and synagogue worship, not to mention during the observance of festivals in the Old Testament. Furthermore, the use of lectionaries in Christian communities has been consistently practiced from the beginning.

I will write more next week on why lectionaries should not be abandoned.

#### 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, 10/29**  
1:00pm Prayer Gathering
- Wednesday, 10/30**  
6:30pm Adult Ed and Confirmation
- Friday, 11/1**  
6:30am Men’s Breakfast at church  
10:00am Onalaska Care Center
- Sunday, 11/3 All Saints’ Sunday**  
8:00am Choir Practice  
9:00am Divine Service  
10:45am Adult Ed
- Tuesday, 11/5**  
4:00pm No Prayer Gathering

#### KEY ATTRIBUTES OF LCMC & NALC

- *Christ-Centered*
- *Mission-Driven*
- *Traditionally-Grounded*
- *Congregationally-Focused*

**LCMC** (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

**NALC** (North American Lutheran Church) ([www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org))

## THIS AND THAT...

This coming Sunday is **All Saint's Sunday**, and in its observance each family will have an opportunity to light one of the votive candles in the votive candle stand. This light will represent the living presence of our loved ones in Christ's presence. Please light the candle as you first enter the church for the Divine Service so that it can burn throughout the service.

**Upcoming in November -**  
The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at

6pm. The Ladies' Night Out will be on Monday, Nov. 18, 5:30pm at Olive Garden. Please RSVP Karri Bjornstad at 4bjs@chater.net. And the Ladies' Lunch Out will be on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 11:15am at Features. Please RSVP Jane Kruse at jkruse@phiinspect.com.

We will have a **Thanksgiving Service** with pie on Nov. 26.

The chosen **Designated**

**Benevolence** for the month of October is for the La Crosse Jail Ministry.

Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items for the **Holmen/Onalaska Food Pantry**.

Pr. Tim and Leslie are signed up to clean the church the week of November 18, and Paul and Nikki Hanson are signed up for the week of December 16.

Invite someone to attend with you at church...

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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 11..... Sam Schoonover

#### Anniversaries

### Out of the mouth of babes!

Dear God:  
My brothers told me about being born, but it doesn't sound right. They are just kidding, aren't they? - Christopher

Dear God:  
If you watch me in church Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes. - Cathy

Dear God:  
We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday School, we learned that you did it. So I bet he stole your idea. - Sincerely, Courtney

Dear God:  
I do not think anybody could be a better God. Well, I just want you to know that I am not just saying this because you are God already. -

Charles

Dear God:  
Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with me and my brother. - Larry

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**11/3** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Asst Minister:** Karri Bjornstad  
**Reader:** Craig Bartos  
**Crucifer:** Stella Roll  
**Acolyte:** Benjamin Roll  
**Ushers:** David Bjornstad  
**Counters:** Jane K/Nikki H  
**Comm Asst:** Jarrod Roll  
**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow  
**Fellowship:** Connie M/Carol P

**11/10** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Asst Minister:** Cole Warner  
**Reader:** Naomi Rislow  
**Crucifer:** Kylee Kernan

**Acolyte:** Alex Uy  
**Ushers:** Merlin Wangen  
**Counters:** Heather R/Connie M  
**Comm Asst:** Karri Bjornstad  
**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg  
**Fellowship:** Mary B/tba

**11/17** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Asst Minister:** Naomi Rislow  
**Reader:** Brad Benrud  
**Crucifer:** Drew Staff  
**Acolyte:** Dawson Staff  
**Ushers:** Jeremy Schoonover  
**Counters:** David B/Jeremy S  
**Comm Asst:** Leslie Duesenberg

**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow  
**Fellowship:** Dottie H/Jessica S

**11/24** Christ the King Sunday  
**Asst Minister:** Jeremy Schoonover  
**Reader:** Jon Uy  
**Crucifer:** Elyse Schoonover  
**Acolyte:** Sam Schoonover  
**Ushers:** Jon Uy  
**Counters:** Tom R/Jarrod R  
**Comm Asst:** Jessica Schoonover  
**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg  
**Fellowship:** tba

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