

# GIFT of GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

#### A WORD FROM PT

The foundational Books of the Old Testament known as the Pentateuch culminate in the Book of Deuteronomy. It is a fitting finish to the five. Even the title “Deuteronomy” indicates this. Deuteronomy literally means “second law”. And indeed in this Book Moses repeats the story of what has happened to the people thus far as they are at the doorstep of finally entering the Promised Land. He repeats the whole law, and then renews the understanding of what it means to belong to God as the congregation of Israel.

It is helpful to think of the Book as Moses’ sermon to the people on the cusp of entering the Promised Land

to take possession of it. Moses’ leadership is coming to an end. God will not allow him to enter the land. But he has one last mission. He must present the renewal of the covenant made earlier with Israel at Sinai.

Highlights of this Book include the restating of the Ten Commandments which was first revealed in the Book of Exodus. Moses also provides the public confession of the faith for the Hebrew community known as the *Shema*. This will be repeated often, such as we today recite the Apostles’ Creed. “Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” This is followed by the greatest commandment – to love God with all one’s

being and faculties.

Of great significance is a section in chapters 27 and 28 known as Curses and Blessings. The list of curses is rather extensive indicating the penalties for breaking the covenant. Throughout the Book God’s blessings are numerous, but in this section there is ample warning that neglect of, and disobedience to, the covenant can cut one off from these blessings.

The rest of the Hebrew Scriptures will both narrate the constant breaking of the covenant, and the Prophets warnings to the people with the call for repentance. In spite of all the curses happening, God will continue his redemptive plan...

#### SINCE YOU ASKED...

**What is meant by the term “catholic” as when we confess, “I believe in the holy catholic Church?”**

The term “catholic” means whole and refers to a church which receives the Christian faith intact without altera-

tion or selection of matters of the faith. The opposite of catholic is heretic, one who picks and chooses which parts of the faith to accept. Thus “catholic” is more specific than “Christian” and is not a synonym for “ecumenical” or “worldwide”. (from “Manual on the

*Liturgy” companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)*

- often when the “C” is capitalized “Catholic” is referring to the Roman Catholic Church, and when the “c” is lower case “catholic” is referring to the Church receiving the whole of the faith.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, 9/15**

4:00pm Prayer Gathering

**Friday, 9/18**

6:30am Men’s Breakfast Bible Study

**Sunday, 9/20 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday a Pentecost**

9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Confirmation Class

**Tuesday, 9/22**

4:00pm 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 on September 20, we anticipate being back in business with the **Divine Service at 9am**. You will still need to register with Pastor Tim by email no later than 4pm the Friday before as we are limited in the number to safely gather.

In addition to those who can gather for the Divine Service, others can participate to the **Livestreaming of the Service**. You can catch the livestream on our Face Book Page.

Pastor Tim's quarantine will be over this coming Sunday. Prior to this the church will still be closed and locked as the Pastor is avoiding contact with others.

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will need to be canceled for the rest of the month, to resume again in October.

Our **Designated Benevolence** for the month of Sep-

tember will be directed to the Rainbow Network.

Hold off on Food Donations brought to the Church until Sunday, September 20.

The Harwoods are signed up to clean the week of September 20. Karri Bjornstand and Connie Meunier have the week of October 18.

Use your Face Book Accounts, emails, and other electronics to share the faith with others. Or even better send a card or letter...

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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

Sept 10..... Carol Halderson  
 Sept 10..... Hannah Scholze  
 Sept 15..... Butch Fisher  
 Sept 21..... Debera Uy  
 Sept 30..... Cheryl Ruud  
 Oct 1..... Wendell Halderson

#### Anniversaries

Sept 18..... J & H Roll  
 Oct 6..... B & P Bennur  
 Oct 7..... D & K Bjornstad

### Outdoor Life

(excerpts from Pat McManus, humorist for many years with "Outdoor Life")

- Poking at a campfire with a stick is one of life's great satisfactions.

- Back when I was a kid, parents never cluttered up a youngster's mind with explanations.

- Before committing yourself to a hunt with any new acquaintance, you should first

take him on an overnight camping trip, one of the very best of all psychological tests.

- It is best not to use a sleeping bag on your first attempt to sleep outside alone in the dark. Sleeping bags are not made for running.

- He grouped his shots right in the center of the bull's-eye. Then I showed him my technique of scattering shots randomly around the target

because, as I explained, you never know which way the deer might jump just as you pull the trigger.

- Tell her that a gun collection is like the wilderness. Even though we don't use all of it all the time, we need to know that it's there.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined, positions filled late in the week)

**9/20** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:** Karri Bjornstad

**Reader:** Jarrod Roll

**Crucifer:** tbd

**Acolyte:** tbd

**Ushers:** tbd

**Counters:** David B/Jarrod R

**Comm Asst:** Jarrod Roll

**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg

**Fellowship:** tbd

**Acolyte:** tbd

**Ushers:** tbd

**Counters:** David B/Hannah S

**Comm Asst:** *not needed this Sunday*

**Accompanist:** tbd

**Fellowship:** tbd

**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg

**Fellowship:** tbd

**10/11** 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:** tbd

**Reader:** Jarrod Roll

**Crucifer:** tbd

**Acolyte:** tbd

**Ushers:** tbd

**Counters:** Hannah S/Cheryl R

**Comm Asst:** Jarrod Roll

**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg

**Fellowship:** tbd

**9/27** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:** Jarrod R/Jeremy S

**Reader:** Karri Bjornstad

**Crucifer:** tbd

**10/4** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Asst Minister:**

**Reader:** Jessica Schoonover

**Crucifer:** tbd

**Acolyte:** tbd

**Ushers:** tbd

**Counters:** Cheryl R/Jarrod R

**Comm Asst:** Jarrod Roll

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Services held at 9am at:  
 642 Western Avenue  
 A block north and then  
 a block west of King Furniture