

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

As we work our way through the Old Testament, I have written briefly about the five books attributed to Moses, that is, the Torah or the Law. Last week the five principal parts of the Old Testament were enumerated, and then a brief overall description of the twelve Books of History was given.

Quick mention of the names of these Books is in order: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. I will once again remark that the Torah is the foundation for all the rest of the Old Testament.

Israel, the chosen of God, was the Lord's special instrument to be a blessing to

all the nations of the world. And as had been first promised to Abraham and his offspring in Genesis, the chosen would be given a land – hence, the Promised Land. Joshua describes the inheriting of the land. And Judges, along with Ruth, describe the loose federation of tribal people that constituted the offspring of Abraham in the land. And concerning the covenant God made at Sinai, described in Exodus, and renewed in Deuteronomy, as predicted in Deuteronomy most of Israel was not faithful to the terms of the covenant. Judges especially demonstrates the depths of unfaithfulness, when everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

The two books of Samuel, of Kings, and of Chronicles tell the history of the first three kings of Israel, before the divide and civil war between north and south. Saul was the first king, David the ideal king, and Solomon the last king of all of Israel. Then you had the northern and the southern kings, of Israel and Judah respectively. None of the northern kings were faithful, and only a handful were in the south.

Continued disobedience to the covenant, and a lack of repentance, resulted in the curses named in Deuteronomy. Israel would fall to the Assyrian Empire in 722 BC, and Judah to the Babylonian in 586 BC.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the meaning of the "KYRIE" (kir-E-A)?

KYRIE is a Latin term which in turn is a transliteration of a Greek word meaning "Lord." In the Latin Mass the term KYRIE was combined with the term ELESION meaning "have mercy." In addition, the Mass included a three-fold response:

KYRIE ELEISON, CHRISTE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON, which translated is "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy." In our Lutheran Worship Service we utilize a prayer from the Latin Mass known as a Peace Litany. A Litany is a responsive prayer. This Litany is usually led by our Assisting Minister, and the

congregation response is the KYRIE ELEISON. And so the Assisting Minister begins, "In peace let us pray to the Lord," and the congregation responds to this and each succeeding petition with, "Lord, have mercy." (with help from the *Manual on the Liturgy* a companion to the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, publ. by Augsburg).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 10/20
1:00pm Prayer Gathering

Friday, 10/23
6:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, 10/24
9:00am Delegation to Visit the Panzos

Sunday, 10/25 Reformation Sunday
9:00am Divine Service (also livestreamed)
10:30am Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 10/27
1:00pm 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)

THIS AND THAT...

The **pandemic frustrates** one plan after another. And yet, God's Word and prayer keeps active and working at all times! We missed last Sunday being able to host the Panzos, and this Sunday, **Reformation Sunday**, we will have to postpone the Rite of Confirmation for a later date.

The routine remains the same. Face coverings and social distancing for our gatherings. And for those able to worship in person, their remains the need **to notify**

Pastor Tim by email not later than 4pm on Friday

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is meeting regularly at 6:30am on Fridays. Coffee and OJ served with egg bake and sausage is on the menu, along with God's Word.

Our **Designated Benevolence** for the month of October will be directed to the World Mission Prayer League sponsoring Didi and Serafina Panzo.

Remember to be generous with your non perishable **food donations** as the Onalaska/Holmen Food Pantry is seeing an increase on the demand.

Karri Bjornstad and Connie Meunier are signed up to clean the week of October 18. Heidi Traver and Lisa Cash have the week of November 15.

Use your Face Book Accounts, emails, and other electronics to share the faith

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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 15 Tom Kruse
Oct 26 Naomi Rislow
Nov 11 Sam Schoonover

Anniversaries

Oct 7 D & K Bjornstad

Children In Church

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. So she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"It represents The Flight to Egypt," was his reply.

"That must be Mary, Joseph,

and Baby Jesus, but who is the fourth person?" the teacher asked.

"That's Pontius - the pilot!"

In explaining to his Sunday School Teacher why he did not say prayers before meals, little Johnny replied. "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook!"

The Pastor asked the mother with a fidgety seven-year old boy how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. She replied, "About halfway through the sermon I leaned over and whispered to him, 'If you don't be quiet, Pastor Tim is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!'"

It worked!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

10/25 Reformation Sunday

Asst Minister: tba

Reader: tba

Crucifer: not needed at this time

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: not needed at this time

Counters: tba

Comm Asst: tba

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

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11/15 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tba

Reader: tba

Crucifer: not needed at this time

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: not needed at this time

Counters: tba

Comm Asst: tba

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: not needed at this time

11/1 All Saints' Sunday

Asst Minister: tba

Reader: tba

Crucifer: not needed at this time

11/8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tba

Reader: tba

Crucifer: not needed at this time

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: not needed at this time

Counters: tba

Comm Asst: tba

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