

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

Having considered the five Books of the Law, then the twelve Books of History, this week we continue our tour of the Old Testament with a brief consideration of the five Books of Poetry and Wisdom. The five are: Job (pronounced “Jobe”), Proverbs, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and finally, the Song of Solomon.

If things up to this point had been chronological, this third division of the Hebrew Scripture breaks that pattern. Starting with the Book of Job, many scholars believe the Book to have been composed around 2,000 BC. If this is so, it would make it the oldest Book in the Bible. The Book wrestles with one of the most perplexing issues of all time. It is the question of evil, and especially why

some suffer more than others.

Before continuing with the second book in this segment of Poetry and Wisdom, a word is in order concerning Hebrew Poetry. Unlike the poetry we are used to in English, Hebrew poetry seldom involves rhyme! Instead it involves something called “parallelism”. That is, it involves repeated and complementary thoughts that unfold different aspects of a subject.

The Book of Psalms is a collection of songs and prayers written by many different people over many centuries, but perhaps as many as 74 of the 150 psalms were attributed to King David. This Book is often referred to as “the Psalter”. It is the hymnbook

used by Jesus and His disciples.

The Book of Proverbs contains a collection of wise sayings, often in short two-line sentences. They instruct God’s people in how to live productive lives. Much of the collection was compiled by King Solomon.

The Book of Ecclesiastes can seem cynical in outlook. With its oft repeated phrase, “under the sun”, we are reminded that if we live as though this life were all there is, then nothing makes sense.

Finally, Song of Solomon contains love poems between a groom and his bride. And accordingly we do well to remember that the Church is the bride of Christ!

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, 10/27
1:00pm Prayer Gathering

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

Sunday, 11/1 All Saints’ Sunday
9:00am Divine Service (also livestreamed)
10:30am Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 11/3
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...

This coming Sunday is **All Saint's Sunday**. As a major festival of the Church Year, the colors will be white for the Divine Service. Also the deceased from our congregation will be named in the Prayers of the Church.

The routine remains the same. Face coverings and social distancing for our gatherings. And for those able to worship in person, there remains the need **to notify Pastor Tim by email** no later than 4pm on Friday

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

Our **Designated Benevolence** for the month of November will be directed to the Voice of the Martyrs.

Remember to be generous with your non perishable **food donations** as the Onalaska/Holmen Food Pantry is

seeing an increase on the demand.

Heidi Traver and Lisa Cash are signed up to clean the week of November 15. And Cole and Anne Warner have the week of December 20.

Use your Face Book Accounts, emails, and other electronics to share the faith with others. Direct family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers to our Web Page and Face Book Page. Or forward an attached newsletter to one of your emails.

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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
 Nov 22..... Merl Wangen
 Nov 28..... Heather Roll
 Nov 29..... Sydney Hanson

Anniversaries

Dec 18..... K & V Gunderson

Lutheran Air

If you are traveling soon, consider Lutran Air, da no-frills airline. You're all in da same boat on Lutran Air, where flying is a uplifting experience.

Dere is no first class on any Lutran Air flight. Meals are potluck. Rows 1-6, bring rolls; 7-15, bring a salad; 16-21, a hot dish; and 22-30, a

dessert. Basses and tenors please sit in da rear of da aircraft. All fares are by freewill offering and da plane will not land 'til the budget is met.

Pay attention to your flight attendant, who will acquaint you wit da safety system aboard dis Lutran Air 599. Okay den, listen up. I'm only gonna say dis vonce. In da event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, I am frankly going

to be real surprised and so vill Captain Olson, because we fly right around two thousand feet, so loss of cabin pressure would probably mean da Second Coming or something of dat nature, and I wouldn't bodar with doze liddle masks on da rubber tubes. You're gonna have bigger things to worry about den dat. Probably da masks fell out because of... *to be continued*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

11/1 All Saints' Sunday
Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover
Reader: Jessica Schoonover
Crucifer: *not needed at this time*
Acolyte: *not needed at this time*
Ushers: *not needed at this time*
Counters: David B/Jeremy S
Comm Asst: Karri Bjornstad
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: *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*

Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: *not needed at this time*

11/8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: tba
Reader: tba
Crucifer: *not needed at this time*

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

11/22 Christ the King 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
Fellowship: *not needed at this time*

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 a block west of King Furniture