

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

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A WORD FROM PT

This week I am starting a new series in which we will be taking a look at our practice of celebrating Holy Communion, or what Luther like to call it “The Lord’s Supper”.

You may or may not realize it, but Lutherans are among the only Protestants that insist that Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And perhaps different than with the Roman Catholic Church we believe, teach, and confess that we receive His body and blood with the bread and wine. Rome speaks of it no longer being bread and wine.

Lutherans do not have a good explanation of how ordinary bread and wine

come to also provide us with Christ’s body and blood. We simply take our Lord at His Word that when we receive and eat the bread, Christ is giving us His body, and when we sup from the cup, Christ is giving us His blood.

The whole matter is not hocus-pocus, but it is a miracle. And it is not the power of the bread and wine, or of our eating and drinking. It is God’s Word! The Word pertaining to Holy Communion involves the words of Institution where Christ says “take and eat, this is my body;” and then “drink ... this cup is the new covenant in my blood.” The special promise accompanying the eating and

drinking is found in the words “given and shed for you for the remission of sins.” So here we witness a combining of God’s Word with bread and wine, and it is combined so that we might eat and drink it!

If Holy Communion is what we believe, teach, and confess it to be, then it is the most extraordinary meal we can imagine. And when we consider the host of this meal, our Lord Jesus Himself, and who we share it with, our dear brothers in sisters in Christ, than we begin to appreciate why we would want to fittingly adorn the trappings surrounding this meal.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the significance of Christ the King Sunday?

The Festival of Christ the King marks the end of the long season after Pentecost, and it anticipates the day when Christ will return and be revealed to everyone as

the rightful ruler of the world. The appointed lessons for the day make it clear that at the end of the age Christ will come in power and great glory. Previous to this we have known his gentle rule. We have known King Jesus as the one who shed his blood to

free us from the grips of sin and death. But when he comes again in glory he will come to judge the living and the dead. There will then be no doubt as to who the sovereign of the cosmos is!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, 11/19**
...11:15am Ladies' Lunch Out
4:00pm No Prayer Gathering
- Wednesday, 11/20**
6:30pm Adult Ed and Confirmation
- Thursday, 11/21**
10:00am LCMC Ministerium
- Friday, 11/22**
6:30am Men's Breakfast at church
10:30am Worship at Bethany St. Jo
- Sunday, 11/24** Christ the King Sunday
8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Divine Service
10:45am Adult Ed
- Tuesday, 11/26**
4:00pm No Prayer Gathering
7:00pm Thanksgiving Service
- Wednesday, 11/27**
No Education Program
- Friday, 11/29**
No Men's Breakfast at church
- Sunday, 12/1** First Sunday in Advent
8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Divine Service
10:45am Adult Ed

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, November 24, is **Christ the King Sunday**. It marks the end of the church year, and the long season after Pentecost. The following Sunday, December 1, is the **First Sunday of Advent** and the beginning of a new church year.

Given the number of folks traveling to be with family on **Thanksgiving**, the Pastor's family included, our congregation will gather for a **Divine Service** to give thanks on Tuesday, November 26 at

7pm. We will also look forward to enjoying pie and ice cream following the service. We invite you to bring a pie to share.

Coming Up In December: Midweek Lessons and Carols Service on Wednesday, December 4 and Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 8

The chosen **Designated Benevolence** for the month of November is for Voice of the Martyrs.

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.

You might want to consider sending someone our prayer guide or newsletter; or direct someone to our website...

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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

Nov 11..... Sam Schoonover
 Nov 22..... Merl Wangen
 Nov 28..... Heather Roll
 Nov 29..... Sydney Hanson
 Dec 1 Brad Benrud
 Dec 8 Sarah Kernan
 Dec 9 Cole Warner
 Dec 17..... Ginger Eade

Anniversaries

Dec 18..... K & V Gunderson

Be Fit For Life

Question: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

Answer: How can that be true? Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it. Speeding up your heart won't make you live longer. That's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: My wife says I should cut down on meat, and eat more fruits and

vegetables. Is this true?

A: Your wife just doesn't grasp logical efficiencies the way you do. Look, what does a cow eat? Corn. And what's corn? A vegetable. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source for field grass. And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of slop.

Q: Is beer bad for you?

A: I normally don't like to answer

questions which deal with my religious values, but I find this question so ridiculous I simply have to say something. Look, it goes to the earlier point about vegetables. As we all know, scientists divide everything in the world into three categories: animal, mineral, and vegetable. Well, we all know that beer is not an animal, and it's not on the periodic table of elements, so that leaves one thing, right? My advice: have a burger and a beer and tell everyone you're on a vegetarian diet.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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/Jarrold R
Comm Asst: Jessica Schoonover
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: Heidi T/Carol P

12/1 First Sunday in Advent
Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg
Reader: Heather Roll
Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Jed Roll
Ushers: Jarrod Roll
Counters: Cheryl R/Mary B
Comm Asst: Heather Roll
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Hannah S/tba

12/8 Second Sunday in Advent
Asst Minister: Mike Meunier
Reader: Jeremy Schoonover
Crucifer: Kylee Kernan
Acolyte: Alex Uy
Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover
Counters: Naomi R/Hannah S
Comm Asst: Karri Bjornstad

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: Leslie D/Connie M

12/15 Third Sunday in Advent
Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad
Reader: Mike Meunier
Crucifer: Dawson Staff
Acolyte: Drew Staff
Ushers: Wendell Halderson
Counters: Jane K/Nikki H
Comm Asst: Connie Meunier
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Dottie H/Heather & Stella

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