

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

A WORD FROM PT

Last week we briefly discussed the five Books assigned to the section known as the Major Prophets. This week we will consider the final section of Old Testament known as the Minor Prophets. These twelve Books are: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Now last week I mentioned that Prophets are not so much predictors of the future as they are mouthpieces, or spokesmen, for the Lord. Indeed, sometimes the message of the Lord involves disclosing some future event, but consistently, the prophetic message is a call to repentance and faithfulness to the Lord

and the covenant He made with His people. In Israel, prophecy was much like preaching today. It had to do with proclaiming and applying God's Word.

Also last week I mentioned the difference between the Major and the Minor Prophets has to do with the length of the Books assigned to them. The twelve Minor Prophets are not less important than the Major Prophets! And you should know there are Prophets mentioned in the Old Testament that do not have a Book assigned to them. Elijah is often seen as a prototype of all the Prophets, and yet neither he nor his successor Elisha has a Book named or assigned to him.

It is also interesting that

both Moses and Samuel are regarded as Prophets in addition to the leadership roles they otherwise played.

You will find similar language and pronouncements among the Prophets. At the same time, each Prophet brings something colorful and unique with their style. For instance Hosea marries a prostitute and has children with symbolic names. Amos retains his rural and farming background with his expressions. Jonah tries unsuccessfully to flee from his calling. Habakkuk struggles with the problem of evil. And Malachi prophesies that the Messiah would come out of Bethlehem, and with this prophecy it is perhaps a fitting way to finish out the Old Testament in anticipation of the New...

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Why do we stand during the reading of the Gospel Lesson?

By standing we are giving expression of special respect and adoration. In the Gospel Accounts we meet our Lord Jesus Christ in a special way. In these writings

we are presented with Jesus' Judean and Galilean ministry. We also have a record of the very words of our Lord (his teachings, parables, dialog, etc.). We hear the accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection, the work of our salvation.

Although the entire Bible is the Word of God, it is in the Gospels that our Lord is most directly presented to us. So you might say that Christ himself is being presented before us in the Gospel Lesson. It is therefore most appropriate that we stand at attention.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 11/10

1:00pm Prayer Gathering
6:00pm Council Meeting

Friday, 11/13

6:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 11/15 24th Su after Pentecost

9:00am Divine Service (also livestreamed)
10:30am Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 11/17

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)

THIS AND THAT...

As the Church year winds up with the last few Sundays in the long Season after Pentecost, the theme turns to the **Coming of King Jesus** at the end of the age. Christ the King Sunday is November 22. The new Church Year starts with the First Sunday in Advent on Sunday, November 29.

For those able to worship in person, there remains the need to **notify Pastor Tim by email** no later than 4pm on Friday

The **Church Council** will meet Tuesday at 6pm, either in person or by Team Meetings.

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is meeting regularly at 6:30am on Fridays.

Our **Designated Benevolence** for the month of November is 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.

Don't forget to utilize and take advantage of the Congregation at Prayer each week! Use it and consider to sending the attachment to family, neighbors, and friends.

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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

Anniversaries

Dec 18..... K & V Gunderson

Top Ten List

...best things to say if caught sleeping at your desk...

10. "They told me at the blood bank this might happen."
9. "This is just a 15 minute power nap like they raved about in that time management course you sent me to."
8. "Whew! Guess I left the top off the whiteout. You

probably got here just in time."

7. "I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm."
6. "I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance."
5. "I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work related stress. Are you discriminatory toward people

who practice Yoga?"

4. "Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem."
 3. "The coffee machine is broken."
 2. "Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot..."
- And the #1 best...*
1. "...In Jesus' name. Amen."

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

11/15 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Mike Meunier

Crucifer: not needed at this time

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: not needed at this time

Counters: David B/Hannah S

Comm Asst: Leslie Duesenberg

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: not needed at this time

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: not needed at this time

Counters: Hannah S/bba

Comm Asst: tba

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: not needed at this time

11/29 First Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: tba

Crucifer: not needed at this time

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: not needed at this time

Counters: David B/tba

Comm Asst: Karri Bjornstad

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: not needed at this time

12/6 Second Sunday in Advent

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

11/22 Christ the King Sunday

Asst Minister: tba

Reader: Karri Bjornstad

Crucifer: not needed at this time

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