

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 14, 2020

A WORD FROM PT

After a three week break, I return to the series I have been addressing you concerning being well formed by God's Word. If you recall, we last discussed the final Book of the Torah (also known as the Pentateuch), that being of course, the Book of Deuteronomy.

I had mentioned that the first five Books are foundational to the rest of the Old Testament. For our purposes I will divide the Hebrew Scriptures into five principle parts. In addition to the Torah (law or instruction), we have a section dealing with history, followed by a segment of poetry and wisdom, which in turn is followed by the Major Prophets, and then finally culmi-

nates with the Minor Prophets.

So you have Law – Genesis to Deuteronomy. Then you have History – Joshua to Esther. This is followed by Poetry/Wisdom – Job to Song of Solomon. Then you have the Major Prophets – Isaiah to Daniel (these are longer Books). And finally you have the Minor Prophets – Hosea to Malachi (these are shorter Books).

It is not uncommon to refer to the Old Testament by either a twofold division, or a three part. In the first instance, it is referred to as "the Law and the Prophets". And in the latter, it is referred to as "the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings".

The twelve historical Books follow on the heels of the Torah. Starting with Joshua you learn of Israel's conquest and possession of the Promised Land. In Judges you read of the chaotic and lawless period in Israel before the appointment of a king. As the history progresses, you will learn of the brief period of a united Monarchy, with the second king, King David, as the ideal King portending of a coming King of kings and eternal reign. And then the kingdom is split, and everything warned about in the Torah comes to pass as the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel break the covenant established by God.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the purpose of the "Silence for reflection and self-examination" in the Brief Order For Confession and Forgiveness?

"The silence for self-examination and reflection should be an extended si-

lence to enable personal application of the general phrases of the prayer that follows. Silence of one or two minutes is not too long" (Manual on the Liturgy – LBW). This is a helpful time to reflect back on our lives over the past week and ask ourselves whether we

have been disobedient or unfaithful, bad-tempered or dishonest, or whether we have hurt anyone by word or deed. By allowing for this period of reflection we are able to personalize what would otherwise remain quite general.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 10/13

4:00pm No Prayer Gathering
6:00pm Council Meeting

Friday, 10/16

6:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 10/18 20th Su a Pentecost

9:00am Divine Service
10:30am Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 10/20

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 on October 11, we will celebrate a **Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9am.**

Please register with Pastor Tim by email no later than 4pm the Friday before as we are limited in the number to safely gather.

The pandemic has forced us to **cancel hosting the Panzo(s)** this Sunday. Look for a ten minute video link to be sent to you this week that you can watch to learn more of Didi and Serafina's mission work.

 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 with others.

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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

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it

will be more fun to stand and yell, than to sit and listen."

 A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on.

Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

10/18 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tba

Reader: Hannah Scholze

Crucifer: *not needed at this time*

Acolyte: *not needed at this time*

Ushers: *not needed at this time*

Counters: Hannah S/

Comm Asst: tba

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

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*

11/1 All Saints' 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*

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

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: *not needed at this time*

10/25 Reformation Sunday

Asst Minister: tba

Reader: tba

Crucifer: *not needed at this time*

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