



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of September 25, 2022

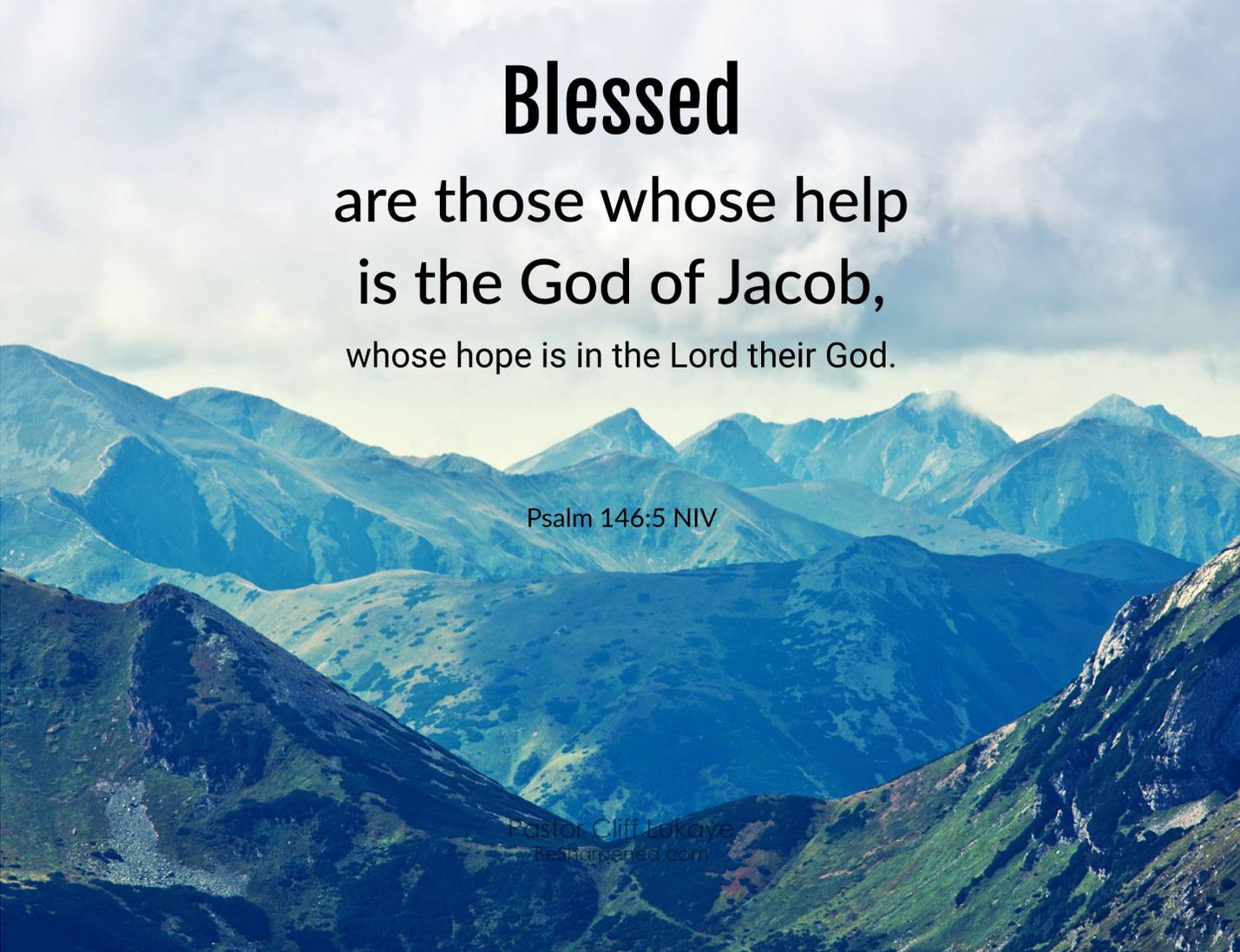
“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust”: I thank You for the assurance that whenever I call on You, You will answer (Psalm 91:2). “Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob. ...Praise the Lord!” (Psalm 146:5, 10, NRSV). We welcome you as we seek God’s help and praise Him in worship!

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS ✠

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Rodney and Jane Petersen** in honor of their 4th Wedding Anniversary, September 25.*

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.



Blessed
are those whose help
is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Psalm 146:5 NIV

Pastor Cliff Lukaye
ReSharpened.com

NURSERY...We love children at Grace Lutheran! We have a **STAFFED NURSERY** for children, infants thru Pre-School, **next to Trinity Hall**. Your children are always welcome to remain with you for worship or with the attendant in the nursery, which is available during worship, fellowship and Bible class times. Please know that the nursery and all toys are thoroughly cleaned before and after being used.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS...Handicapped parking is available for those who need easy access to the church building due to physical limitations. The handicapped parking spaces are located on 4th Street, Avenue C, and in the parking lot across from the sanctuary. Ramp entrances to our sanctuary are located on 4th Street, on Avenue C, and off the patio.

LIVE STREAMING OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE...The 10:45 AM worship service of Grace Lutheran Church is available to be viewed LIVE from our website (or anytime after the service); go to <https://www.glwh.org>, and click on the "Live Streaming" button. If you want to print out the worship service, worship & parish notes, and/or prayer list, go to <https://www.glwh.org>, and click on the worship tab on the top of the page and then click on live streaming. You can also watch our live streaming from Facebook; search for **Grace Lutheran Winter Haven Florida Media Now**, or watch from **YouTube**, and search for **Grace Lutheran Winter Haven Florida**.

TUESDAY 5:30 PM EVENING PRAYER SERVICE...in the Sanctuary each week offers a quiet time of prayer for body, mind, and spirit. All are invited. Holy Communion is served.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR broadcast next Sunday, October 2, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes on the topic **"You've Got It in You."** The Lutheran Hour is also available on Sunday mornings on WFLR Radio, Maitland, 540 on the AM dial at 7:30 AM. **You can also listen to The Lutheran Hour on Sirius-XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM.** To read, listen, or to print the four-minute daily devotions by Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.lhm.org and under MEDIA PROGRAMS click on DEVOTIONS. To sign-up to receive the devotions every day go to CONNECT and SUBSCRIBE.



Sunday School

Come join Miss Casey and friends
Sundays at 9:40 am in the youth room
to "dig-in" to why apples,
oranges, and grapes aren't the only
important fruits.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Grace is a place for kids! **Join Miss Casey for Children's Church on Sunday mornings for fun crafts, songs, games, and Jesus!** Children's Church is a short time packed with exciting child-focused activities during the sermon at both 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM services on Sundays. Come explore what God's love is all about with a special time that's just for kids!

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES FOR ADULTS FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP - 9:45 AM

Trinity Hall Bible Study - “The Prophet Zechariah” - Come and join Vicar Sam in an 8-week Bible study where we’ll dive into one of the most obscure books in the Bible—the prophet Zechariah! Often referred to as the Holy Week prophet, come and see how the visions that the Lord gave Zechariah overtook the wandering Judeans and settled their hearts in Zion. Led by **Vicar Sam Hoag**

Romans - Part 1 - a LifeLight Series. Led by **Dr. Threlkeld - Luther Room**

HOLY COMMUNION

Our procedures specific for this time

*Participants may kneel at the altar rail, self-dismiss after personal prayer and then carefully come down the chancel steps, **or** remain standing and participate in a socially-distanced line of “continuous flow” in front of the chancel steps. Communion may also be brought to those who need to remain in the pew. Communion elements have been prepared with absolute sanitation and care by persons wearing gloves and masks.*

- 1. Beginning with the front pews on either side, participants form two lines **in the center aisle**, seeking to maintain respectful social distancing.*
- 2. Choose either A) STEPS: go up the steps and kneel at the altar rail or B) NO STEPS: go across to the table beside the pulpit.*
- 3. At communion deacon’s invitation and words, pick up your own wafer (and cup) without touching others. Partake of Christ’s body and blood with faith in His promise.*
- 4. Come to the side aisle, drop used cup in basket and **proceed down the side aisle and back to your seats.***

Our beliefs and practice



We believe the sacrament of Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church and that all who receive this gift must first examine themselves concerning matters of Biblical faith and Godly living. *“A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” 1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV).*

We ask that you examine yourself according to these questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner without hope of eternal life apart from God’s mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Do I repent of my sins in thought, speech, and behavior as well as my failure to do the good things God wants me to do?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally and physically present in the sacrament of Holy Communion with His body and His blood?
5. Do I desire, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God’s Word, to live a life pleasing to Him?

We believe your “yes” to these questions affirms a common faith with confirmed Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to our Lord’s Table of Holy Communion. Baptized Christians who have been instructed in communion are welcome to participate. Children and those not communing may come forward and fold their arms (over their chest) to receive a blessing or simply exit. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. White grape juice is also available.*

ONGOING GROUP BIBLE STUDIES AT CHURCH

Please join us in studying God's Word!

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

Every Monday 10:30 AM MM Contact: Janet Hostler

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Parables of Jesus (12-week series)

Every Tuesday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Martha Walker

God's Guys - Bible Study & Lunch

1st & 3rd Tuesday 12:00 PM MM Contact: Pastor Reich

Friday Morning Bible Study

Every Friday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Pastor David Meyer

Altar Flowers



Do you have a special occasion in October? Placing flowers on the altar is a beautiful way to thank God for the special blessings of birthdays, anniversaries, and personal remembrances. If you would like to grace our sanctuary in this manner, please look for the flower chart just inside the church entrance and sign up for the Sunday nearest your special date.



JOBS *for* LIFE™

SEPTEMBER 13 - November 8

Jobs for Life will begin a new year after classes have been suspended for the last 2 years because of Covid-19. Tuesday, September 13, will be the first of the 16 classes with Graduation on November 8.

Volunteers are needed for this life changing experience. We will need prayer partners, instructors, and devotional leaders. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about Jobs for Life please contact Judy Hinsch at (561) 859-1883 or Jeff Wittcop (863) 325-6460 for more information. This is a very rewarding service program which helps our Winter Haven Community and reaches out with a faith-based instructional program.

Discover Grace

Are you a regular visitor with us? Have you been worshipping with us and have thought about church membership, or are you a school family that is looking to find a church home for your family?

Join us this **Wednesday, September 28, in the Mary-Martha Room, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM**, our Pastors and Vicar will begin our Discover Grace Class which provides information on who we are at Grace Lutheran Church. This class is an informal opportunity for you to learn what we practice and believe as Lutheran Christians. You will have the option of asking questions or listening to others as they ask about what we believe and teach at Grace Lutheran Church and School.

At the end of the 4 weeks of classes, you can decide whether or not you would like to join the Membership of Grace Lutheran Church. New members will be received on Sunday, October 30, at the 10:45 AM service.

11.5.2022
Walk for Life
LifeChoiceWHevent.com



YOU ARE
NOT ALONE



HOW TO SIGN UP AS WALKER:

1. Go to **LifeChoiceWHevent.com**
2. Choose **register as a walker**
3. Complete the **online form**
4. Create your **peer to peer page**
5. **Choose your fundraising goal**
6. **Share** your page with your friends and family on social media.
7. **Join us** on November 5th at 9am in Downtown WH for the **Walk for Life!**

*You can also participate by supporting our registered walkers on our event site.

Call us @ 863-289-5117 or email us at Development.LifeChoice@gmail.com

LifeChoice Pregnancy Center Walk For Life 2022 Event

Saturday, November 5, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Downtown Winter Haven

LifeChoice is hosting its first ever Walk for Life event, to come together as a community, and show women and families in our community that they are “Not Alone”.

LifeChoice Pregnancy Center has been serving this community for over 30 years. Their mission is to reach, serve, and equip individuals facing unexpected pregnancies to make life-affirming decisions through educational, tangible and spiritual one-on-one support.

Sign-up today (join the **Grace Lutheran Church Team**) and start fundraising to support the mission of LifeChoice. Contact Britta Witcher, 863-221-1500 or brittalynn@gmail.com, for more information.



Grace Lutheran Church

Sunshine Club News



Thursday, October 6 - Pastor Appreciation Luncheon honoring Pastors Reich and Moore. ARRIVAL TIME 11:00 –11:30 AM, Trinity Hall. Menu: Italian pasta, salad, garlic bread and a special dessert will be provided. If you would like to bring a card or a personal note, we'll collect those upon your arrival. Devotions and announcements at 11:30 and lunch at noon. No program/entertainment today.

One of the most active groups (1961-present) in our church community, Sunshine club focuses on individuals and couples, providing social interaction, support and spiritual growth. Join us the first Thursday of the month for food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Ministry (LWML)

GENTLY-USED HOLIDAY ITEMS SALE

Trinity Hall

Saturday, October 15, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (and after worship service)

Sunday, October 16 - following services

Donations can be brought to the church the first week of October and put in Mary Martha Room. Please remember we are specifically asking all donations be **limited to only holiday items. NO MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS PLEASE!** We appreciate you supporting this fundraiser to support our various mission projects.

LIVING HOPE

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING
NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022
LAKE YALE BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER

All middle school youth are invited to the Florida-Georgia District Youth Gathering Retreat on **November 4-6**, at the **Lake Yale Conference Center!** This event will be a great time to gather with your friends from your local area, travel to a different part of the state, and meet other people in your grade who have the same beliefs as you! Great speakers, live music, fun activities and new memories are just a few of the awesome things you can expect from this weekend.

To attend this retreat with Grace Lutheran, please contact DCE Rachel Hoag, rhoag@glwh.org or the church office to get the required forms and additional information. A \$100 out of pocket cost covers travel (we will carpool as a group), lodging, four meals, a free t-shirt, and other free items you'll receive at the conference. All registration forms are due by **Friday, September 30. Sign up now!**

THANK YOU!!

Dear members of Grace, thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent illness. Your kindness is SO appreciated!

Sincerely,
Jeff Wittcop & Family

Grace Lutheran School After Care Employment Opportunity

We are currently receiving applications for our Aftercare Program (PS-Grade 8). We are seeking dependable, dedicated workers who will work hard to provide the best care for our school children! For more information call Mrs. Aleah Pratt, Director, 863-299-9186 or Mr. Mike Rottmann, Principal, 863-293-9744. License # C10PO0835.

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We thank the following who have given special gifts to Grace Lutheran Church in memory of

Wes Gregory by Ann Hassett, Arlene Malotky, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Walker

Kimberlee French by Linda Davy, Wendy Kirin (Designated to Stephen Ministry), Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lasseigne, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Lehning, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Walker

Ann Hutson by Mr. & Mrs. Barry Walker

Eugenia Tucker by Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Cobia, Deborah Hammock

In honor of **Gene Thompson**, on the occasion of her 95th birthday, October 2, by Joan Richert, designated to Music Ministry

AUGUST AND MILDRED BERNTHAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Wendy Kirin in memory of **Bertie Bassett, Wes Gregory, Ann Richards Hutson**

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Johanna Buscher Schedler

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pergande in memory of **Wes Gregory**

Deborah Hammock in memory of **Eugenia Tucker**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 25	Ken Connett, Shirley Curtis-Ference, Marley Miller, Candi Straughn, Cindy Waters
September 26	Kris LaRue, Taylor Lingley, Dawn Meyer, Galen Wulf
September 27	Rev. Dennis Goff, Johanna Peterson
September 28	Cynthia Cochran, Amy Garbrecht, Karen Hagman, Jerry Layne, Perry Love, Ellie Zealley
September 29	Linda Bell, Thomas Eggert, Stephen Smith
September 30	Sue Baker, Wills Cross
October 1	Jerry Lerom, Fred Wortman

	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday September 25	<i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> Fellowship & Bible Study - Trinity Hall Children's Sunday School - Youth Room <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> 9:45 AM 9:45 AM <i>10:45 AM</i>
Monday September 26	Staff Devotions - Trinity Hall Women's Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Business Management - Mary-Martha Room Board of Directors - Mary-Martha Room	7:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM
Tuesday September 27	Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Church Staff Meeting - Luther Room <i>Tuesday Evening Prayer Service - Sanctuary</i> Jobs for Life - Mary-Martha Room Executive Elders - Luther Room	10:00 AM 10:30 AM <i>5:30 PM</i> 6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Wednesday September 28	Youth Group - Trinity Hall/Gym Discover Grace - Mary-Martha Room	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday September 29	LWR Quilters - Women's Center Grace Choristers - Music Room Jobs for Life - Mary-Martha Room Praise Rehearsal - Chapel	9:00 AM 3:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Friday September 30	Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday October 1	<i>Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>
Sunday October 2	<i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> Fellowship & Bible Study - Trinity Hall Children's Sunday School - Youth Room <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> 9:45 AM 9:45 AM <i>10:45 AM</i>

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