



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of August 16, 2020

Thank You, Lord of life, for this beautiful August day! May all who worship here know the warmth of Your presence and the sunlight of Your love. Family of God, welcome to this time worship and fellowship. The peace of the Lord be with you!

HOLY COMMUNION

Our procedures specific for this time.

Rather than coming up the altar steps and kneeling at the rail, we have prepared tables up front on either side for a “continuous flow” of participants without contact. Communion elements have been prepared with absolute sanitation and care by two people wearing gloves and masks.

- 1. Beginning from front to back, participants come forward in the center aisle maintaining six foot spacing between families.*
- 2. Pick up your own wafer (and cup) without touching others.*
- 3. Step to the side and with faith in Christ’s words partake of His body and blood.*
- 4. Drop used cups in baskets and exit the open side doors.*

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.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by **Larry & Martha Walker** in honor of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is blessed with many faithful church workers who assist and lead people in participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, while building up the Body of Christ. Remember God’s work through the Synod’s church workers as you pray with thankful hearts for the blessings God gives to His people through full-time church workers. These faithful men and women care for us, pray for us and teach us the Word of God.

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...We have resumed our **Tuesday Evening Prayer Service** in the Sanctuary. This prayer service offers a quiet time of prayer for body, mind, and spirit. All are invited. Holy Communion is served. You are requested to take precautionary measures by wearing masks and using hand sanitizer or wearing plastic gloves upon entering the Narthex.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR broadcast next Sunday, August 30, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz on the topic **“It’s Not Over ‘til Jesus Says It’s Over.”** It’s “Archives August.” The Lutheran Hour is also available on Sunday mornings on WFLF 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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS!

We are again offering children's church during the sermon in our Sunday worship services!
Social Distancing Precautions:

- Children will walk to and from children's church inside of a hula-hoop to help remind them to social distance while in line. Children will need to remain 6 feet apart traveling to and from children's church.
- Children will remain on spot markers in the classroom so that we can practice social distancing during children's church.
- Children ages 8 and older will wear a mask.
- Children under age 8 (not wearing masks) will have children's church in a separate classroom.

If parents/guardians are not comfortable sending their children to children's church, children are more than welcome to remain in the Sanctuary during the sermon.

Please talk with your children ahead of time and make sure they are aware of the social distancing precautions before attending children's church. In order to provide a safe experience for all our children, we will need to bring children back to their parent(s) if they are unable to follow social distancing guidelines.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL...Children are welcome to join us in the youth room on Sundays at 9:45AM for Sunday school. Please read over the posted social distancing procedures with your child before entering the room so we can continue to be as safe as possible. If you aren't ready to join us in person yet, or are away throughout the summer, you can continue to join us for Sunday school on Facebook live! (Videos posted in the KidMin Facebook page) If you know ahead of time when you will be away, pick up a Sunday school at home kit from the white shelf in the narthex. These at home kits will have the supplies you will need to participate with us even if you aren't in the room with us! There is an at home kit for each week of Sunday school through August, so check the date on the bag!



**August 16
8:30 AM-12:30 PM**

Be sure to eat a good meal
and drink plenty of water before giving blood.

Make a Difference! HELP SAVE A LIFE!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In an effort to serve you and your families better, we are in the process of bringing our membership files up-to-date.

In the event that we need to notify someone on your behalf (accident or incident at church, or any other emergency), please email the church office with the name and phone number of one or two emergency contacts. Email: laceto@glwh.org. Thank you!



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New American Heritage Girls Troop Now Forming at Grace

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years.

Interest or questions contact Jaime Rickenberg
863-269-8084, or ahgFL2511@gmail.com

Open House Nights

Tuesday
August 11, 18 & 26
6 - 7 PM
School Pavilion



Volunteers, Girl Members and Prayers needed!

**Ongoing Group Bible Studies at Church
Please join us in studying God's Word**

The Lutheran Difference Bible Study

Every Tuesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM MM Contact: Martha Walker

Friday Morning Bible Study

Every Friday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Pastor Meyer

New Topic Beginning (this week) for Tuesday Morning Bible Class

“Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?”

“Sure...well, aren't all Christians filled with the Holy Spirit?”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of the doctrines of the church, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the “why.” When confronted with different doctrines, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences.

Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some Lutheran may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word. The Lutheran Difference Bible study series will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith and help non-Lutherans understand the Lutheran difference.

**New Bible Study in Trinity Hall
Sunday, September 13
Led by Vicar Michael Duffy
Details to Come!**

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION
Wednesday, August 19
6:00 PM - Mary-Martha Room**

Confirmation Orientation for 7th & 8th grade students & their parents. Come meet Pastor Charles Reich, DCE Leah Welter and Vicar Michael Duffy! Learn about the schedule and some changes for this year. (Please wear your masks!)

Former Vicar Brendon, Jordan and Lyla Moore Worshiping with us at Grace August 22 & 23!

A Return Farewell!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Aug 16 Stew Gaylord, Logan Phillips, Phil Krombach, Angela Duffield, Lou Marinelli
Aug 17 Brett Shirah, Connor Winchester, Jerry Smith, Judy Carwile
Aug 18 Douglas Richards, Jean Reed
Aug 19 Marlene Nordby
Aug 20 Jason Varnadore, Cesar Gomez
Aug 21 Christine Fitzsimmons, Jeff Sipos, Gloria Peper, Carol Seyfert

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Minnie Connell by Jo Smith

Virginia Peavey by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Beasley

Chris Rogers by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Roger, designated to Capital Campaign

Bud Smith by Jo Smith

In honor of **Bill & Leah Smith** on the occasion of their 56th Wedding Anniversary, on August 9, given by Bill & Leah, designated to Music Ministry

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In honor of **Jeff & Pat Wittcop**, on the occasion of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary, by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pergande

In honor of **Teachers, Staff, Students and Parents of Grace Lutheran School** by Linda Davy

	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday August 16	BLOOD MOBILE Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Children's Sunday School - Live & on Facebook - WH Kid Min Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	8:30 AM - Noon 8:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:45 AM
Monday August 17	Staff Devotions School Board Meeting - Mary-Martha Room	7:30 AM 6:00 PM
Tuesday August 18	Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Admin. Staff Meeting - Luther Room Prayer Service - Sanctuary American Heritage Girls Open House - School Shade Structure Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel Going Team Meeting - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday August 19	School Early Release Women's Ministry Board Meeting - Mary-Martha Room Confirmation Orientation - Mary-Martha Room Stephen Ministry - Luther Room Youth Group - Zoom	12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Thursday August 20	LWR Quilters - Women's Center	9:00 AM
Friday August 21	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday August 22	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary Brendon Moore & Family Visiting	5:00 PM
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The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Senior Pastor
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This is what the Lord
says: "Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is
close at hand and my
righteousness will
soon be revealed."

Isaiah 56:1