



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of August 2, 2020

Creator of all that is good, open our ears and heart to Your gospel of love and justice today. Amen. The Lord invites all people, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters" (Isaiah 55:1, NRSV). So we gather to quench our spiritual thirst with the Living Water. Welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by **Jeff & Pat Wittcop** honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary, celebrated August 6.

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.*

✠ 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 for the Synod’s pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching God’s truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.

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), <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 9, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer on the topic “**Over the Darkness, God Hovers.**” 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 at the 10:45AM service. 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. We will only be offering children's church at the 10:45AM service through August 2. If the transition goes well, we will begin offering children's church at both Sunday services on August 9.

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!

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

God's Word for Today: 2 Corinthians - One in Christ

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

"JESUS, LEGEND OR LORD" A Video Series by Dr. Paul Maier

Every Friday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Pastor Meyer

THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

The Altar Guild is in need of new volunteers to help in several areas: Communion Set-up, Re-set/Clean-up (after Saturday evening service), and Clean-up after the 10:45 AM service. Volunteers work in teams of 2 or 3, and serve by the month.

Another way of serving your church is by volunteering for the Candles & Paraments part of the Altar Guild. Due to several retirements, we have a number of months open. This involves refilling candles weekly, 20 minutes approximately, and changing paraments according to the church year. We would welcome you taking a month (or two!) during the year. Men are also welcome to help.

Please prayerfully consider if this may be a way for you to give service to your church, as well as to your Lord. Please contact Linda Aceto, 293-8447 or laceto@glwh.org. Thank you!

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

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.



*join us
next week*

AT NOON

FAMILIES — IN THE — PARK

GRACE
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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
6 - 7 PM
School Pavilion



Volunteers, Girl Members and Prayers needed!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Aug 2 Janice Graydon, Joan Wilcox, Joyce Akeson, Gill McIntee
Aug 3 Matthew LaForest, Bill Jones
Aug 4 Rhonda Rogers, Carolyn Meyer, Jan Struck
Aug 5 Paul Guenther
Aug 6 Dr. Eric LaRue, Elizabeth Reed, Joey McGuinness II, Rick Smith
Aug 7 Devin Guenther, Don Fuller
Aug 8 Josh Woods, Jessica Ponkey

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Verlyne Bame by Arlene Malotky

Lily Grace Moore by Deborah Pergande, designated to Mission Ministry

Chris Rogers by Janet Pabor

Margaret Saul, remembering her birthday, July 28, by Jane Petersen

In honor of **39 years of sobriety** by Jeffrey & Kathy Sipos

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. & Mrs. Don Eason

GIVE BLOOD - GIVE LIFE



You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to visit the BayCare Blood Donation Center. Blood donations are down drastically and so the need is great. The BayCare Blood Donation Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM; and Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon. Remember to tell them you are from Grace Lutheran Church Winter Haven when you donate. The Blood Center and Mobile are meticulous in cleaning and keeping people safe for donations and you can count on them especially now when the need for blood is so great! Thank you to all who donate and God bless you!

	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday August 2	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Children's Sunday School - Live & on Facebook - WH Kid Min Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:45 AM
Monday August 3	Faculty & Staff - Trinity Hall Elder's Zoom Meeting	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
Tuesday August 4	Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Admin. Staff Meeting - Luther Room Prayer Service - Sanctuary Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	10:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM
Wednesday August 5	School Open House - Trinity Hall & Sanctuary Pre-School Kindergarten - Grade 2 Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Women's Ministry Board Meeting - Mary-Martha Room Youth Group - Zoom	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM
Thursday August 6	LWR Quilters - Women's Center	9:00 AM
Friday August 7	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday August 8	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	5:00 PM
Sunday August 9	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Teacher Installation & Recognition of Distinguished Service Children's Sunday School - Live & on Facebook - WH Kid Min Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary Families in the Park - Pre-School Playground	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:45 AM 12:00 PM

The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Senior Pastor
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