



# Worship and Parish Notes

Week of August 30, 2020

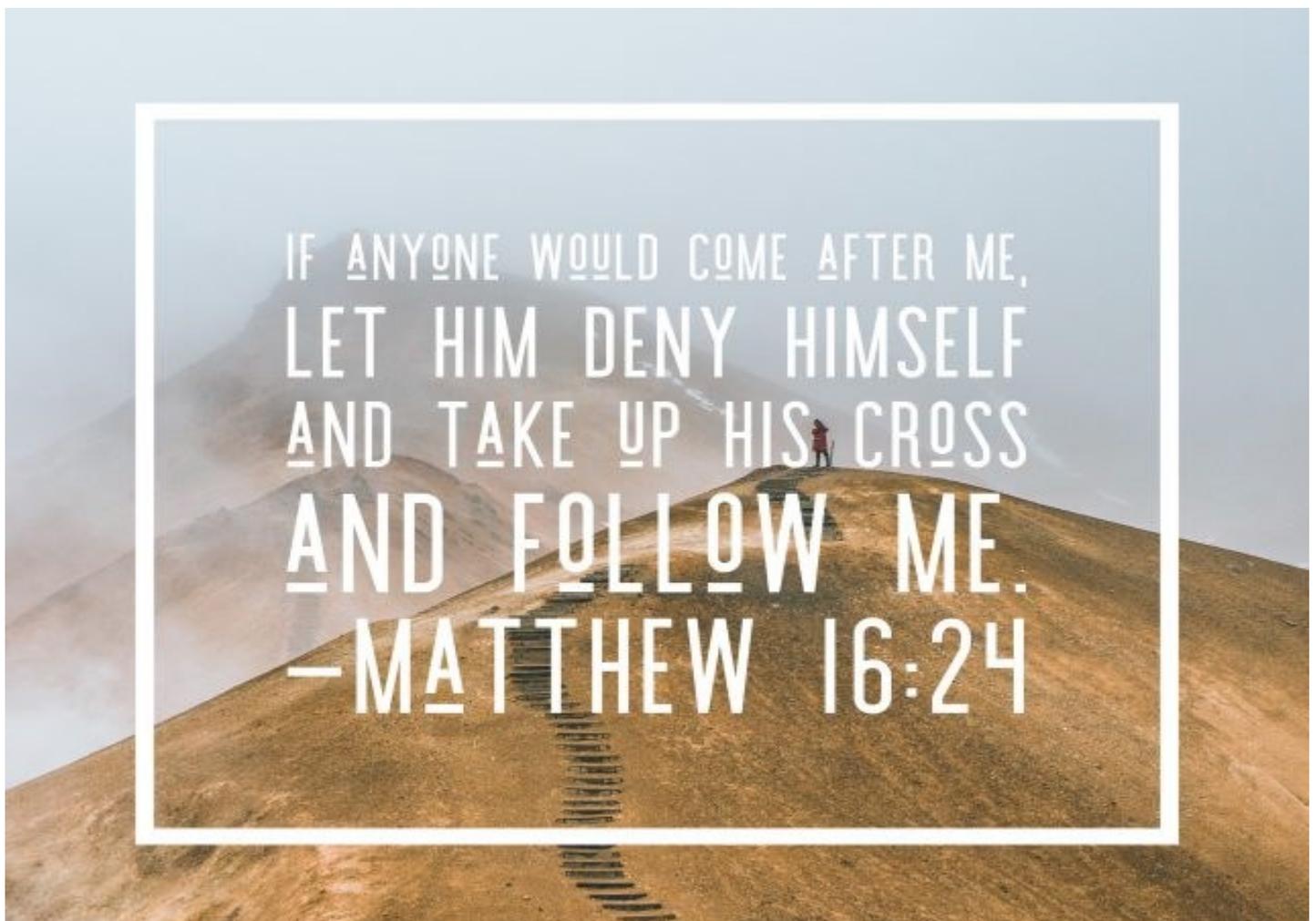
*Jesus calls us to deny self and follow Him in the way of the cross. May this worship strengthen us to serve our neighbors in love. Welcome.*

## ✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

*Remember God's work through the Church as you pray with thankful hearts to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross and rise again so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by **Ed & Gladys Reich** in honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, celebrated on September 4.



**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. You are requested to take precautionary measures by wearing masks and using hand sanitizer upon entering the Narthex.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** broadcast next Sunday, September 6, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler on the topic "**Jesus in the House.**" 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](http://WWW.LHM.ORG) and under MEDIA PROGRAMS click on DEVOTIONS. To sign-up to receive the devotions every day go to CONNECT and SUBSCRIBE.

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

**The Lutheran Difference Bible Study - Concordia Publishing House**

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

# 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:

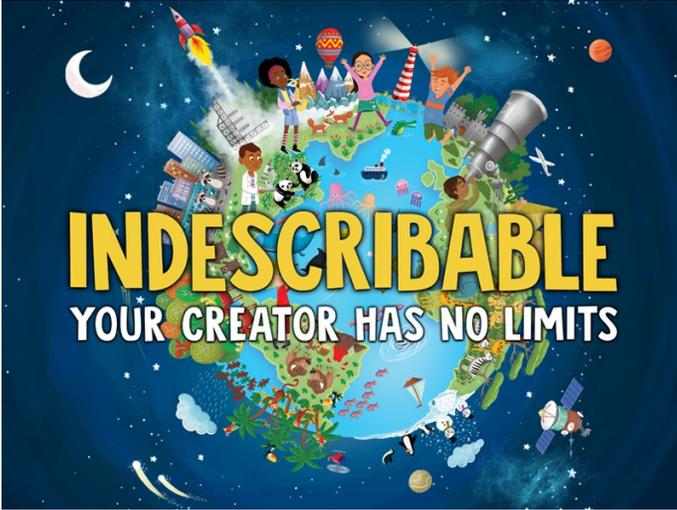
1. Do I believe that I am a sinner without hope of eternal life apart from God’s mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Do I repent of my sins in thought, speech, and behavior as well as my failure to do the good things God wants me to do?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ 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.*

**New Sunday Bible Study  
Trinity Hall - 9:45 AM  
Sunday, September 13  
Led by Vicar Michael Duffy**

Join us in Trinity Hall as we resume our large group Bible Study. Vicar Michael Duffy will be leading us through a study of 1 John. We will explore in this epistle a beautiful testimony by John of Jesus as true God. And as the Son of God, he forgives us our sins and presents us with a new life of love, living in the light of the love of the Father.

## Children's Ministry



Children's church (offered during the sermon at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM worship) and Sunday School (9:45 AM) are back! We will be using the Youth Room and adjoining classroom for both.

Children attending children's church and Sunday School in person have been doing an amazing job social distancing in their hula hoops and wearing their masks. Thank you parents for your encouragement and behind the scenes preparation. We will continue to wear masks in September during Children's Ministry.

Families still have options for Sunday School! Children are now welcome to attend in person or you can continue to join us on Facebook

Live. If you are not able to join us, you can pick up an at home kit from the white bookshelf in the narthex (across from the women's bathroom). The at home kits will be in gallon sized Ziploc bags. Grab the bag with the date you know you won't be with us in person and you should have the supplies needed to participate along with us!

## Youth Ministry

Beginning September 9, Youth Group will resume our regular schedule. All you need to remember is 2, 4, 6, 8!

Youth Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. In September and October, please eat before you arrive. We may have a lite snack but are going to avoid serving food for safety and sanitizing reasons during the COVID outbreak.

We will have three small groups meeting starting in September; please meet your small group in your designated area. We will play a zoom game/ice breaker from our separate meeting spots; have small group Bible study time; and those who wish, can stay for a social distanced game in the gym.

6:00 - 7:30 PM Small group time.

- Social distancing/masks optional: Meet at the school picnic pavilion. (Parents, please drop off in the school parking lot. The small group leader will have the gate open by 6:00 PM)
- Boys only: School library/masks required.  
Girls only: Youth Room/masks required.

7:30 - 8:00 PM Social distanced active game in the gym.

## Confirmation

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to participate in Confirmation instruction at Grace Lutheran! Please contact Pastor Reich or Miss Leah if you have any questions, or know a middle school student you'd like to have get involved.

Confirmation instruction: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:30PM. Meet in the Mary Martha room. (Orientation and first lesson will take place on August 19. If you missed the meeting, contact Leah Welter at lwelter@glwh.org for a copy of the power point.

If you haven't yet enrolled in confirmation instruction, please use the following link to register online:

<https://forms.gle/yXMTKVT4pmV9hjqQ8>

The confirmation retreat at Warren Willis IS happening and it's happening soon! Mark your calendars: September 18 and 19, 2020.

## Acolyte Ministry

Students may begin serving on Grace's acolyte team in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (If your 4<sup>th</sup> grader is very tall, and ready to acolyte, contact Miss Leah.) We are in need of - and greatly appreciate - the service of our youth to help serve as acolytes, candle bearers, and crucifers at our Sunday morning 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM services.

This year, acolyte registration will take place online. Please use the link below to register and to let Miss Leah know when and how often you are willing to serve. (Confirmation students, this is the same link, you only need to register once.) If you are filling out the form for multiple children, write the names of all youth who are willing to acolyte in the first name section.

<https://forms.gle/yXMTKVT4pmV9hjqQ8>

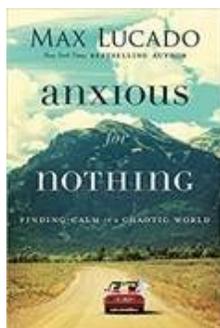
After you have registered, Miss Leah will contact new acolytes to set up a training time before their first scheduled service. Miss Leah will email an acolyte schedule for September - August to the parent listed on the registration form. If you need a paper registration form or paper schedule, they are/will be available in the Robing Room.

## Voters' Assembly

September 19 & September 20  
after Each Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Information, reports and proposed motions will be  
provided for membership prior to meeting

# Small Groups This Fall



Finding Calm in a Chaotic World  
*"Anxious for Nothing"* by Max Lucado

Our Small Groups will be meeting this October to discuss a very timely book. This is the perfect time to join a group and for new groups to form, especially digital groups. We're now seeking both Participants and Facilitators. Sign up today. Go to [www.glwh.org/smallgroups](http://www.glwh.org/smallgroups) and fill out the registration page, or fill out the form below and drop it off at the church office front desk. Feel free to order your own copy or email us at [frontdesk@glwh.org](mailto:frontdesk@glwh.org) and we'll order one for you. We have 50 copies available for \$12 each in the church office.

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## Small Group Registration

"Anxious For Nothing" (Fall 2020)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names of family members who would like to be in the same group as you:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your available days/times (select at least three):

Days	Times (Group facilitators will share specific times and locations.)				
	Sunday	NA	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom
Monday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
Tuesday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
Wednesday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
Thursday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
Friday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
Saturday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person

Circle your preferred group type (if any):

Parents      Couples      Singles      Young Adults      Seniors      Men      Women

\_\_\_\_\_ I will need childcare (please list ages \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to help! (circle one or all!)

Facilitate group discussions      Host a group in my home      Organize a service event  
 Provide childcare      Assist with various tasks

# President's Equip Conference

## September 25-26, 2020



David Kinnaman



Donna Snow



The Skit Guys

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**ONE BODY  
MANY PARTS**

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Aug 30 Jeddidah Hagman, Judd Martin, Caleb Audette  
Aug 31 Debra Garbrecht, Andrew Woods, Kip Meyer  
Sept 1 Carol Morrow  
Sept 2 Russel Croker, Mark Sutton, Gary Gilbert, Britta Witcher, Lisa Coffey, Stephen Roy  
Sept 3 Darcey Martin  
Sept 4 Jeffrey Shaske, Ed Reich, Bill Wetzel  
Sept 5 Peter Carrerou, Doris Schulz, Bill Hendricks, Marlene Stein

### GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Jim and Tim Beasley** by Beth Beasley, designated to Tim Beasley Memorial Fun

**Lily Grace Moore** by Johanna Schedler

**Mary Juergens** by Johanna Schedler

**Chris Rogers** by Janice Graydon

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

### SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In honor of **Larry & Martha Walker** on the occasion of their 48th Wedding Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pergande

In honor of **Roger & Lois Walker** on the occasion of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pergande

# NEXT SOUP KITCHEN MISSION EVENT

**SATURDAY, September 26**  
**2:30 - 5:30 PM**

To volunteer, contact Bill and Theresa McComb  
at 931.787.4744  
or [bmccomb41@gmail.com](mailto:bmccomb41@gmail.com)



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday August 30	<b>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</b> Children's Sunday School - Live & on Facebook - WH Kid Min <b>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 9:45 AM <b>10:45 AM</b>
Monday August 31	Staff Devotions	7:30 AM
Tuesday Sept. 1	School Fall Pictures - Trinity Hall Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Admin. Staff Meeting - Luther Room <b>Prayer Service - Sanctuary</b> American Heritage Girls - School Shade Structure Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	8 AM - 12 PM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM <b>5:30 PM</b> 6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Wednesday Sept. 2	Women's Ministry Board Meeting - Mary-Martha Room Confirmation - Mary-Martha Room	1:00 PM 6:00 PM
Thursday Sept. 3	LWR Quilters - Women's Center Kidz Choir - Music Room	9:00 AM 3:00 PM
Friday Sept. 4	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday Sept. 5	<b>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Sunday Sept. 6	<b>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</b> Children's Sunday School - Live & on Facebook - WH Kid Min <b>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</b> Families in the Park - Grace Campus	<b>8:30 AM</b> 9:45 AM <b>10:45 AM</b> 12:00 PM

The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Senior Pastor  
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Jeff Wittcop, Director of Outreach & Assimilation  
Leah Welter, Director of Youth and Family Life Ministry  
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