



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of December 27, 2020

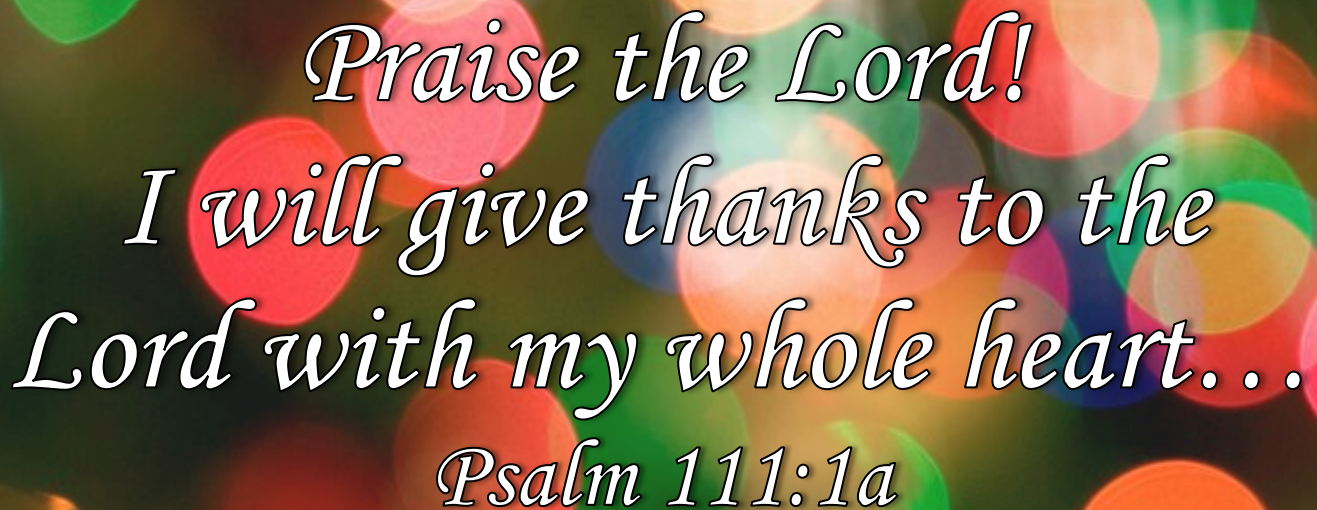
Jesus, help us continue to celebrate Your birth among us for the full 12 days and, indeed, all year. Today we continue to celebrate Christmas—and God’s lavish gift of love, Jesus. Welcome!

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS ✠

*The flowers on the altar are given by Sharon Wilson in loving memory of **Dr. Fred M. Wilson***

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

The Church gathers to thank God and ask for faith to trust in His gift of a Savior. For the following, we pray “Lord, have mercy.” That all would know and believe in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus for the world’s salvation.



*Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the
Lord with my whole heart...
Psalm 111:1a*

NURSERY...We love children at Grace Lutheran! Even during COVID-19, we continue to 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. **BE SURE TO TUNE IN AT 10:40 AM FOR SOME PRE-WORSHIP INFORMATION.** 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, January 3, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic "**Too Much.**" 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.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES FOR ADULTS FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP

An Advent Study on the Jesse Tree Theme - Led by Pastor Charles in Trinity Hall.

Revelation, Worthy Is the Lamb - A Bible Study by Dale E. Griffin, Julene Dumit, and Rodney L. Rathmann. This study is amplified by additional content from the Concordia Popular Commentary on Revelation by Louis Brighton. Led by **Dr. Threlkeld - Luther Room**

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

The Lutheran Difference Bible Study - The Lord's Supper

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

Friday Morning Bible Study - Video Series: The Promised Land

Every Friday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Pastor Meyer

Save the Dates

The Annual Grace Lutheran Church Women's Guild Book Review Series

Tuesdays in January Trinity Hall - 11:15 AM

Please plan to join us at **11:15 AM on Tuesdays** in January 2021 for the 43rd Annual Grace Lutheran Book Review Series. One does not need to have read the book to enjoy the review. Here is our book review line-up:

January 5 - Book: *Rescuing Sprite: A Dog Lover's Story of Joy and Anguish (2007)*, by Mark R. Levin, reviewed by Krista Bernthal

January 12 - Book: *Escaping Dreamland: A Novel*, by Charlie Lovett, reviewed by Charlie Lovett *via Zoom*

January 19 - Book: *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts (2010)*, by Neil White, reviewed by Ed Smith

January 26 - Book: *An Age of Brotherhood*, by Dan Trinklein, reviewed by Dan Trinklein

**DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, WE WILL NOT BE SERVING LUNCHEES.
THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!**



Small Groups This Winter

This winter, Grace’s small groups will take a look at the gifts Christ gives us at the cross. Groups are encouraged to begin meeting the second week of January. Register using the form below or the link on our webpage for the winter

session if you would like to join a small group this session. In *He Chose the Nails*, a five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado examines the gifts that Christ gave at His crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the nails, and the empty tomb. The cross is rich with God’s gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear Him whisper, “I did it just for you.” Go to 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 and we’ll order one for you. We will soon have copies available for \$12 each in the church office.

***** tear here *****

Small Group Registration

“He Chose the Nails” (Winter 2021)

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.)				
	NA	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
Sunday	NA	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
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



Sunshine Club News

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021
TRINITY HALL
10:30 - 11:30 AM



Let's get together to welcome the New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2021!



Our February gathering is THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, Trinity Hall, 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Enjoy a Valentine-themed gathering with your Sunshine Club friends!

One of the most active groups 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.

Want to connect with our community
and learn more about what we believe?

Here is your invitation to

“Discover Grace”

Child care is available!

Conversational classes take place over four Wednesday evenings in the Mary-Martha Room from 6:30 to 8:00pm; or a Virtual Class at the same time using Zoom Meeting number 750-7335-6844, Password: 02721

Dates:

Weekly Topics:

1/20

Starting with Grace

Why Jesus? • Why the Bible? • Law & Gospel

1/27

The God of Grace

Who is God? • Who is Jesus? • Who is the Holy Spirit?

2/3

Delivering Grace

Baptism • Communion • Confession & Absolution

2/10

Living in Grace

The Church • Worship • Prayer • Christian Life

Please use the parking lot on Bates Ave SE.

Questions? We're here to help connect you to the answers!



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Jeff Wittcop, Director of Outreach: jwittcop@glwh.org



FEBRUARY 6

Please volunteer anywhere!
If you are flexible and
have no preference,
we will assign you to a site.

**Saturday
February 6**

8:30 - 12:00

**Something for
everyone and
every age.**

Please sign up!

- 1. Meals on Wheels** Site Leader: Linda Long
Job: Kitchen Prep and Staging area cleaning, yard work
Info: mealsonwheelspolk.com
- 2. Our Career Centered Academy** Site Leader: Laura Griffith
Job: Outside raking/playground cleanup
Info: www.ourcareer.org
- 3. The Mission** Site Leader: Dan Trinklein
Job: Prepare & Serve breakfast
Info: themissionwh.org
- 4. Top Buttons** Site Leader: Peggy Griffin
Job: Sorting Clothes
Info: topbuttons.org
- 5. Anchor House** Site Leader: Vicar Michael Duffy
Job: Cleaning and hauling things to the dump
Info: anchor-house.org
- 6. Life Choice Pregnancy Center** Site Leader: Dy Krueger
Job: Pressure washing & cleaning
Info: lifechoicepregnancycenter.com
- 7. Public Education Partnership** Site Leader: Linda Aceto
Job: Cleaning & Book Organization
Info: whpep.org
- 8. Haley Center** Site Leader: Rhonda Wise
Job: Organizing and Unpacking in their new location
Info: thehaleycenter.com
- 9. Hearts for Winter Haven** Site Leader: Lou Marinelli
Job: TBD
Info: heart4wh.org

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec 27 Cathy VanVolkenburgh
Dec 28 Bill Smith, Christy Hemenway
Dec 29 Marilyn Hendricks, Porter Whitehead
Dec 30 John Davis, Teresa Guenther, Rhonda Love, Sam Hammond
Dec 31 Tim Jackman

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Chuck Davy by Linda Davy

Carl Howard by Deborah Pergande, designated to Missions

John & Cathryn Peters by Beth Beasley, designated to Tim Beasley Memorial Fund

Arlene Voll by Deborah Pergande, designated to Missions

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pergande

AUGUST & MILDRED BERNTHAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Mildred Bernthal by Rev. & Mrs. Phil Whitener

GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS!

Miranda Music, granddaughter of Pat Atkinson, received her Masters Degree in Education from Colorado University, December 23. Miranda teaches at Elbert Elementary and plans to pursue a doctorate degree.

Collection for Senior Orphans TODAY!

Colorful bags will be given out to collect items for Senior Orphans. A list of items needed is placed in each bag and is also in the December Voice of Grace. Return the bag with your donations. Donations may be dropped off through **December 27**. Senior Orphans is a 501C3 Non-Profit Charity serving Polk County Seniors with monthly incomes of less than \$600.00. There are no administrative or overhead costs. Seniors are screened only through qualified agencies such as Dept. of Families & Children, Polk Elderly Services, Polk County Opportunity Council, or Peace River Assoc. Senior Orphans and Case Managers are careful to ensure only the neediest of the needy receive assistance and to avoid duplication of services. **Thank you for your continued support!**

NEW JOBS FOR LIFE SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 26

**Mary-Martha Room
6-8 PM**

For more information please contact: Jeff Wittcop, 863-293-8447, Judy Hinsch, 561-859-1883, or Lou Marinelli, 863-632-1257.

	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday December 27	<i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> 9:30AM <i>10:45 AM</i>
Monday December 28	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday December 29	Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Church Staff Meeting - Luther Room <i>Prayer Service - Sanctuary</i> Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	10:00 AM 10:30 AM <i>5:30 PM</i> 6:15 PM
Wednesday December 30		
Thursday December 31	<i>New Year's Eve Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
Friday January 1	<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>	
Saturday January 2	<i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>
Sunday January 3	<i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> 9:30AM <i>10:45 AM</i>

The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Senior Pastor
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