



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of January 17, 2021

As I prepare my heart for worship today, I pray like young Samuel: "Speak, for Your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). Welcome as we thank and worship God for His wonderful works and listen for His Word to us today!

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

Give thanks as you pray that the Lord would open up the hearts and minds of people around the world, so that His grace-filled message can be spread far and wide.

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.*

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, 24, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic "**Why Jesus Told Parables.**" 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

Trinity Hall Bible Study - Questions and Answers regarding daily Bible readings. Led by Pastor Charles and Vicar Duffy 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 - **NOT MEETING**

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

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.
Follow the “Discover Grace” signs to the Mary-Martha Room.

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



Grace Lutheran Church, Office Phone: 863.293.8447
Vicar Duffy: mduffy@glwh.org or
Jeff Wittcop, Director of Outreach: jwittcop@glwh.org

NEW “JOBS FOR LIFE” SESSION HAS BEEN POSTPONED!

New Class Begins TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021



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.)				
	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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LWML NEWS

During the months of January and February, the Women's Ministry will be collecting items for "comfort kits" to be given to the One More Child organization of Lakeland which works with the problem of sex trafficking of kids. The items needed include: hand towels, washcloths, large bars of soap (no Irish Spring), medium or large size shampoo (with conditioner), deodorant, toothbrushes, medium size toothpaste, medium size hair comb (NOT men's pocket comb), non-metal nail file. Collection containers will be in a couple of places throughout the church for the entire month of January. These items will be given to the organization at our next Women's Ministry Zone Rally.

Crafters needed!!!! Do you own a Cricut? Do you like to paint? We need help decorating some newly purchased treat boxes for our upcoming Valentine's Day Chocolate Sale. If you can (or want to learn) how to paint or apply vinyl to glass cookie jars or plastic Tupperware containers, we would love your help! Sharpie makes some great acrylic pens for glass application (there are lots of YouTube videos of some fun designs). If you can help, you can sign out some containers from the Mary-Martha Room starting **NOW!!!** We need the containers returned back to the Mary-Martha Room by February 7 for our Chocolate sale on February 13 and 14. Call Krista Bernthal, 803-269-9919, with any questions you may have.

Save the Dates

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

Tuesdays in January

SANCTUARY (Location change from last week) - 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 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 LUNCHES.
THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!**



FEBRUARY 6

Please volunteer anywhere!
If you are flexible and
have no preference,
we will assign you to a site. Call the
church office, 293-8447, to sign up!

**Saturday
February 6**

8:30 - 12:00

**Something for
everyone and
every age.**

Please sign up!

**Call the
Church Office
293-8447**

- 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
- 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

Jan 17 Nancy Hicks
Jan 18 Ronald Staschke
Jan 20 Irmgard Hendrick, Larry Schroeder, Frank Vegter
Jan 21 Wally Hoeft
Jan 23 Gail Knippenberg

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Jim and Tim Beasley by Beth Beasley, designated to Tim Beasley Memorial Fund
Carl Howard by Joan Richert, designated to Music Ministry
Dot Jarvis by Joan Richert, designated to Music Ministry
Paul Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Smith
Donald Sutton by Shalbgeen Sutton

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Carla Stark-Davis
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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Richter

THANK YOU!

On behalf of our small group, I want to thank the congregation for all the donations made to Senior Orphans. The recipients of your generosity are so very grateful. The elderly are often overlooked but certainly not by Grace. Again, thank you for your overwhelming support of these seniors. Linda Davy

SOUP KITCHEN

SATURDAY, January 30
2:30 - 5:30 PM

We need 12 Volunteers

To volunteer, contact Bill and Theresa McComb
at 931.787.4744
or bmccomb41@gmail.com



	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday January 17	<i>LWR (LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF) WEEKEND</i> <i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> <i>9:30AM</i> <i>10:45 AM</i>
Monday January 18	MLK JR DAY - NO SCHOOL Small Group Bible Study - Luther Room Women's Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room School Board - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM
Tuesday January 19	Staff Devotions Book Review - Sanctuary <i>Prayer Service - Sanctuary</i> American Heritage Girls - Trinity Hall Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	7:30 AM 11:15 AM <i>5:30 PM</i> 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Wednesday January 20	Stephen Ministry - Luther Room Confirmation Class - Youth Room Discover Grace - Mary-Martha Room	6:00 PM 6:00 AM 6:30 PM
Thursday January 21	Quilters - Women's Center Kidz Choir - Music Room Trinity Bells - Sanctuary Grace Chorale - Music Room	9:00 AM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM
Friday January 22	Life Line Screening - Trinity Hall Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday January 23	<i>NLSW (National Lutheran Schools Week) Kick-Off</i> <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>
Sunday January 24	<i>NLSW (National Lutheran Schools Week) Kick-Off</i> <i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> <i>9:30AM</i> <i>10:45 AM</i>

The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Senior Pastor
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