



# Worship and Parish Notes

Week of January 3, 2021

*God of the Ages, I offer You my heart, anew with this new year. Help me love You and my neighbors all year long, one day at a time. Happy New Year! Welcome to worship, one and all!*

## ✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

*Give thanks as you pray for opportunities to witness to friends, family members and strangers. Please send Your Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and faithful words to use during these encounters.*

## 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, January 10, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic **"The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction'."** 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.

## **SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES FOR ADULTS FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP**

**Trinity Hall Bible Study** - 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

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## Save the Dates

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

#### Tuesdays in January SANCTUARY (Location change) - 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](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 will soon have copies available for \$12 each in the church office.

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## 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.)				
	<b>Sunday</b>	NA	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom
<b>Monday</b>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
<b>Thursday</b>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
<b>Friday</b>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Digital - Zoom	In Person
<b>Saturday</b>	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](mailto: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](http://mealsonwheelspolk.com)
- 2. Our Career Centered Academy** Site Leader: Laura Griffith  
Job: Outside raking/playground cleanup  
Info: [www.ourcareer.org](http://www.ourcareer.org)
- 3. The Mission** Site Leader: Dan Trinklein  
Job: Prepare & Serve breakfast  
Info: [themissionwh.org](http://themissionwh.org)
- 4. Top Buttons** Site Leader: Peggy Griffin  
Job: Sorting Clothes  
Info: [topbuttons.org](http://topbuttons.org)
- 5. Anchor House** Site Leader: Vicar Michael Duffy  
Job: Cleaning and hauling things to the dump  
Info: [anchor-house.org](http://anchor-house.org)
- 6. Life Choice Pregnancy Center** Site Leader: Dy Krueger  
Job: Pressure washing & cleaning  
Info: [lifechoicepregnancycenter.com](http://lifechoicepregnancycenter.com)
- 7. Public Education Partnership** Site Leader: Linda Aceto  
Job: Cleaning & Book Organization  
Info: [whpep.org](http://whpep.org)
- 8. Haley Center** Site Leader: Rhonda Wise  
Job: Organizing and Unpacking in their new location  
Info: [thehaleycenter.com](http://thehaleycenter.com)
- 9. Hearts for Winter Haven** Site Leader: Lou Marinelli  
Job: TBD  
Info: [heart4wh.org](http://heart4wh.org)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan 3 Carole Ahonen, Mike Krigelski, Nancy Marquart  
Jan 4 Laura Griffith, Ann Hassett  
Jan 5 Nancy Booth, Ginger Moore  
Jan 6 Becky Schlegel, Matthew Terry, Steve Wyant  
Jan 7 Jill Rogers  
Jan 8 Greg Bluemke, Deborah Pergande, Carey Sempert, Darlene Williams  
Jan 9 Lydiana Ferrero, Marsha Wortman, Jean Wright

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## GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**J.R. "Doc" Tucker** by Martha Walker

## SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. & Mrs. Arlin Arbeiter in memory of **Ed Spaun**  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pergande in memory of **their parents**

## NEW JOBS FOR LIFE SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 26

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

**Volunteers Needed to serve as: champions, prayer partners & instructors.**  
**Volunteers will receive training.**

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

## 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](mailto:bmccomb41@gmail.com)**



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Beginning January 10 through the month of January Women's Ministry will be collecting items for "comfort kits" to be given to the One More Child organization of Lakeland. 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 Chocolate Sale. Call the church, 293-8447, for more information.

<b>CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK</b>		
Sunday January 3	<b>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</b> Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School <b>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 9:30AM <b>10:45 AM</b>
Monday January 4	<b>NO SCHOOL - TEACHER WORK DAY</b> Elder Meeting - Trinity Hall	7:00 PM
Tuesday January 5	Staff Devotions - Trinity Hall Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Book Review - Sanctuary <b>Prayer Service - Sanctuary</b> American Heritage Girls - Trinity Hall Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	7:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM <b>5:30 PM</b> 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Wednesday January 6	Women's Ministry Board Meeting - Mary-Martha Room Confirmation Class - Youth Room	1:00 PM 6:00 PM
Thursday January 7	Quilters - Women's Center Sunshine Club - Trinity Hall Kidz Choir - Music Room Trinity Bells - Sanctuary Grace Chorale - Music Room	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM
Friday January 8	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday January 9	<b>2nd Grade Family Bible Study Day - Trinity Hall</b> <b>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>
Sunday January 10	<b>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</b> Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School <b>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</b> <i>Installation of Officers @ 10:45 service</i> Families in the Park - Grace Campus	<b>8:30 AM</b> 9:30AM <b>10:45 AM</b> 12:00 PM

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