



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of January 31, 2021

We are delighted you've joined us! May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service to others!

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

Give thanks as you pray for discernment, that we might heed God's call to serve in His name, whether around the world or right here at home.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our procedures specific for this time (revised 1/31/21)

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 up the side aisles 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 proceed down the center aisle to the Narthex exit (front door).*

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, February 7, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic "**Stories around the Table.**" The Lutheran Hour is also available on Sunday mornings on WFLR 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!

Friday Morning Bible Study - Video Series: Prophets & Kings

Every Friday

10:00 AM

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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:

2/3

2/10

Weekly Topics:

Delivering Grace

Baptism • Communion • Confession & Absolution

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

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.



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 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

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 February. 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.



Grace Lutheran Church **Sunshine Club News**

Our February gathering is Thursday, February 4

10:00 AM - Noon Trinity Hall

***Enjoy a special Valentine's Day themed gathering
with a great movie, "The War Room."***

***A seemingly perfect family looks to fix their problems with the help of
Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman who encourages the couple to find
happiness through prayer.***

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th.

Please remember to wear face coverings and practice social distancing.

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.



FEBRUARY 6

**Please volunteer anywhere!
If you are flexible and
have no preference,
we will assign you to a site. It's not to
late to sign up! 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: Steve Griffith
Job: Outside raking/playground cleanup
Info: www.ourcareer.org
- 3. The Mission** Site Leader: Dan Trinklein
Job: Prepare & serve breakfast & cleaning
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: Interior painting
Info: heart4wh.org



February 7

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water before giving blood.

**Make a difference:
HELP SAVE A LIFE!**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Jan 31 Pam Behler, Janus Morris, Richard Schumacher, Robert Wood
Feb 1 Jeanne LaRue, Dan Trinklein
Feb 2 Marie Straughn, Chase Walker
Feb 3 Claudia Holm
Feb 4 Nancy Wolfe, Sandy Brown, Virginia Wilhelm
Feb 6 Caylee Le Fan

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday January 31	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Mission Fair - Patio and Trinity Hall Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	8:30 AM 9:30AM 10:45 AM
Monday February 1	Staff Devotions Small Group Bible Study - Luther Room Women's Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Elder Meeting - Trinity Hall	7:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM
Tuesday February 2	Church Staff Meeting Small Group Bible Study - Luther Room Prayer Service - Sanctuary American Heritage Girls - Trinity Hall Gathering Team - Mary-Martha Room Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	10:30 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 5:45 PM 6:15 PM
Wednesday February 3	Small Group Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Women's Ministry Board Meeting - Mary-Martha Room Confirmation Class - Youth Room Discover Grace - Mary-Martha Room	11:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday February 4	Quilters - Women's Center Sunshine Club - Trinity Hall Kidz Choir - Music Room Trinity Bells - Sanctuary Grace Chorale - Music Room	9:00 AM 10 AM - 12 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM
Friday February 5	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday February 6	Loved/Sent Servant Event Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	8 AM - 12 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday February 7	BLOOD MOBILE Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary <i>Kidz Choir sings at 10:45 service</i>	8:30 - 12:30 8:30 AM 9:30AM 10:45 AM

The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Senior Pastor
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