



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of July 26, 2020

God, thank You that by Your power, small things like seeds—and faith—can grow big and strong. Nurture my growth in You always. Amen. Welcome, dear friends! Because nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39), we have gathered to respond in worship and praise.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Jane and Rodney Petersen in memory of **Margaret Saul**, remembering her birthday, July 28.

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.*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS!

We are again offering children's church during the sermon at the 10:45AM service. Social Distancing Precautions:

Children will walk to and from children's church inside of a hula-hoop to help remind them to social distance while in line. Children will need to remain 6 feet apart traveling to and from children's church.

Children will remain on spot markers in the classroom so that we can practice social distancing during children's church.

Children ages 8 and older will wear a mask.
Children under age 8 (not wearing masks) will have children's church in a separate classroom.

If parents/guardians are not comfortable sending their children to children's church, children are more than welcome to remain in the Sanctuary during the sermon. We will only be offering children's church at the 10:45AM service through August 2. If the transition goes well, we will begin offering children's church at both Sunday services on August 9.

Please talk with your children ahead of time and make sure they are aware of the social distancing precautions before attending children's church. In order to provide a safe experience for all our children, we will need to bring children back to their parent(s) if they are unable to follow social distancing guidelines.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL...Children are welcome to join us in the youth room on Sundays at 9:45AM for Sunday school. Please read over the posted social distancing procedures with your child before entering the room so we can continue to be as safe as possible. If you aren't ready to join us in person yet, or are away throughout the summer, you can continue to join us for Sunday school on Facebook live! (Videos posted in the KidMin Facebook page) If you know ahead of time when you will be away, pick up a Sunday school at home kit from the white shelf in the narthex. These at home kits will have the supplies you will need to participate with us even if you aren't in the room with us! There is an at home kit for each week of Sunday school through August, so check the date on the bag!

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), <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...We have resumed our **Tuesday Evening Prayer Service** in the Sanctuary. This prayer service 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 or wearing plastic gloves upon entering the Narthex.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR broadcast next Sunday, August 2, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Guest Speaker Dr. Oswald Hoffmann on the topic **“Christ’s Resurrection Makes Everything New.”** It’s “Archives August.” 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.

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

God’s Word for Today: 2 Corinthians - One in Christ

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

“JESUS, LEGEND OR LORD” A Video Series by Dr. Paul Maier

Every Friday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Pastor Meyer

THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

The Altar Guild is in need of new volunteers to help in several areas: Communion Set-up, Re-set/ Clean-up (after Saturday evening service), and Clean-up after the 10:45 AM service. Volunteers work in teams of 2 or 3, and serve by the month.

Another way of serving your church is by volunteering for the Candles & Paraments part of the Altar Guild. Due to several retirements, we have a number of months open. This involves refilling candles weekly, 20 minutes approximately, and changing paraments according to the church year. We would welcome you taking a month (or two!) during the year. Men are also welcome to help.

Please prayerfully consider if this may be a way for you to give service to your church, as well as to your Lord. Please contact Linda Aceto, 293-8447 or laceto@glwh.org. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 26 Todd Walker, Beth Walters, Mike Rottmann, Bruce Hopkins
July 27 Sydney Drousche, Donna Righter, Carla Stark-Davis, Steve Nierman
July 28 Nancy Lehman
July 29 Drew Guenther, Carl Rod, Kathy Schelp, Colleen Mueller
July 31 Dr. Don Eason, Shalbgreen Sutton, Rose Benz, Anna Campbell, Tex Miles, Scott Hitzeman
Aug 1 Scott Lehning, Melissa Kearis

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Verlyne Bame by Mr. & Mrs. Erroll Fielding, Judith McCoy Haun, Bunny & Dick McHale, Richard Schumacher

Lily Grace Moore by Gloria Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. Don Fuller, Linda Long, Sharon Wilson

In honor of **Meredith Wohlgemuth** by Marilyn Tiedemann, designated to Music Ministry

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In memory of **Lily Grace Moore** by Joan Richert



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 3 and continuing through July 31 the church office will be closed on Fridays. Please be assured that there will be someone answering the phones and that Pastor Reich and our Vicar will be available to you at all times.

	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday July 26	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Children's Sunday School - Facebook - WH Kid Min Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary Mother/Daughter Bible Study - Youth Room	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:45 AM 6:00 PM
Monday July 27	Grace Church & School Faculty & Staff - Trinity Hall Business Management - Mary-Martha Room Board of Directors - Mary-Martha Room	8:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM
Tuesday July 28	Grace Church & School Faculty & Staff - Trinity Hall Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Admin. Staff Meeting - Luther Room Prayer Service - Sanctuary Executive Elders - Luther Room Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Wednesday July 29	Youth Group - Youth Room	6:00 PM
Thursday July 30	LWR Quilters - Women's Center	9:00 AM
Friday July 31	Church Office Closed Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday August 1	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	5:00 PM
Sunday August 2	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Children's Sunday School - Facebook - WH Kid Min Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary Mother/Daughter Bible Study - Youth Room	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:45 AM 6:00 PM

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