



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of May 23, 2021

Breath of God, inspire me by Your Word. Fire of God, kindle in me a passion for serving others in Your name. The Holy Spirit called the church into being and continues to call us together. Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost!

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS ✠

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Ralph & Jean Reed** in thanksgiving for many blessings.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Our procedures specific for this time (revised 4/11/21)

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 **back to your seats**.*

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. 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, May 30, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic “**Before Kings.**” 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

Read Through the Bible - A time of reflection and discussion of the past week's readings of read-through-the Bible. Come ready to participate in this open format Bible study. Led by **Pastor Charles Reich - Trinity Hall**.

The Case for a Creator - by Lee Strobel, the author of "The Case for Christ". In this book, Strobel, a former atheist, looks at how science actually support intelligent design and a Creator. Led by **Dr. Threlkeld - Luther Room**

May Sunday School: Playlist

Join us in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings for Sunday school. (9:45-10:30AM) This month we will be taking a look at some of our favorite songs about Jesus and digging into the Bible passages that inspired them!

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to join us in the Youth Room each Sunday at 9:45AM for Sunday School.

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

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

Every Monday 10:30 AM MM Contact: Georgia Fisher

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Every Tuesday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Martha Walker

Friday Morning Bible Study - The Book of Daniel

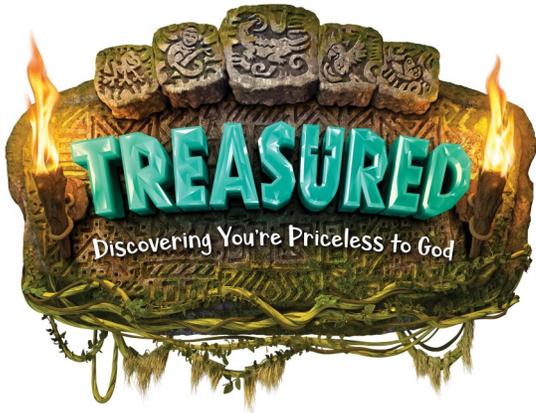
Every Friday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Pastor Meyer

Youth Group

Middle and high school youth, join us in the Youth Room in May for regularly scheduled Youth Group! Youth Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Just remember 2,4,6,8! (2nd and 4th Wednesday from 6-8:00 PM!)

- **Wednesday, May 26** is not only Youth Night, but the last day of School at Grace Lutheran! We will celebrate by heading to Caine's Snowballs! (Caine's is a short walk from Grace.)
- Our annual "**Beach Day**" will take place on **Wednesday, June 16!** We will be headed to **Blizzard Beach**. Permission slips will be available during Youth Group on May 12, or contact Miss Leah (lwelter@glwh.org) for a pdf of the permission slip. Please hand in your permission slip by Wednesday, May 26, so Miss Leah can make transportation arrangements.
 - o Cost: \$25.00 (Bring money for lunch at the water park.)
 - o Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. (We will meet on Bates Ave at Grace and carpool to the park.)

Vacation Bible School 2021



Save the date!
June 7-11, 2021

At *Treasured* Vacation Bible School, kids discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it's them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of

God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Treasured is for kids from aged three (MUST be potty trained) to 5th grade. and will run from **8:30AM** to **Noon** each day. Our middle school friends are welcome to register as Jr. Volunteers. For more information, contact Leah Welter, Director of Youth and Family Ministry at lwelter@glwh.org or 863-293-8447.

As long as we can safely do so, we will be offering Vacation Bible School in person this year! For families who wish to join us for *Treasured* but will need to be away, we can provide take-home packs and links videos for the Opening, Bible Adventures and the Imagination Station.

Registration is now open! Go to: vbspro.events/p/gracewh2021 to register online. Paper registration forms are also located in the church office. Registration is required by May 24 so we can properly prepare to host all of our friends safely, while following local COVID protocols.

V.B.S. Volunteers

Vacation Bible School volunteers are also treasured at Grace Lutheran! Adults of all ages, high school and middle school students are all welcome to help provide a safe, engaging environment for children to learn they are priceless to God. If you are interested in volunteering, use the link: vbspro.events/p/gracewh2021 to sign up for your volunteer position. A short job description and number of open positions for each volunteer role is listed on the site. Volunteers will need to participate in training before VBS begins on June 7 (training will be provided through videos this year, so you can train from the comfort of your own home!) **Register by May 17** so Miss Leah can get your training resources to you!

Some of our volunteer needs: Crew leaders and assistants, drop off and pick up helpers, learning station assistants, sound and technology technicians.

V.B.S. Donations

If you would like to help by donating supplies or snacks for V.B.S., please contact Miss Leah at lwelter@glwh.org and she will be happy to give you some suggestions!

Welcome New Members!

Hazel McCord
Carolyn Baker
Chase & Francine Fredricks
R.C. & Laura Hawie
David & Susie Riddel
Fred Spenn



Grace Lutheran Church

Sunshine Club News

Vicar Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, June 3, 11:30-12:30

Arrival begins at 11. We are returning to our regular time!

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you!

Please join us as we celebrate and thank Vicar and Sarah Duffy for their many contributions to Grace Lutheran Church this past year. We'll gather together for an appreciation luncheon in Trinity Hall. Covid/CDC protocols will be in place so each of you can feel safe joining us. Menu- Publix fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, roll, bottled water and homemade pound cake for dessert. There is no cost for this special event. Please call or text Tammi Straughn at 863-660-2617 if you plan to attend. Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 1. If you have a Scripture passage or message you would like to share with them, please include it in a note or card. We'll present those to them at the luncheon. God bless you until we are together!

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.



Habitat for Humanity Helpers Needed!! Saturday, June 19

Grace Lutheran Church and the many of the Churches of the Winter Haven Community will be participating with Habitat for Humanity Faith Build a home for the Lopez and Scott families. **Our work day is Saturday, June 19, 9 AM - Noon.** Participants must be at least 18 years old. We are looking for 20 workers for that day. **No experience necessary!** Water and Snack will be provided. If you are interested in working on June 19 please contact Jeff Wittcop at the church office or email him at jwittcop@glwh.org. Let's make sure we can do our part for these 2 homes on our Saturday.



Know Someone Graduating?

Please submit names of graduates (high school, college, graduate degree, etc.) to pgriffin@glwh.org for publication. Regarding college graduates, please include degree and school. Thank you!

Graduation announcements will appear in 5/30 blue pages!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- May 23 Yvonne Fielding
May 24 Georgia Woodruff, Robert Moore, Steve Hnatiuk, Karen Guenther
May 25 Marchia Garbrecht, John Touchton
May 26 Sally Anderson, Nancy Woolcock
May 27 Dorene Van Devender, Cara Brinson
May 28 Richard Haggbloom, Barbara Connelly, Kenny Ash, Debbie Smith, Kathy Wootton, Judy Hinsch
May 29 Dianne Wetzel, Todd Zinsmeister

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Mike Murphy by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Smith

Louise Schutt by Beth Beasley, designated to Tim Beasley Memorial Fund

Adrienne Watkins by Janet Pabor

In honor of **Wynn Bonner** on the occasion of his retirement, by Dr. Floyd Behrens (Designated to Music Ministry), Marilyn Tiedemann

SPONSORING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In memory of **Ron Kirin** by Sandra Hulse

In memory of **John G. Peterson** by Joan Richert

In memory of **Louise Schutt** by Joan Richert

SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of **Jon Peterson** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ference

In honor of **Beth Walters** on the occasion of her retirement by Dr. Floyd Behrens



ONE YEAR BIBLE ONLINE.COM

May

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Judges 13:1-14:20	John 1:29-51	Psalms 102:1-28	Proverbs 14:15-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Judges 15:1-16:31	John 2:1-25	Psalms 103:1-22	Proverbs 14:17-19
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	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday May 23	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Fellowship & Bible Study - Trinity Hall Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary American Heritage Girls Closing Ceremony - Trinity Hall	8:30 AM 9:45AM 10:45 AM 2:00 PM
Monday May 24	Staff Devotions - Trinity Hall Women's Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Board of Directors Meeting - Mary-Martha Room	7:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM
Tuesday May 25	Pre-School Last Day of School Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Church Staff Meeting - Luther Room Small Group Bible Study - Luther Room Prayer Service - Sanctuary Executive Elders - Pastor's Office Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	10:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Wednesday May 26	K-8 Last Day of School K-8 Closing Chapel - Sanctuary Small Group Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Youth Group - Youth Room	8:25 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM
Thursday May 27	Quilters - Women's Center Small Group Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room	9:00 AM 1:30 PM
Friday May 28	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday May 29	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	5:00 PM
Sunday May 30	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary 8th Grade Graduation @ 8:30 service Fellowship & Bible Study - Trinity Hall Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary	8:30 AM 9:45AM 10:45 AM

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