



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of September 27, 2020

Thank You for this lovely fall day, Creator God! I praise You for this time of rest and worship. Welcome to worship in the name of Jesus!

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray. Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.

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! 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); 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, October 4, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic "**Victory in Defeat.**" 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 Class: 1 John - Join us this morning in Trinity Hall. We will explore in this epistle a beautiful testimony by John of Jesus as true God. And as the Son of God, he forgives us our sins and presents us with a new life of love, living in the light of the love of the Father. Led by **Vicar Michael Duffy - 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 - Concordia Publishing House

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

Friday Morning Bible Study **NOT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER!**

Every Friday 10:00 AM MM Contact: Pastor Meyer

Children's Ministry



Children's church (offered during the sermon at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM worship) and Sunday School (9:45 AM) are back! We will be using the Youth Room and adjoining classroom for both.

Children attending children's church and Sunday School in person have been doing an amazing job social distancing in their hula hoops and wearing their masks. Thank you parents for your encouragement and behind the scenes preparation.

We will continue to wear masks during Children's Ministry.

Families still have options for Sunday School! Children are now welcome to attend in person or you can continue to join us on Facebook Live. If you are not able to join us, you can pick up an at home kit from the white bookshelf in the narthex (across from the women's bathroom). The at home kits will be in gallon sized Ziploc bags. Grab the bag with the date you know you won't be with us in person and you should have the supplies needed to participate along with us!

Youth Ministry

Youth Group has resumed its regular schedule. All you need to remember is 2, 4, 6, 8!

Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. In September and October, please eat before you arrive. We may have a lite snack but are going to avoid serving food for safety and sanitizing reasons during the COVID outbreak.

We have three small groups meeting this month; please meet your small group in your designated area. We will play a zoom game/ice breaker from our separate meeting spots; have small group Bible study time; and those who wish, can stay for a social distanced game in the gym.

6:00 - 7:30 PM Small group time.

- Social distancing/masks optional: Meet at the school picnic pavilion. (Parents, please drop off in the school parking lot. The small group leader will have the gate open by 6:00 PM.)
- Boys only: School library/masks required.
Girls only: Youth Room/masks required.

7:30 - 8:00 PM Social distanced active game in the gym.

Acolyte Ministry

Students may begin serving on Grace's acolyte team in 5th grade. (If your 4th grader is very tall, and ready to acolyte, contact Miss Leah.) We are in need of - and greatly appreciate - the service of our youth to help serve as acolytes, candle bearers, and crucifers at our Sunday morning 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM services.

This year, acolyte registration will take place online. Please use the link below to register and to let Miss Leah know when and how often you are willing to serve. (Confirmation students, this is the same link, you only need to register once.) If you are filling out the form for multiple children, write the names of all youth who are willing to acolyte in the first name section.

<https://forms.gle/yXMTKVT4pmV9hjqQ8>

After you have registered, Miss Leah will contact new acolytes to set up a training time before their first scheduled service. Miss Leah will email an acolyte schedule to the parent listed on the registration form. If you need a paper registration form or paper schedule, they are/will be available in the Robing Room.



Sunshine Club News

Sunshine Club News. Plan to join us for fellowship in Trinity Hall on Thursday, October 1, from 10:30 -11:30 A.M. We will follow church COVID protocols that are in place for Sunday morning Bible Study. Please be sure to wear your mask as we reconnect with conversation, devotion, and prayers.

Please contact Tammi Straughn at 863-660-2617 with any questions. See you on October 1! It's also Pastor Appreciation month! 😊 Thank you, Pastor Charles!



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 Trinity Hall from 6-8 PM.

Dates:

Weekly Topics:

9/30

The God of Grace

Who is God? • Who is Jesus? • Who is the Holy Spirit?

10/7

Delivering Grace

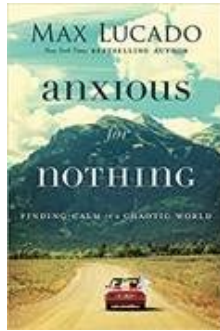
Baptism • Communion • Confession & Absolution

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Living in Grace

The Church • Worship • Prayer • Christian Life

Small Groups This Fall



Finding Calm in a Chaotic World
"Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado

Our Small Groups will be meeting this October to discuss a very timely book. This is the perfect time to join a group and for new groups to form, especially digital groups. We're now seeking both Participants and Facilitators. Sign up today. 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 50 copies available for \$12 each in the church office.

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Small Group Registration

"Anxious For Nothing" (Fall 2020)

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



TAILGATE

10/17 4-6pm *and* TRIVIA

Deck out in your favorite team regalia,
fill up on **hamburgers** and **hot dogs!**
Plus test your general knowledge with live trivia.

Don't forget your lawn chair and beverage cooler!
Call or email the church office to reserve your meal
\$3 adults - 18 & under Free

Event will be held in school parking lot and picnic table area.

Water & Juice boxes provided.

Respectful social distancing and food safety will be utilized.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Sept 28 Amy Garbrecht, Karen Hagman, Melody Benz, Perry Love, Cynthia Cochran
Sept 29 Ron Kirin, Stephen Smith, Thomas Eggert
Oct 1 Jerry Lerom, Bail Butcher
Oct 2 Gene Thompson, Dr. Tamara Pistoria, Melissa Schroth
Oct 3 Don Hendrick, Gail Kingry, Lorraine Pergande, Carol Niemann, Loretta Knoblauch
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	CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday September 27	<i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> <i>Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School</i> <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> 9:45 AM <i>10:45 AM</i>
Monday September 28	Staff Devotions 6th & 7th Grade Parent Meeting - Trinity Hall	7:30 AM 6:00 PM
Tuesday September 29	Bible Study - Mary-Martha Room Admin. Staff Meeting - Luther Room <i>Prayer Service - Sanctuary</i> Executive Elders - Luther Room Jobs for Life Open House - Mary-Martha Room American Heritage Girls - Trinity Hall Praise Band Rehearsal - Chapel	10:00 AM 10:30 AM <i>5:30 PM</i> 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Wednesday September 30	Discover Grace - Trinity Hall Confirmation - Mary-Martha Room	6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Thursday October 1	LWR Quilters - Women's Center Kidz Choir - Music Room Jobs for Life - Mary-Martha Room Trinity Bells - Chapel	9:00 AM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Friday October 2	Bible Study w/Pastor Meyer - Mary-Martha Room	10:00 AM
Saturday October 3	<i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>
Sunday October 4	<i>Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary</i> <i>Fellowship, Bible Study & Sunday School</i> <i>Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i> 9:45 AM <i>10:45 AM</i>

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