 GRACE LUTHERAN CHAPEL (LC-MS)

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Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020.

*Visitors - on these pages you will find the activities available at Grace this week. You are welcome to any of these events or call the church office for more information.*

**GRACE NOTES**

**SERVING TODAY** -

Preacher and Officiant: Pastor Nate Ruback

**REOPENING GRACE CHAPEL FOR WORSHIP –**

*Phase One (Weekends of May 23rd/24th, May 30th/31st, June 6th/7th)*

Holy Communion, with a time of prayer and devotion for individuals and family units, will begin being offered on **Saturday** evenings from **4pm - 5:30pm** and **Sunday** afternoons from **12:00pm – 1:30pm.**

~ Individuals and family units are being asked to please sign up for a 10 minute time slot by following the link provided on the church website (www.gracechapelstl.org), emailing Pastor Nate directly (nruback@gracechapelstl.org), or by calling and leaving Pastor Nate a voicemail (314-868-3232 x213). Up-to-date availability will be available on the church website or via Pastor Nate. Please, no “walk-ins”. Please remain in your vehicle until it is your reserved time. Out of love and concern for everyone, we are asking that you wear a mask. Please also use the hand sanitizer located inside the main doors upon entering and exiting the building. Please know that precautions are being taken to assure a safe and healthy opportunity to gather.

We will continue to stream Sunday morning worship at 9:30am. The easiest way to connect is to go to our website www.gracechapelstl.org and click the “Livestream Worship” icon in the upper right-hand corner of the home screen. We also have DVD and audio CD copies of the service available. Please contact the church office to arrange mailings.

*Phase Two (Weekends of June 13th/14th, June 20th/21st, June 27th/28th, July 4th/5th)*

“In-person” worship resumes. Worship services will be offered at **4pm Saturday** evening, **8am Sunday** morning, and **9:30am Sunday** morning. We will continue to stream Sunday morning worship at 9:30am.

~ Due to capacity restrictions set by St. Louis County and for the health and wellbeing of our church family, worshipper capacity has been limited to 40 people per service. This capacity allows us to be able to provide a safe worship experience by allowing us to maintain proper social distancing and allow for proper sanitation before and after worship services.

~ Individuals and family units are being asked to please sign up for their desired worship service by following the link provided on the church website (www.gracechapelstl.org), emailing Pastor Nate directly (nruback@gracechapelstl.org), or by calling and leaving Pastor Nate a voicemail (314-868-3232 x213). Up-to-date availability will be available on the church website or via Pastor Nate. In order for us to maintain capacity numbers, you must sign up for a service; please, no “walk-ins”. We are asking that you sign up each week; slots do not carry over from week to week.

~ Out of love and concern for everyone, we are asking that you wear a mask. Please also use the hand sanitizer located inside the main doors upon entering and exiting the building.

~ Please sit one family per pew. Pews have been taped off to allow proper social distancing.

~ Hymnals and pew bibles have been removed in order to aid in sanitation of the worship space. Service bulletins will be available in the pews for your use. At the end of the service, please take the bulletins home with you. Please do not dispose of them in the church building.

~ Please refrain from greeting one another via personal contact, i.e. hugs and handshakes.

As “In-person” worship resumes, Holy Communion will also begin to be offered during the worship service. When attending worship, please follow Pastor Nate’s instructions regarding how we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. Precautions are being put in place in order to protect the health and wellbeing of those worshipping.

~As we begin to celebrate Holy Communion again within the worship service, Holy Communion on an individual basis will formally cease. If you are not comfortable being in worship and desire to continue to receive the Lord’s Supper, please arrange a time by emailing Pastor Nate directly (nruback@gracechapelstl.org), or by calling and leaving Pastor Nate a voicemail (314-868-3232 x213).

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** on Paul’s Missionary Journeys: “Bringing the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth. The Books of Acts is a real-life look at the apostles’ work to spread the Good News they had witnessed. Paul’s mission to spread the Gospel was monumental, taking the Word to new lands that had never witnessed Christianity. He trusted the Holy Spirit throughout his journeys, letting God decide who needed to hear His Word and His truth. In looking at Paul’s missionary journeys, we can begin to more deeply understand our own mission. Led by Pastor Nate Sunday Mornings from 11:00am – 12:00pm on Zoom Join Zoom Meeting Information - Meeting ID: 913 8547 7557 Password: 195594. Weekly discussion sheet can be printed out from the Grace Chapel website under Bible Studies and Devotional Resources.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY –** Join Pastor Nate every Thursday until December 17, 2020, 10:00am – 11:00am for a walk through the Book of Proverbs. Log onto Zoom or download the Zoom App to join. Simply type in the Meeting ID: 404-970-9801 and Password: 083057

**GIVING OPTIONS –** Check out the Grace Chapel website, gracechapelstl.org, for electronic giving options. You can now give via PayPal (for one time donations) or the Simply Giving program through Vanco Services. To set up recurring, electronic donations through Simply Giving, contact the church office at 314-868-3232 or email [cyoung@gracechapelstl.org](mailto:cyoung@gracechapelstl.org) or [svsandee@hotmail.com](mailto:svsandee@hotmail.com). These donations can be debited directly from either a checking or

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION FOR MAY -** We are continuing our year-round collection of items for our shoe box packing in November, 2020. Each month we will focus on a different set of items. A collection tub is in the narthex throughout the year for your donations, but at this time we ask you hold your donations until the “stay at home” order is lifted. May items: Hygiene items: individually wrapped bar soap, hair brush/comb, tooth brush, wash cloth, solid deodorant --*No toothpaste.* *(Remember items must be able to fit in a shoe box!)*

**THE LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP** is pleased to let all our faithful customers know that they reopened on Monday, May 18th and will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just like many other shops they will require you to wear a face covering. They will be sanitizing door handles, etc. throughout the day to keep everyone all safe.

In these special times we rely on our Savior Jesus Christ for all our needs. We know He loves us because He died for us. No matter what happens we have a God who loves us.

As always their profits to go Lutheran Family and Children's Service's and Lutheran Senior Services for Hidden Lake and Breeze Park Retirement Communities. They are accepting donations. Phone number is 314-389-9970.



Calendar for Week of May 24, 2020

**Sunday, May 24**

9:30 AM - Livestream Worship

11:00 – 12:00 PM – Bible Study with Pastor Nate on ZOOM

12:00 – 1:30 PM – Holy Communion distribution *(Be sure you have signed up)*

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**Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Observed**

**Tuesday, May 26**

**Wednesday, May 27**

**Thursday, May 28**

10:00 AM - Bible Study on Proverbs with Pastor Nate

**Friday, May 29**

9:00 AM - Livestream of Day School’s closing Chapel Service

**Saturday, May 30**

4:00 – 5:30 PM – Holy Communion Distribution *(Be sure you have signed up)*

**Sunday, May 31**

9:30 AM - Livestream Worship

11:00 – 12:00 PM – Bible Study with Pastor Nate on ZOOM

12:00 – 1:30 PM – Holy Communion distribution *(Be sure you have signed up)*