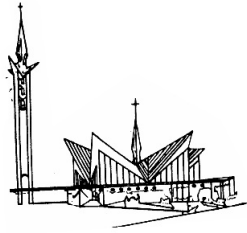


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)



July 21, 2024

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Notes:

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Weekly Schedule

BIBLE STUDY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL...Join us for a Bible Study called *A Study of Christian Denominations*. This study is about the histories, concerns, and main teachings of various Christian church bodies. Also this study is about why we

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...Grace's Second Church Plant,

[ps://christevangelicallutheran.org](https://christevangelicallutheran.org)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...Will resume September 3rd at 9:15 with a new study and we hope to see YOU there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO CATECHISM - "RECITE" AND "RECEIVE"...Any child who has yet to start the Catechism can recite one of these categories to the Pastor at the beginning of Bible Study hour & receive a gift. The goal is for each entering Catechism student to have already received all four gifts. Recitation can occur during the summer or school year and can be done in any order. Please contact Pastor with any questions.

1. Recite the Lord's Prayer and receive Luther's Small Catechism for Kids.
2. Recite the Apostles' Creed and receive Lutheranism 101 for Kids.
3. Recite the Ten Commandments and receive Luther's Small Catechism.
4. Recite Old and New Testament books (all at once or separated by Testaments) and receive a Faith Alive Student Bible ESV.

A REMINDER...The "Help Support the 75th Anniversary..." envelope does not reserve your ticket for the event. This envelope is strictly for donation purposes only. Thank you for your understanding.

ACOLYTES...If you are interested in acolyting or becoming an acolyte, we will have a meeting on Sunday, September 8 at 8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CATECHISM...Is open to any interested child starting in 5th grade or younger with the permission of the parent and pastor. Please contact Pastor Marklevitz for more information.

PORTALS OF PRAYER, Jul-Sep '24...The *Portals of Prayer* for July thru September 2024 are available on the devotional table (to the right of the mailboxes). Please help yourself.

QUILTERS WORKSHOP...The next work session is planned for Wednesday, August

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND...If you are looking for a place to keep your money safe and you are a member of the LCMS, check out the LCEF flyers on the devotional table (next to the mailboxes) and on the wall at the south end of the Narthex. Feel free to contact Tyler Fewins with any questions or further assistance. Tyler.Fewins@lcef.org.

SCRIP/RAISERIGHT...If you would like to order Scrip you can find order slips as well as a list of all of the RaiseRight retailers on the showcase. Please be sure to turn in payment at the time you place your order. Make checks payable to Grace Beginnings Preschool. Orders are due on the first Monday of each month (next due is August 5) with delivery likely on Wednesday or Thursday of that week.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP...Epiphany Lutheran in Dorr is starting a young adults group for ages 18-29 of similar beliefs who want to keep God at the center of all life decisions that come during this important life stage. We simply hope to create an environment to meet others, and build a community of similar beliefs to discuss any shared life experiences we may be having. We hope to meet once a month. If you are interested please email 2020esscott@gmail.com to express your interest or if you have any questions.

GLC 75TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY...The ornaments that the 75th Anniversary Committee purchased to sell to raise money for the 75th Anniversary Celebration events in 2024 are still available and can be purchased thru the church office. The cost is \$7 each. We accept cash or check.

Call the office at 616-949-0710 to begin the enrollment process for the 2024-2025 school year and schedule a tour

www.oslsg.org/admissions.

SAVE THE DATE - FALL SYMPOSIUM...Our Savior Lutheran School Grand Rapids is honored to be the location for the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education's Fall Symposium on Saturday, October 19. Come learn more about this growing movement in Christian education from a variety of Lutheran speakers including Mollie Hemingway, Katie Schuermann, and Dr. Geoffrey Boyle. Registration/sign-up information to follow.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS DRIVE...Wellspring Lutheran Services, through their Kentwood office, provides foster care and preventative services to our community. Their preventative services work with families to keep them intact. Many of these families struggle to meet their basic living needs and providing a healthy living environment for themselves and their children. If you would like to help fill this need, there is a bin in the Narthex for donations. A list of needed items can be found on the flier in your church mailboxes. We will have this bin available through August 18 with delivery to Wellspring later that week. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tarbell at 616-204-7344 or jennifertarbell@me.com.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS...The Yarn Bender ministry is making winter hats for Wyoming Public Schools and we would love to have you join us in this endeavor. All colors and sizes are needed for children from Pre-K right through high school. We'll be working on this until mid-October when they will be delivered. Finished hats can be given to Diane Long or Kathy Helak.

DEAR FAMILY OF GRACE...Thank all of you for your cards, thoughts and prayers on my birthday. It was so wonderful - what a birthday - wow! May God bless all of you.
Much love, Marilyn

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Your Mites in Action

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”
(1 Peter 4:10)



The Lutheran Women in Mission (Grace Lutheran Wings, LWML Western Michigan Zone of the English District) collected \$257.41 during the June 30 Noisy Offering. THANK YOU to all those who partner with us in honoring Christ by serving others.

Half of these funds will be used for the second mission grant that the Women in Mission voted for at our April 26-28 District convention in Detroit – Camp Restore Detroit. This grant will be used to build a play area to enhance the community centers in an impoverished area of Detroit, working with active community leaders.

For those wanting a more hands-on mission activity, Camp Restore Detroit is hosting an LWML Servant Event weekend on August 16-18. They will provide lodging & meals, or day guests are welcome. To learn more, contact Carol Klein.

25% of your Mites are used for the missions chosen at the National LWML conventions. A \$50,000 check was presented to the Lutheran Hour Ministries during the Michigan District Convention on June 29 to be used to expand Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the U.S. The English District and the other 39 LWML Districts hope to have all 31 grants paid by the end of the biennium – June, 2025. (The list of 31 grants is listed on a bookmark on the Showcase. Feel free to take one!) Also at the showcase are Mite boxes. We invite you to be part of our mission to serve.

Thank you for your Mites donations! They are being put to good use to Serve in HIS name.

GRACE LIFE COMMITTEE

† “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10 †

God’s miracle gift of life for the unborn.

DAY ONE: Conception occurs and the cells begin to develop.

WEEK ONE: New life is composed of hundreds of cells and develops a protective hormone to prevent the mother’s body from rejecting it as it attaches to the wall of the womb.

WEEK THREE: The heart begins to beat.

FIRST MONTH: The unborn baby is ¼” long; mouth and jaw are present; eyes, ears, and nose are forming; arm and leg buds appear; heart is pumping blood through simple vessels.

WEEK SIX: The skeleton is complete. The brain waves can be measured; reflexes are present, and the unborn baby moves and responds to touch.

WEEK EIGHT: All organs – stomach, liver, kidney, brain – are functioning and all systems are intact; fingerprints are formed. The unborn baby can feel pain, suck the thumb, grasp, and swim.

SECOND MONTH: The unborn baby is about 1” long; eyes, ears, and nose are visible; thin skin, hands, and feet are forming; external genitalia is beginning to form.

WEEK TEN: All systems are present and functioning; the unborn baby ONLY needs time and nourishment for development and maturation; squints, swallows, and retracts the tongue.

THIRD MONTH: The unborn baby is 3” long; teeth are forming under the gums; fingers and toes are well formed and have nails; eyes are covered by lids; sex can be determined. The unborn baby is very active – can kick legs, turn feet, make a fist, turn head, and drink.

FOURTH MONTH: The unborn baby is 6 ¼” long and weighs 4 ounces. Fine hair is appearing on body; can turn somersaults.

FIFTH MONTH: The unborn baby is 9 ½” long and weighs 1 pound. Hair is growing on the head; buds for permanent teeth are beginning to grow.

SIXTH MONTH: The unborn baby is 12” long and weighs 1 ½ pounds; skin is very wrinkled and fat is forming underneath; eyebrows and eyelashes are forming; has hiccups.

SEVENTH MONTH: The unborn baby is 14” long and weighs 2 ½ pounds; has chance of survival if born.

EIGHTH MONTH: The unborn baby is 16” long and weighs 3 ½ pounds; good chance of survival if born.

NINTH MONTH: The unborn baby is 18” long and weighs 6 pounds or more; more fat appears beneath the skin to make it plumper; less wrinkled, chances of survival are excellent.



WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN

Serving Grades 7 - 12

Christ Centered - Student Focused

Academics.....Activities.....Achievement

† Individual attention so **each student** can achieve their goals;

† Integration of the **Faith in every class** throughout the day!

WML CHOIR DIRECTOR/TEACHER NEEDED...If you or someone you know would be interested in the position of choir director/teacher at West Michigan Lutheran High School, please email Principal Angers at kangers@wmlhs.org or call the school office at 616-455-2200. This position is for one afternoon a week during the school year.

ENROLL TODAY!...Looking for an affordable and exemplary Christ-centered education? Then check out West Michigan Lutheran High School. Contact the WML office at 616-455-2200 or email office@wmlhs.org to get the simple and easy enrollment paperwork.



IN OUR PRAYERS...

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:

Janet Dykstra is having surgery on Tuesday, August 6; Mark Schrader is having surgery on Monday, July 29; John Trygier (brother-in-law of Jenny Peterman).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS & OTHER NEEDS:

Anna Barber; Debra Barber; Timothy (Tim) Barnes; Rev. Ryan Beffrey; Mae Conkright; Jeanne DeMeester; Jeffrey (Jeff) DeYoung; Michael (Mike) Dykstra; Willis (Jack) Edwards; Marilyn Franks; Ronald (Ron) Hansen; Barbara (Barb) Hoffman; Theresa Holzhausen; Robert (Bob) Johnston; Cindy Johnston; Iris Kamradt; Vicki Kik; Lois Klooster; Elfriede (Elfie) Koehler; Jan Kutschinski; Terry Larson; Norman (Norm) Long; Allen (Al) Miiller; Margaret (Marge) Morgan; Carol Pellerito; James (Jim) Pellerito; Jennifer (Jenny) Peterman; Albert (Al) TePastte; Mark Schrader; Joseph (Joe) Theuerkauf; Sharon Theuerkauf.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED:

Anacletto Ayala (Gorman); Alice Barnes (Barnes); Dawsyn Bates (Schrader); David & Jane Boedecker (Marklevitz); Douglas Christensen (Christensen); John Cross (Larson); Vicky Drougl (Barnes); Margaret Eastland (Keith's mother); Phil Edgerton (Cutler); Ella Cathleen Ennis (Neitzel); Isabella Ferguson (Schrader); Nicole Girth (Gorman); Brian Hague (Larson); Bruce & Ruth Harder (Kik); Jim Hoard (Larson); Liz Hoffman (Hoffman); John Hume (Quist); Donald Karel (DeYoung); Jakaila Key (Key); Bridget Kimmel (Gorman); Brian & Dawn Klein (Larson); Laura Kooienga (Zwar); Cathy Kutschinski; Richard Ohse (former member); Family of Nicholas Pattok (Hoffman); Dalton Palmer (Kutschinski); Violet Redner (Marklevitz); Warren Rentz (father of Brian Rentz); Carissa Richmond (Pellerito); Bonnie Seher (Kamradt); Aaron Spratling (Hoffman); John Stroup (Gorman); Ty Tanis (Kutschinski); Donna TePastte (TePastte); Vicky Thompson (Hoffman); Maggie and Josiah Whitley (Helak).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES:

Robert Barber (Barber); Klorissa Brown, Katie Collins & Nick Payne (Gorman); Skylar Eriks (Kamradt); Christopher Ferguson & Alex Gaunt (Schrader); Blake Hoffman & Austin Spratling (Hoffman); Jackson Miller (Miller).

PRAYERS FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Nora Leon; Rev. Steven & Martha Mahlburg.

PRAYERS FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED SEMINARIANS:

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WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING birthdays and anniversaries this coming week that their celebrations would lead to rejoicing in God's goodness once again this year and to give Him thanksgiving for all His blessings.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Sunday, July 21 - Debra Barber

Sunday, July 21 - Maggie Eastland

Tuesday, July 23 - Al Miiller

Wednesday, July 24 - Jennifer Tarbell

Friday, July 26 - Dee Glass

Friday, July 26 - James Gottschall


No Anniversaries this week

TOGETHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY IN WORD AND STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 14, 2024 9:00 a.m. Worship Attendance: 90 Communion: 75

Sunday, July 14, 2024 Offering & Joyful Response: \$8,817.00

Those serving this week and next at Grace:

	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
	7/21/2024 9:00 a.m.	7/28/2024 9:00 a.m.
Communion Assistants:	Ed Gorman	Tom Hoffman
Deaconess/Deacon:	Jill Reyers	Martha Robach
Altar Guild:	Barb Edwards Linda Franks	Janet Dykstra Martha Gottschall
Acolytes:	Elizabeth Reynolds Hailey Morse	Molly DenBraber James Gottschall
Sound:	Doug Klein	Gray Ferguson
Fellowship:	Gorman	Larson

Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Ensemble Director: Diane Long

Organist: Charles Gottschall

Finance Team July: Doug & Carol Klein

Altar Flowers: by Diane Long on the occasion of Norm Long's birthday on July 19.

Happy birthday Norm!

THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, July 21, 2024 **(Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship following Worship

Bible Study 10:45 a.m.

Monday, July 22, 2024 **(St. Mary Magdalene)**

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Pastoral Care 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25, 2024 **(St. James the Elder, Apostle)**

Friday, July 26, 2024

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Sunday, July 28, 2024 **(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

Noisy Offering (E/M)

Fellowship following Worship

Bible Study 10:45 a.m.