

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

April-May 2024



FROM PASTOR'S DESK

From the associate pastor in the current church that I have my membership got me to thinking about what to write for the newsletter at Grace. He writes, "One flower that is especially associated with Easter is the Easter Lily. This spring flower symbolizes so many aspects of our Christian faith. The bloom is white, symbolizing the purity we all have in Christ Jesus. "They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:14) The shape of the bloom is like that of a trumpet, reminding us not only of the familiar Easter hymns, but also that trumpet call that will be heard when Jesus returns again in glory: "And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt. 24:31) The bulb, which is brown and dead-looking, must be put into the ground and undergo a winter just as Jesus says about himself: "...so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matt. 12:40) It's these similarities that remind us that all things are created by God and for God. As Jesus is entering into Jerusalem, some of the Pharisees in the crowd rebuked Jesus for allowing his disciples to welcome him in this kingly fashion. Jesus responds by saying, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." (Lk. 19:40) God will always receive the "honor due his name" (Ps. 29:2) whether that praise is from those he's come to save or not. St. Paul describes creation praising God in this way: "...the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (Rom. 8:21) The creation praises God for saving us! In sending Jesus Christ to die for the sins of all mankind, God redeemed his entire creation since it was man, through Adam and Eve, who brought the curse upon creation in the first place. So, when you see the flowers blooming, the trees budding, and those vegetables sprouting their way through the soil and towards the sunlight, remember that they are reminding you of something. All these creations of God are giving praise to God for redeeming you through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ! He has Risen! He has Risen indeed! Alleluia!

In His Service Your Vacancy Pastor Rev. Tim W. Weiser



How can I help at GRACE?
Have you wondered how you can help?
There are many ways to serve Christ in our little church.

- Pray for each other
- Pray for our Pastor
- Pray for our Council & Elders
- Serve as an offering counter (Contact Paula Eno)
- Serve on Altar guild/cleaning team (Contact Starr Carroll)
- Mow grass (contact Haley Alexander)
- Play organ (Contact Colissa or Kim)
- Teach Sunday School
- Visit shut-ins
- Send a birthday card or thinking of you card to a member



MISSION UPDATE:
Grace will continue to support Rev. Wood and his family as they continue to serve the Lord in Indonesia.

Mission Support Door
Collection Dates
June 30, 2024
September 29, 2024
December 29, 2024



Vacation season is coming soon!!!
Please remember that your gifts are needed.
As you plan your summer travels please remember to continue to support our congregation with your gifts.

IN OTHER NEWS.....

Ascension Day May 9, 2024

ELDER PICNIC

The 2024 Elder Picnic is tentatively planned for sometime during the first 2 weeks of June. We will keep you posted when a day is chosen.



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If you have questions? ask Steve or Colissa Alexander

Anniversary Blessings

April Anniversaries

23-Mike & Deana Frantzen

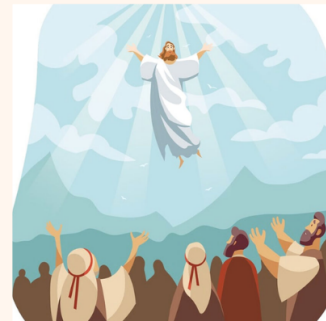
May Anniversaries

6-Mark & Liz Beck
20-George & Paula Eno
20-Dan & Sharon Penrod
25-Mike & Diane Dilks

Birthday Blessings

April
1-Paula Eno
1-Dorothy Powers
13-Mike Dilks
16-Hunter Beck
16-Bob Avery
17-Cynthia Stough
26-Iris Holman
May
2-Deana Frantzen
4-Aaron Burgett
10-Jewell Carroll
10-Neil Schaeffer
16-Brian Alexander
24-Mike Carroll
27-Justin Holman

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth
After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, "appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues "to do and teach" (Acts 1:1), preaching "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47) even "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon "the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1:22-23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself "in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:20).



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