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Pastor's corner:

"Enduring Your Storm"

I preached a sermon about this recently, but given that we just were hit by Hurricane Ida I thought I would revisit it. Mark chapter four ends with the story of Jesus calming the storm. It was a fierce storm and the disciples in the boat feared they were going to die, so they wake up the sleeping Jesus. With a word Jesus calms the raging sea, the disciples marvel and wonder who this guy really is.

We know exactly who Jesus is; the Son of God crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins. Knowing Jesus as all-powerful king with authority of all that exists, we then might expect Him to intervene in this tough post-hurricane time in our lives and calm the challenges and strife this storm has caused. Some might even blame Him for allowing us to be struck in the first place. After all, if Jesus has the power to calm storms, why doesn't He do it? Why didn't He do it?

Such thinking kind of misses a detail in the story. Jesus didn't spare the disciples the terror of enduring that tempest on the Sea of Galilee. They suffered it until they had nearly lost all hope. Later in Mark's Gospel Jesus on this same lake would allow them to struggle against an unfavorable wind all night long before He came to them walking on the water. Jesus allowed His followers to endure the episodes that they might learn, grow and in the end be stronger in faith than if they'd never borne the crises.

We are in a tough time. Some of us cannot remain in our homes. Others are facing financial uncertainty about the future. Some are thinking of picking up and moving to a life elsewhere outside of Hurricaneville. One thing common in all of this is that it shakes our confidence in this world and life. And that's good, because it makes us look elsewhere and as Christians, that elsewhere we look is Jesus.

If we look closely and see the truth, we see the Jesus who has borne the fallenness of the world in full, borne our sin to His cross and suffered the evil death this world ultimately delivers to all people—and that storm stands defeated. He lives, never to die again. In this we put our confidence and with Him bear faithfully whatever nasty road we must travel through to our own bodily resurrection from the dead to glory.

Yes, this is a storm. Yes, it is a horrid and mournful thing. Yet yes, it all stands overcome by Jesus' victory. Endure the storm in faith. As with the twelve, in His perfect timing Jesus will see you through.

—Pastor Rich

Lectionary Readings:

October 3, 2021—Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Genesis 2:18-25, Hebrews 2:1-13, Mark 10:2-16
October 10, 2021—Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 3:12-19, Mark 10:17-22
October 17, 2021—Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Ecclesiastes 5:10-20, Hebrews 4:1-13, Mark 10:23-31
Alternate readings being used for LWML Sunday:
Ezekiel 36:22-27, 1 Peter 1:18-22, Mark 12:28-31
October 22, 2021—Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
(Green)
Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52
October 31, 2021—Reformation Day (Red)
Revelation 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

2021 Board of Directors

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2022 Board of Directors And Elders

Now is the time to start thinking about serving as a member of the Board of Directors or elder for 2022. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself. Grace needs you! Currently all positions are open for nominations. Please prayerfully consider how you can help the Lord's work by volunteering to serve as a candidate for an elected position.

2021 Elders

Derek Crawford, Joey Souther, John Wegner and Joe Deane

November 2021 Newsletter articles should be turned in to Lisa by
Thursday, October 28th. You may email these to secretary@gracehouma.org

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter article - October 2021

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

This is a time we show our love to Pastor Rich and encourage his ministry with us at Grace. He is a gift from God to our congregation and our community.

Simple acts that feed a shepherd...you may want to consider the following as we care for and show our appreciation to Pastor Rich for the important work he does: pray for our pastor; express appreciation, spoken and written; celebrate with a special meal; encourage his personal interests.

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Andrea Dupre, Angelo Michel, Belinda Thibodaux, Burt Hebert, Hunter Moore, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane, PC Cummins, Tina Williams & William Bruce Hillman Jr.

BATTLING CANCER: Cindy Gorham, Georgette Savoie, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Karen Curtis, Kevin Smith, Nan Ashley Hebert, Penny Emling & Ursula Breaux

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswalt, Edna Marie Sevin, Helen Hoover, Jackie Webb, Kim Cape, Lisa Ledet, Rana DaSilva Moise, Richard LaCour, Sue Ackett & Virginia Cunningham

MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Billy Palmer, Bobby Torbert, Gordon Fitzgerald, Harold Lebeouf & Ken Broussard.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob, Jacey Corbitt & baby Corbitt, Kara Trahan & baby Trahan and Lori Prugh & baby Prugh.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Andrew Winn, Haily Crawford, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Natalie Turcott, Nigel Koorie, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, Victoria Shroyer & Zhain Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adriana Vitano, Allen Trahan, Annie Reaves, Armand Erhart, Blayne Barras, Brandon Cinnater, Brooks Thomas, Emma Thomas, Donovan Domangue, Fielden Baker, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Cuneo, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim


Grace's Mission

**Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship**



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October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Grace Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center 422 Valhi Boulevard Houma, LA. 70360 985-879-1865 / 1833 (fax) www.gracehouma.org</p>						
<p>http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-calendar.html</p>						
BD= Birthday Pentecost IXX Worship 9am/Food Bank Baked Goods follow SS for all ages 10:45am	BA=Baptismal Anniversary 4 Bible Study 1:00pm Dave Greve BD Presley Spolarich BD II Chronicles 33-36	5 Bible Study 1:00pm	6 Mary Harding BD Psalms 128-130	7 Ecclesiastes 5-6	8 Brandon Cinnater BA Carmen Cunningham BA Zephaniah	9 Supply Distribution 2pm Acts 11-12
James 4-5 Pentecost XX Worship 9am MG Baked Goods follow SS for all ages 10:45am	11 Deuteronomy 10-12	12	13	14 Ecclesiastes 5-6	15 Haggai	16 Karen Moss BD Gabriella Crawford BA Acts 13-14
<p>PASTOR RICH OUT OF THE OFFICE UNIT OCTOBER 16TH</p>						
Dale Boger BD I Peter 1-3 Pentecost XXI Worship 9am/LWML Sunday Baked Goods follow SS for all ages 10:45am Michael Shroyer, Sr. BD Billie Bohannon BA H. & J. Sasser W I Peter 4-5	18 Victoria Thalheim BD Deuteronomy 13-15	19 Bible Study 1:00pm J. & C. Deane W Ezra 6-10	20 Haily Crawford BA Psalms 134-136	21 Aimee Cima BD Ecclesiastes 7-8	22 Seth Cunningham BA Chandler Theriot BA Zechariah 1-7	23 Lisa Ledet BD Acts 15-16
Pentecost XXII Worship 9am/Baked Goods/SS Dennis Armstrong BA II Peter	25 Cory Giroir BD Deuteronomy 16-19	26 Bible Study 1:00pm R. & E. Labat W R. & R. Reaves W Nehemiah 1-4	27 Edith Labat BD Psalms 137-139	28 PIPELINER ARTICLES DUE Bible Study 6pm Ecclesiastes 11-12	29 Mary Harding BA Malachi	30 Ross Reaves BD Acts 17-18 Alyssa Vitrano BD Acts 19-20
Reformation Day Worship 9am Baked Goods follow/SS I John 1-3	31					

Grace after Hurricane Ida

