

NEWSLETTER

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE TO GO

We're shaking things up
with our newsletter design.



Local company donated
dirt to us. Now we can
fill in low spots that
flood.

SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Monday Bible Class 6 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 1 p.m.
Wednesday Pot Luck 6 p.m.
Prayer & Praise 6:45 p.m.

ALTAR GUILD

10/05: Pastor & Bridgette
10/12: Mary Lou & Lorie
10/19: Jerrie & Stacie
10/26: John & Rana

LECTORS

10/05: Shelby Giroir
10/12: Debra Shevlin
10/19: Bonnie Dupre
10/26: Dale B./Nicholas S.

Pastor's Corner

Word to the Wise

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

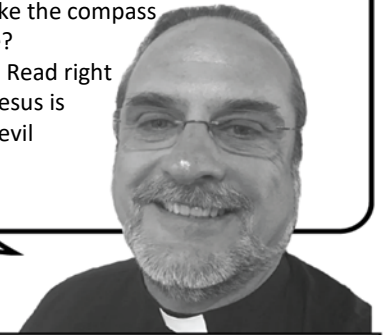
What is the measure by which we test the spirits—the messages and leadings that come at us in the world each day? What guide tells us whether a leading is of God, of Satan, or maybe just neutral?

I'd hope most of us would say God's Word is the measure. St. Paul writes, *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."* (2 Timothy 3:16) But do Christians today know that Word, or do they happily sing "Jesus loves me, this I know" and leave it at that? Could you list the summary of God's Law that is the Ten Commandments? Do you know the basic Christian truths presented in Luther's Small Catechism?

The Divine Service is wonderful and God's gracious gifts are given there in abundance. But it is God's Holy Spirit at work through the Word of promise that protects, sustains and uplifts you out in the world. God says through the prophet Jeremiah, *"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people."* He has done so. Are you abiding in it?

Imagine hiking through the Amazon rain forest thinking that because you have a compass you will not get lost; yet you never take the compass out of your pocket. What would be the outcome?

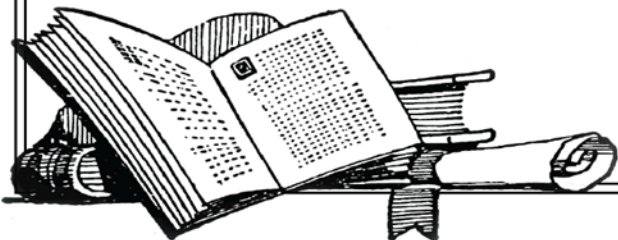
Don't be silly. Be in the Word. Study your Bible. Read right devotionals. Go to class. Know your catechism. Jesus is the Word made flesh that sees you through the evil world to your heavenly home. Abide in Him.



LECTIONARY READINGS

October 05, 2025 (Green) 13th Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025 (Green) 14th Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025 (Green) 19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025 (Red) Reformation Day (Observed)

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-10
Ruth 1:1-19a, 2 Timothy 2:1-13, Luke 17:11-19
Genesis 32:22-30, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8
Revelation 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36



IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HANDS...



PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Arthur Dean Parfait, Charles Calloway and Vickie Ogle.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Charlene Shroyer, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton, Mike Moss and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Kim Cape, Richard Reaves and Roy Labat.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bob Dieterian, Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, Jeanne Norman, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & Ezekiel Long, Karoline and baby Cormier, Krista & Braxton Moore, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Arthur, Nikki and baby Boudreaux and Toni and Linnen Randolph.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssa Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.

Preparing to Die in Christ Seminar – October 18th

Believers know that in Christ we shall be raised to eternal life. Yet how well are we prepared for this life's end? Pastor Rich is offering this seminar to aid one in planning for the time the Lord calls us home. The seminar is aimed at giving a Christian comfort in the face of death, giving glory to Christ in one's funeral rite, and simply having the basic logistics sorted before that time comes. Topics will include the theology of death, planning one's Christian funeral, myths about funerals, funeral home decisions and legalities and more. Chad Saia of Chauvin Funeral Home will be a guest speaker. The seminar will be in the fellowship hall Saturday, October 18th from 9 a.m. until noon. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex or you can email pastor@gracehouma.org.

Register for LERT

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) is looking to increase awareness through the expansion of its email volunteer list. Signing up does not obligate you for service, but it can raise the LCMS Southern District's profile and help with funding and grants in our region. Additionally, you will receive emails about opportunities to serve which you or others you know who are willing can partake of. Go to www.lcms-lert.org and click "SIGN-UP" to register. Once you've completed that process go to "DISTRICTS" and become a Fan of the Southern District to increase our region's footprint in the program.

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

The Divine Service comes to its close with the confirmation of all the blessings received. The Benediction is not a wish, but a statement of truth-the result of the divine gifts one has just formally received: God's presence, protection, grace, favor and peace. Thus fortified, we go forth as God's holy people to live to His glory.



GRACE'S MISSION

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Friendship.

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