Grace Announcements

For the Week of April 17th

**Notes for Worship**

**Welcome GUESTS!** We are SO GLAD to be able to gather again to praise our Lord together in His house and receive His gifts.

**Children’s Bulletins** are available on the table in the narthex for kids ages 3 & up, and 7 & up. Help yourself!

A quick summary of Grace’s current **COVID-19 church policy**:

*- Wearing masks is* ***optional****.*

*-* ***Offering plates*** *will be placed in the narthex.*

*- Pick up a copy of the* ***Announcements*** *and* ***worship service******bulletin*** *on the table in the narthex.*

- *During* ***Holy Communion*** *the Usher will dismiss people (starting from the front) to the communion rail. Households are encouraged to stand one arm’s-length apart from other households.* ***Individual cups*** *will be distributed and can be discarded into the baskets along the walls.*

*- Pastor will* ***sanitize*** *his hands before Communion, instead of wearing a mask and gloves.*

The **March 27th** attendance was **22** with **14** communing.

The **April 3rd** attendance was **29** with **19** communing.

The **April 10th** attendance was **43** with **29** communing.

The **Maundy Thursday** attendance was **21** with **13** communing.

The **Good Friday** attendance was **26**.

A special thank you to all those who supplied the **Easter lilies and other flowers** to decorate the chancel this morning. You are free to pick yours up and take it home with you after the service.

**Happenings at Grace**

On the maroon table in the Fellowship Hall there is a rough draft of everyone’s **contact info** for the new Church Directory. Please double-check to make sure yours is correct! If you haven’t had your family picture taken this month for the upcoming directory, please email one to Kendis at [dbender6@gmail.com](mailto:dbender6@gmail.com). We hope to have the **2022 Church Directory** finalized and emailed out in early May.

Throughout this month we are taking a **free-will door offering** in the box next to the offering plate for **Ukraine humanitarian relief** thru Lutheran World Relief and Corus International. Further details are available on the bulletin boards.

**Coffee hour** is back – today and every Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Children’s Church Teachers** are urgently needed for ages 3 to 1st grade. If you are willing, please contact Pastor or Tom M.

The Sunday morning **Adult Bible Class** meets next on May 1st.

A special **thank you** to all those who have worked behind the scenes this weekend to make all the worship services so meaningful and godly. Your efforts are appreciated!

The **Foundations of Faith** class – which is all about the basics of the Lutheran faith – will be offered in May. If you might be interested in this, contact Pastor for input on day/times.

SERVING THE LORD AT GRACE

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| **DATE** | **Usher** | **Acolyte** | **Greeter** | **Counters** | **Altar Guild** | **Lay Reader** |
| **April 17th** | Paul Castle | David Jones | Sue W. | Jan Koepp & Lisa L. | Kathy Knipper | Dave Jones |
| **April 24, May 1** | Tom M. | Reilly Jones | Anita S. | Jan Koepp & Lisa L. | Karen Huston | Anita S. |

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Greg Christner** – health, breathing issues

**Beth** (friend of Paul Castle) – husband Keith died this week

**Dale** (friend of Paul Castle) – advanced Alzheimer’s disease

**1+1+1 Giving Program**

The plastic donation container on the narthex table is for the **1+1+1 program**. All English District members are encouraged to participate by simply donating $1 (above and beyond their usual church offering), From today through August 31, 2022 all the monies donated toward this program will go to two new mission-start congregations: **Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church** (Hayden, ID) & **St. John Lutheran Church** (Clarksburg, WV). Check out the flyer on the plastic container or go to englishdistrict.org/1-1-1-dollar-missions for more info.

**Communion Statement** of

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)

At Grace we come to the altar to receive the gift of the Lord’s Supper. In the Lord’s Supper those who are baptized receive through faith the true body and true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ “in, with and under” the bread and wine for their personal forgiveness and strengthening of faith (Matt. 26:26-28; John 6:51-55). We examine ourselves beforehand, mindful of our need for repentance (1 Cor. 11:27-79). In the Lord’s Supper we are united with Christ and His body the Church, and also reflect the unity we have as a congregation with a common Christian, biblically-based confession (1 Cor.10:16-17); see also John 6:56; Acts 2:42; Romans 16:17. Therefore, those who come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper should be united with us in our understanding of the Lord’s Supper, the real presence of Jesus therein, and the Lutheran Faith. We ask that any visitors who wish to be our guests at the Lord’s Table please talk to the Pastor before the worship service.

Note: the cups of wine in the inner circle, which are a different color than the others, are non-alcoholic.