Grace Announcements

For the Week of July 31st

**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. Today we will be using the Divine Service **Setting 4** liturgy. If you might be unfamiliar with it, please turn to **p. 203** and following in the pew hymnal to follow along.

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

**Children’s Church**, for those age 3 thru 1st grade, is held today after the Children’s Message in the large hallway classroom.

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

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

*-* ***Offering plates*** *will be placed in the narthex instead of being passed through the pews during the Offering.*

*- 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.* ***Individual cups*** *will be distributed and can be discarded into the baskets along the walls. We will not be using the* ***Common Cup*** *at this time.*

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

Today we welcome **James Feddeck** as our guest organist, grateful for the talents he uses in our Lord’s service today.

**Offering plates** are located in the narthex for peoples’ tithes and offerings. During the **Offering** the Usher will bring top offering plate to the altar while the congregation sings the Doxology. A second offering plate remains in the narthex.

If anyone has any Sunday morning **prayer requests**, they can be written down and placed in the **Prayer Basket** next to the offering plates. The Usher will deliver them to the Pastor to include in the **Prayer of the Church**.

**Happenings at Grace**

The **August Grace Notes Newsletters** have been emailed out to everyone. Hard copies are available in the narthex. If you’d like to be added to the email list, please contact Pastor.

The **Foundations of Faith** class – which is all about the basics of the Lutheran faith – will begin in about a month. If you might be interested in this, contact Pastor for input on what weekday/times works best.

**Adult Bible Class** resumes next Sunday as we study Authority within the local congregation.

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

 Wed. 8/3 Confirmation Class 1:30 pm

 Wed. 8/3 Private Communion 2:30-4:00 pm

 Wed. 8/3 Elder’s Meeting 7:00 pm

 Sun. 8/7 Adult Bible Class 9:00 am

SERVING THE LORD AT GRACE

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| **DATE** | **Usher** | **Acolyte** | **Greeter** | **Counters** | **Altar Guild** | **Lay Reader** |
| **July 31st, Aug. 7** | Tom M. | Reilly Jones | Karen F. | Jan Koepp & Fred F. | Kathy Knipper | Fred F |
| **Aug. 14th, 21st** | Dale Rider | Carter Jones | Bonnie A. | Bonnie A. & Dale R. | Karen Huston | David Jones |

**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.

 So far we have raised **$ 200** for this year’s mission projects.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Heather Abicht** (Bonnie’s daughter) – recovery from neck surgery

**Lee Anne Christner** – recovery from knee surgery

**Shirley Dunham** (Robin Turnbull’s mom) – tumor

**Kris Koepp** (Jan’s son) – back issues

**Lisa Lalonde** – recovery from broken foot

**Gary Saathoff** (Anita’s husband) – recovery from back surgery

**Mary Ann Trainor** (Fred’s aunt) – ICU after fall

**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.

The **July 10th** attendance was **28** with **22** communing.

The **July 17th** attendance was **27** with **20** communing.

The **July 24th** attendance was **25** with **17** communing.