

Worship Order

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ruth Bremer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



OPENING HYMN

"Oh, Blest the House"

LSB 862

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

GOD'S WORD Acts 1:12-26; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11-19

CONFESSION OF FAITH (see the screen)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

SONG

"Good, Good Father"

MESSAGE

"We Are All in This Together"
Pastor Jack Mackowiak

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome, Pastor John & Donna Vaughn
and Ron & Jan Winka!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PREFACE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF CHRIST

DISTRIBUTION

SONG

"The Blessing"

DISMISSAL

SENDING & BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader"

LSB 861



Thanks for signing the pew pad to let us know you're here!
Visitors, thank you for sharing your contact information
so we can connect with you.



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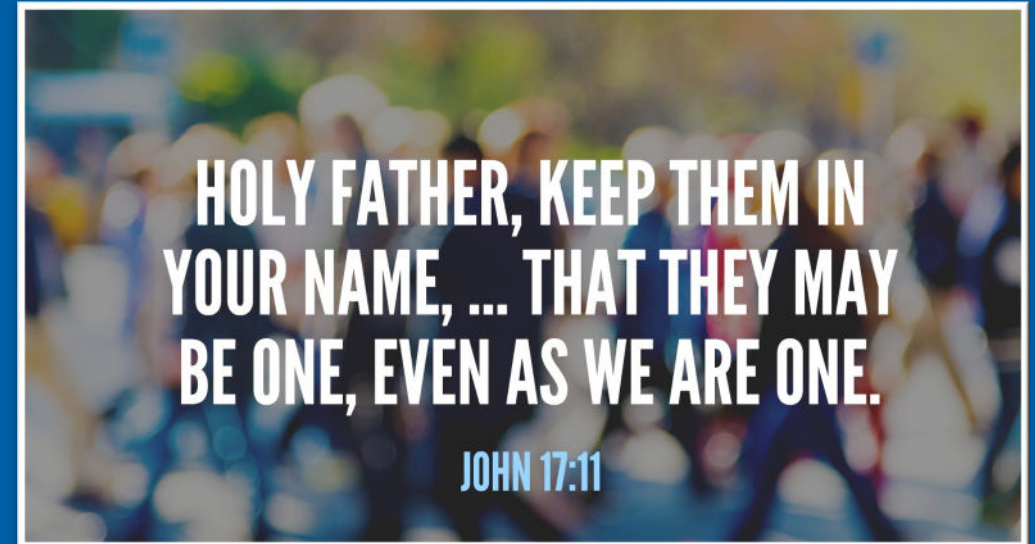
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Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



Welcome to Amazing Grace!

We're so glad you joined us for worship today as we celebrate Jesus' return to Heaven after His resurrection. You will find the worship order on the back of this bulletin, along with many announcements inside! May you feel God's presence in this place as you worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.



OUR MISSION as a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
is to "Experience Christ's Love. Live It. Share It."





VPK 4-Year Olds Moving Up Ceremony and Reception

**Wednesday, May 22
10-11 am
Worship Center and
Fellowship Hall**

This Ceremony and Reception acknowledges our VPK children who are moving on to Kindergarten in the new school year.

Come out and support these children and their families with a little love!

DANCE PARTY WITH A DJ

IN THE NEW MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AT AGELC

**Friday, May 24
5:30-7:00 pm**

DID YOU KNOW?

- About every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- A single blood donation can save up to 3 lives.
- Only 3% of age-eligible individuals in the U.S. give blood each year.

Who needs a blood donation?

Patients may need blood to address:

- Heavy bleeding
- Surgery
- Trauma
- Organ transplant
- Cancer and treatment
- Infectious diseases
- Blood diseases
- Gastrointestinal diseases

There's always a need for blood.

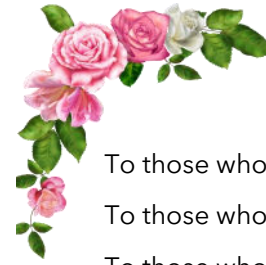
- Donating blood is always important because blood has a short shelf life and there is constantly a need.
- For example, platelets, which help with clotting and can benefit people who don't have enough, can be stored for 5-7 days.
- Red blood cells, which can benefit people with diseases that cause anemia, can be stored for only up to 42 days.



When can you donate?

The Big Red Bus will be at Amazing Grace Sunday, May 26, from 8am-noon.

Go to <https://oneblood.org> to register to donate!



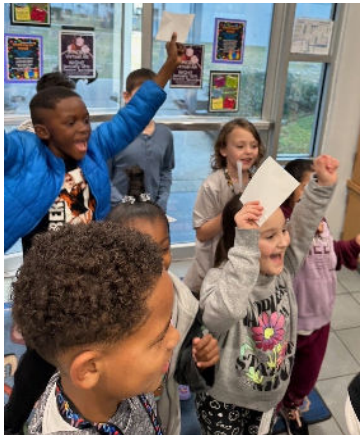
The Wide Spectrum of Mothering

By Amy Young



- To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you.
- To those who lost a child this year—we mourn with you.
- To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stain - we appreciate you.
- To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away - we mourn with you.
- To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment - we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.
- To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms—we need you.
- To those who have warm and close relationships with your children—we celebrate with you.
- To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children -we sit with you.
- To those who lost their mothers this year—we grieve with you.
- To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother - we acknowledge your experience.
- To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood -we are better for having you in our midst.
- To those who have aborted children- we remember them and you on this day.
- To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children - we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.
- To those who stepparent—we walk with you on these complex paths.
- To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be - we grieve with you
- To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year- we grieve and rejoice with you.
- To those who placed children up for adoption- we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.
- And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising - we anticipate with you.

*This Mother's Day, we walk with you.
Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst.
We remember you.*



**Wildwood Elementary School
Accelerated Reader
Awards & Pizza Party
THIS Thursday, May 16, Noon-4pm
at Wildwood Elementary**



Volunteers will distribute books and pizza to the top 10 readers in each grade level! You will also interact with the children individually and show them God's love.

If you love children, this is an opportunity to serve them!

Meet at church at noon and carpool to the school.

Sign up TODAY at the CONNECT CENTER or contact Lois Schaefer, 352-250-6541.

**AGLC HOLY STROKES
GOLF TOUR**



On a sun drenched day the **Holy Strokes Golf Tour** took on the challenge of Tarpon Boil Executive Course.

Nearest to the hole winners were TSgt. Mark Winka and Bruce Larks. Way to go men!

On the undercard the team of K.G.W.* was defeated by G.LV.*, 1 up in a suspenseful nine hole, team best ball competition that came down to the last hole.

Great fun! Thanks to all for coming out.

If you like to play golf for fun and enjoy Christian fellowship, and live in The Villages, join us!

Contact Stu Vogt at 352 446 9910 or stubeff@gmail.com.

**Ladies Second Monday Lunch Bunch
Tomorrow May 13, 1 pm
Glenview Country Club**

3194 Glenview Rd, The Villages

This is a joyous opportunity to build friendships and meet new people. All ladies are welcome! Sign up at the Connect Center.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members, save the date.

**Congregational Voters Meeting for
the Election of AGLC Board of
Directors - Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**This meeting will be held
between services at 9:15.**

Candidate profiles for this election have been sent to members via email and are included in this bulletin. Absentee ballots for this election are available at the Welcome Center along with candidate profiles.

**NEW SUMMER
BIBLE STUDY!**
Wednesdays
1-2:30 pm
Beginning JUNE 5
for 8 weeks

**"Navigating Change"
(and keeping your sanity!)**

How do we process change in the light of knowing God's character and in view of Scripture?

Join with us this summer as we explore the challenging idea of change! If you need to miss a week for travel, it's okay.

**All are welcome!
Sign up at the Connect Center today
and bring a friend!**

(Led by Susan Gordon)



ELC STAFF MEAL—July 11

Can you provide a simple meal for the Early Learning Center Staff for their **July 11, 6 pm meeting** (25-30 staff members)?

You can be reimbursed up to \$100 for the cost of the meal, but would need to be at the ELC on that date to set it out. **There is a sign up sheet at the Connect Center or call Aimee. Thank you!**

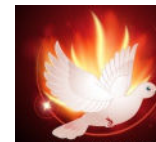
Looking Ahead!

- ◇ There will be a Phil's Friends packing event on Saturday, June 8. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets and donation lists.
- ◇ Mark your calendar for our Amazing Grace Golf Outing, Saturday, October 19 at Eagle Ridge, for the benefit of Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries.

Sunday Reminders!



NO Sunday Bible Study until 5/26



**Next Sunday, 5/19,
we wear red for
Pentecost Sunday.**

**May 26, we wear white for
Holy Trinity Sunday.**



This Week's Church Calendar

SUN 5/12	Blended Worship	Worship Center	9:00am
	Pastoral Call Voters Meeting immediately follows		
MON 5/13	Women of Grace	Fellowship Hall	10:30am
	Ladies Monthly Lunch	Glenview C.C.	1:00pm
	ELC Board Meeting	ELC	4:00pm
WED 5/15	Men's Bible Study	Bradenton Rec	8:45am
	ELC Chapel	Worship Center	10:30am
THU 5/16	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	7:30am
	Wildwood Elementary	Meet at Church	Noon
SUN 5/19	Traditional Worship	Worship Center	8:00am
	Voters Meeting	Worship Center	9:15am
	Contemporary Worship	Worship Center	10:15am