

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Organ Prelude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" LSB 812

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

HYMN "When Peace, Like a River" (v. 2, 3) LSB 763

GOD'S WORD:

Reading Acts 4:12-20 Gospel Mark 10:17-22

PROFESSION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head" (v. 1, 2, 4) LSB 647

THE MESSAGE "Big Church" - Part 1
Pastor Paul Burtzlaff

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS LSB 161

WORDS OF OUR LORD/PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION (Reflective instrumental music)

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

DISMISSAL Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!



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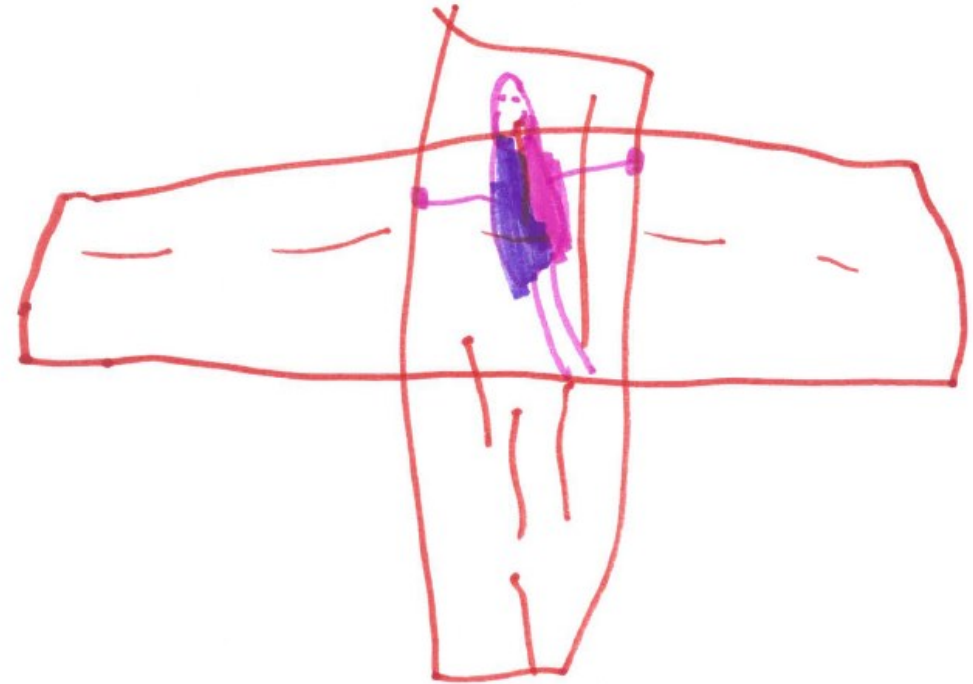
Grace Guide

Sunday

October 13, 2024

NAOMI

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Welcome to Amazing Grace!

It is our joy to have you join with us as we worship the living God who made heaven and earth! Our cover art this week is from Naomi, age 4, one of the 119 Early Learning Center preschoolers we are blessed to offer full-time Christian Education to each day.



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



Thanks for signing the pew pad to let us know you're here!
Please leave your name badges in the basket by the door. If you need a badge, please sign the list by the badge board.



**“A ‘Brief’ History of the Reformation”
Sundays, 9:15-10 am
Led by Jere Greene**

The Reformation affected many aspects of life - religion, politics, war, economics, philosophy, publishing, and the settling of the New World. Monks, princes, kings, popes, preachers, and some of the greatest theologians are part of the story!



**Women of Grace
Mondays, 10:30-noon
AGLC, led by Betty Eich**

We will look at two questions that Jesus asked that we still need to answer today. Books are available in class. All are welcome to join this great group of ladies!



**Bethel Bible Study - New Testament
Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm
Beginning this Tuesday, 10/15
AGLC, led by Eric Fehlau**

Understand what connects the books of the New Testament. Learn about who Jesus was, His purpose and mission on earth, and how the Bible fits into history.
20-Week Course



**Men's Bible Study
Wednesdays, 8:45-10:00 am
Bradenton Rec Center
Led by Bill Donaldson**

This Bible Study is made up of men from Amazing Grace and other area churches. The book of **Romans** is the Apostle Paul's masterpiece, a carefully written book about what Christians believe and why.



**Six-Week Bible Study
Wednesdays, 1-2:30 at AGLC OR
7:30-8:30 pm on Zoom
Led by Susan Gordon**

This study partners with Pastor's message series on Nehemiah and will allow us to go more in-depth and learn about resilience, prayer, planning, leadership, and more.



**Men's Bible Study
Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 am
AGLC, led by Butch Verbeck**

Join the men as they discuss and learn from **the 10 Commandments** as part of their study of the **Concordia Lutheran Confessions**. These commandments were given to us by God for our good!

Congregational Life

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

- Pastoral and Communion Assistants:**
8:00 John & Marliese White
10:15 John LeFavour, Peg Ludwig
- Readers:** 8:00 Ruth Collver 10:15 Betty Eich
- Ushers:** 8:00 Bob & Linda Kavalunas
10:15 John Dyslin-R, Eric Seifert & Mark Winka
- Altar Guild:** Marliese White
- Worship Slides:** 8:00 Marilyn Harris
10:15 Linda Robinson
- Welcome Center:**
8:00 Lou & Chris Rebeck, Marie Schriefer
10:15 Ned & Chris Gottleber, Peg Ludwig
- Coffee Hour:** Frank & Kathy Muller
- Counters:** Pearl DuSha & Barb Montoya

We Pray for...

- + Norma DeLair who fell this week and has several fractures.
- + Lori Rockey's brother, Jeff, in recovery from cancer surgery.
- + Rae Witte, who is having heart issues.
- + Clarke Camp, recovering from a second knee replacement surgery.
- + Bill Burke, William Burke's father who fell and broke his femur and required surgery.
- + All those who are struggling after Hurricane Milton. We are thankful that so many of our church family had limited damage, but many on our coasts did not. Prayers of thanks for all of the linemen/other workers who are restoring power, removing downed trees, clearing debris, etc.

MISSIONARY PARTNERS: Gospel Mission of India, FL/GA District LCMS, Mission: Haiti, Trinity HOPE: Haiti Feeding Program, La Providencia Honduras, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries (Maternity Home)

COMMUNITY LEADERS & BUSINESSES: Custom Painting by Robert A. White, The Villages, Shay Painting, Coral's Casual Patio & Fireplace, and Quality Pavement Services, all in Wildwood

“As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.”

Acts 16:4-5



Long-term visitors are invited to join our amazing volunteers! There is a place for you!

You will be trained in whatever role you take.

Communion Assistant is a vital role in our worship, as you serve the wine during Communion. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Deacon Chair, Stu Vogt, stubefit@gmail.com or 352-446-9910.

Ushers and Welcome Center Hosts are great roles if you are a “people person!” You will be interacting with our members and visitors and helping them to see the love and welcome of Amazing Grace!

To volunteer as an usher, contact Wanda Pierce, 260-585-1054.

To serve at the Welcome Center, contact Karen Sanders, 314-591-5886.

Burdens are lifted when the family of God prays for you!

We have both an internal Prayer Team that prays confidentially for people and published prayers that are shared with the church.

To share a request with the confidential Prayer Team, contact Lois Clymer, 215-718-3570.

If you would like the church family to pray for you, please contact Susan Gordon in the office, 352-748-1201.



Our belief regarding the "Lord's Supper", also known as Holy Communion, is that it is a joyous sacred act established by Christ Himself and given as a gift to the Church. God's Word teaches: Let a man examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink of the cup. (1 Cor. 11:28-29).

Therefore, in accordance with Scripture, and out of loving care for all, we invite all to join us at His table who:

- Confess and sincerely repent of all your sins. (1 John 1:8-9)
- Believe that only through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, does God forgive your sins and give you newness of life (Is. 53:4-6; Rom. 6:23; 2 Cor 5:17)
- Believe that in, with and under the bread and wine, you receive not merely a symbol, but the true Body & Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith. (1 Cor. 10:16; Matt. 26:28)
- Recognize that participation at the Lord's Table is a "proclaiming of the Lord's death" (1 Cor. 11:26) and indicates public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament and a oneness in faith in Christ alone as Savior.

If you cannot receive wine, apple juice is in the center of the tray. If you need gluten-free wafers, please let Pastor know. If you cannot come to the altar, please let the usher know so Pastor can serve you at your seat. Non-communing children may join their parents and receive a blessing.

This Week's Church Calendar			
SUN 10/13	Traditional Worship	Worship Center	8:00am
	Bible Study	Room 201	9:15am
	Modern Worship	Worship Center	10:15am
	Nursery & Kids Church	ELC	
MON 10/14	Women of Grace Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	10:30am
	Ladies Second Monday Lunch	Gator's Brownwood	1:00pm
	ELC Board Meeting	ELC MPR	4:00pm
TUE 10/15	Bethel Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	1:30pm
	AGLC Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall	4:00pm
WED 10/16	Baptismal Breakfast	Fellowship hall	8:00am
	Men's Bible Study	Bradenton Rec	8:45am
	Nehemiah Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	1:00pm
	Nehemiah Bible Study	Zoom	7:30pm
<i>(email office for Zoom link and materials)</i>			
THU 10/17	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	7:30am
	Prayerful Chair Yoga	Worship Center	3:00pm

- UPCOMING
EVENTS**
- 10/14 Ladies Lunch
 - 10/15 Bethel Study begins
 - 10/16 Baptismal Breakfast
 - 10/17 Prayerful Chair Yoga begins
 - 10/20 Youth Bible Study begins
Baby Bottle Collection
 - 10/23 "Joy of Jesus" Bible Study begins
 - 10/27 Baby Bottle Collection
 - 10/31 Trunk or Treat

BAPTISMAL BREAKFAST

Wednesday, October 16

9:00 am at Amazing Grace

Have you heard about Baptism but wonder what it's about?

Join Pastor Burtzlaff and enjoy a homecooked Baptismal breakfast while he offers a brief teaching about Baptism.

You will have the opportunity for you and/or your child to be baptized that day or schedule a Baptism in the future.

RSVP to paulburtzlaff@amazinggracelc.org or by calling the church office at 352-748-1201.



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Fall BALL

Saturday, October 26th, 2024

Father/Daughter Ball
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A fun time for all of our young ladies to enjoy music, dancing, and fall snacks with special someone in their lives (dad, grandfather, uncle).

Mother/Son Ball
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

A fun time for all our young men to enjoy music, dancing, and fall snacks with special someone in their lives (mother, grandmother, aunt).


Trunk or Treat, October 31, 4-7 pm

Bring the kiddos, infants through elementary age! Costumes should be non-scary.

We are still in need of Game Hosts and other volunteers.
Sign up at the Connect Center!

We are also collecting candy donations in the purple bins near the kitchen.

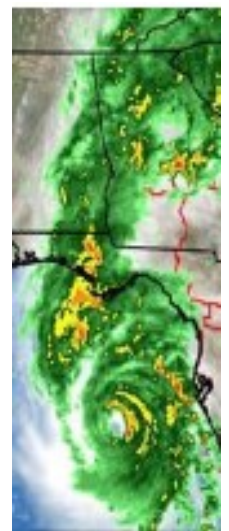
Did you know?



Starting in 2024, donors 70½ years old or older may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their IRA to transfer up to \$105,000 to qualified charities, and this will not impact future Required Minimum Distributions (RMD).

Don't forget...the distribution must be made directly to the charity for tax reporting.

Even more good news, required minimum distributions (RMD) start at 73 and your QCD will count toward your RMD in that year! Talk to your financial professional for more information.



HURRICANE HELENE and MILTON DISASTER RESPONSE

Many are asking how they can help the victims of the recent hurricanes. Much relief work is ongoing in NC, TN, FL and other southeast states.

Here are two ways you can help, along with the **Red Cross ([redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org))** .

[samaritanaspurse.org](https://www.samaritanaspurse.org) - Samaritan's Purse is a reputable Christian organization with extremely low overhead that is on the ground in the hardest-hit areas administering compassionate physical & spiritual help in the name of Jesus.

Make a special gift to Amazing Grace that we can share in areas or cases of greatest need. Check should be made out to "Amazing Grace Lutheran Church" and designated "Hurricane Relief".

Checks can be mailed or dropped off to:
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 4886 CR-472, Oxford, FL 34484

Baby Bottle Collection for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries residential maternity and transition home
Sunday 10/20 and 10/27.

Redeeming Life is a Christian maternity home program for single expectant women. Our program prepares them for the future and equips them with the tools they need to master everyday life situations. The maternity home is a place of comfort, peace, and spiritual & educational growth. In addition, they learn employment and parenting skills as they prepare for baby's arrival.

Bottles are available in the Fellowship Hall for you to fill with your spare change and cash.

If paying by check, checks should be made out to "Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries."



Almost 100 boxes were picked up last week! Get yours today!

These shoeboxes of joy are delivered to needy children all over the world during special parties where they also hear and receive the Gospel. Instructions for filling are available when you pick up your box(es).

Returning your boxes before Sunday 10/27? Please place them on the chairs at the back of Room 101/102.

All boxes must be returned by 10/27.



Prayerful Chair Yoga

BEGINS THIS THURSDAY
3-4 pm at Amazing Grace!
Sign up today!

For 6 weeks- limit 12 people. Men and women welcome. Must commit to attending all 6 sessions. Prayerful chair yoga practice will bring health and wellness to your body, mind, and spirit. Focusing on the breath, we draw near to God, the giver of life. Sign up at Connect Center or call 352-748-1201.





NEW BIBLE STUDIES Coming soon!!

Haven't been attending one? Why not start with one of these?

SIGN UP AT THE CONNECT CETER



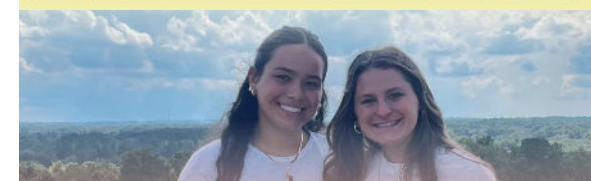
Begins THIS Tuesday, October 15, 1:30-3:00

Travel through the New Testament and learn how it all points to Jesus and His church. It's ALL related!

This is a 20-week study but it is well worth your time. Please sign up at the Connect Center so we can prepare materials for you.


Contact Eric Fehlau at 219-213-8073 with questions you have about the study.

HIGH SCHOOL
Youth Group AND BIBLE STUDY



Starts Sunday, 10/20, 9:15, Rm. 101/102
(then every other Sunday)
Grades 8-12

Join our own Tyler Porter and Olivia Romo for this student-led group guided by Katie Porter.



Philippians Bible Study

New 5-Week Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday 10/23

1-2:30 pm at AGLC

7:30-8:30 pm via Zoom
(ID: 841 5988 0663)

JOIN US!

The book is about Jesus in every part of who we are. Jesus who brings joy. Paul wrote it when he was a prisoner in Rome, so he can honestly talk about finding joy, no matter the circumstances.

Join us, at church or via Zoom (ID 841 5988 0663)
 Contact Susan Gordon with questions at 352-748-1201 or 813-727-0684.



Sunday, 10/20, we celebrate Elizabeth Rockey after the 10:15 service.

She is moving on to new adventures in her life after serving as our Praise Team leader since 2016!

We will have a basket that day for your cards with expressions of gratitude for her service and God speed as she explores new paths and grows in faith, work, and life.