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The Grace of God in Christ

This congregation has a truly lovely name: "Grace Lutheran Church". A dictionary definition of "grace" states that this word means: 1.) seemingly effortless beauty or charm of movement, form, or proportion; 2.) a characteristic or quality pleasing for its charm or refinement; 3.) skill at avoiding the inept or clumsy course of action; a sense of fitness or propriety; 4.) a disposition to be generous or helpful; good will; mercy, clemency; 5.) a favor rendered by one who need not do so; an indulgence; 6.) temporary immunity from penalties; 7.) an unmerited gift from God; 8.) a short prayer of blessing before or after a meal; 9.) used as a title for a duke, duchess, or archbishop; and 10.) a musical embellishment.

In the realm of Christian theology and biblical teaching, definitions 4, 5, 6, and 7 apply to the attributes and actions of God. When we talk about the "grace of God" in the church, we mean that God is gracious in Himself, that he is gracious and favorable toward all mankind, and that believers receive His many gifts, which include forgiveness and eternal life, through the Word and Sacrament purely by grace. In the Lutheran church we emphasize that we receive the favor of God and his gifts "without any merit or worthiness in me," so that we are saved PURELY by grace, not partly by grace and partly by our efforts or merit.

This Lutheran doctrine of the "grace of God" is one of our unique distinguishing marks, and it is not a minor thing. You need to know that not all Christians agree with this biblical teaching. Those who believe that Christians are saved partly by God's grace and partly by their own merit include:

Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Methodists, Holiness churches, and Pentecostals, among others. Those who believe that God has created some—or most—persons for damnation and are therefore excluded from the grace of God include: Reformed churches of various types, Presbyterians, and particular (or Calvinist) Baptists, among others.

Our Lutheran forefathers emphasized, against the Reformed churches, that God's grace extends to **all** mankind and that therefore he loves all people. As to the proof of God's grace toward all mankind (i.e., that he loves everyone), our Lutheran forefathers typically pointed to four things: 1) the universal mercy of God and His beneficent will toward all, as declared by Scripture; 2) the creation of all people in Adam according to the image of God; 3) the universality of Christ's merit; and 4) the universality of the call to faith. Our Lutheran forefathers also taught that God is constrained by the Law, which he created, to punish evil and evildoers. Therefore those who reject his plan of salvation cannot be saved eternally.

As a congregation of Lutheran Christians in San Mateo and neighboring suburbs, we have the distinct privilege of proclaiming, in all that we say and do, that "God loves you in Jesus." When we do that, we truly live up to our name "Grace Lutheran Church".

Yours in Christ,

To the saints at Grace,

I pray this letter finds you well. The Lord is gracious and merciful to us for the sake of his son, Jesus Christ, though we deserve nothing else but condemnation. Thus, we give thanks with exaltation that the Father did not spare his Only Son, but gave him up into death for us all and raised him again to new life, that we too would live through him. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

My seminary career has officially come to an end, and what a swift end it was! It is quite amazing to consider how quickly everything went, but the Lord is gracious and continues to be merciful to me. I received my call on April 25th and most recently graduated on May 19th. All that is left to do is pack up and move, which we will do on June 1st.

By now I am sure you have heard that I successfully completed my time at the seminary and, by the grace of God, received a divine call to serve as pastor at a dual parish. It is with joy, however, to officially announce that I have been called to St. Paul Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church in Havre and Chinook, MT. I will follow Rev. Mark Schultz who has served the saints there for eleven years. He has informed me that the congregations are overjoyed to receive a candidate from the seminary. I am likewise so pleased that I will not only return to Montana, but that I have been well provided for by God in receiving this call according to his holy will. In addition, this dual parish will be able to care for the temporal needs of me and my family. We are blessed to have even received a parsonage, which we very much give thanks for.

My father and I will begin to drive from Fort Wayne to Havre on June 1, and hope to arrive there by June 3 so that we can drop our stuff off. However, I won't officially move there until early August, at which time I will be ordained on the 6th. Between those times, our plan is to spend time with my wife's family in Oklahoma during the month of June and with my family during the month of July. Pray that our travel plans go safely.

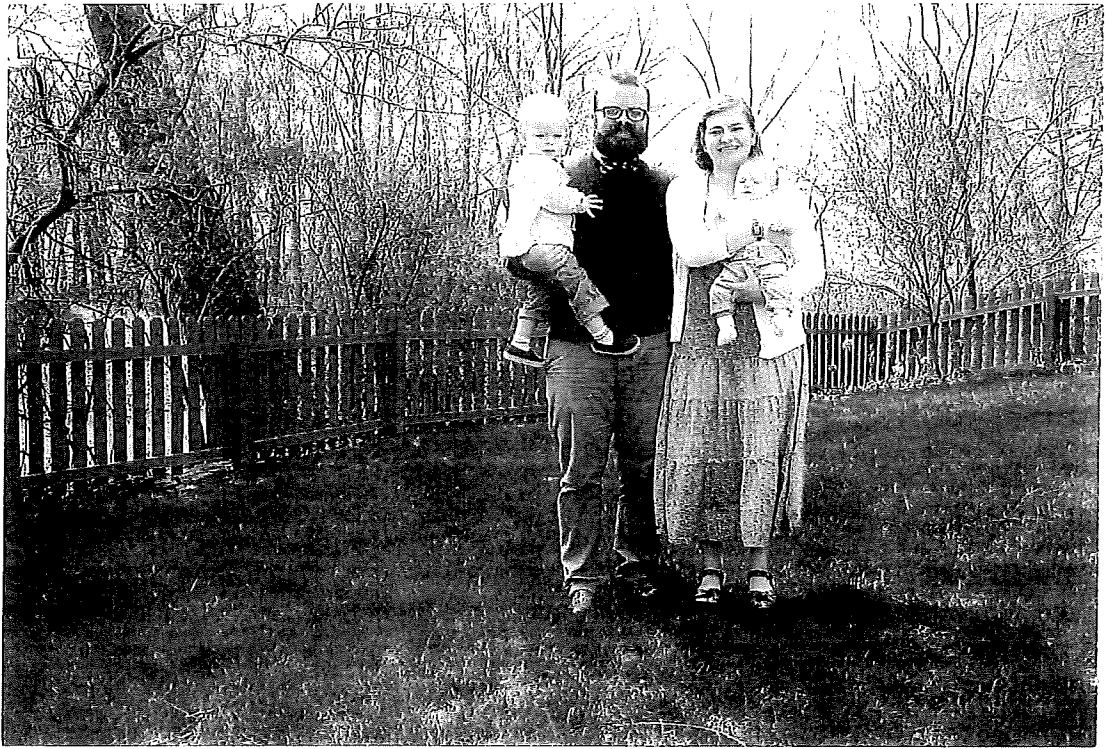
Jill, Ephraim, and Patrick are all doing well. Ephraim turns 2 on May 29 and Patrick will already be 4 months old on May 28! The Lord has richly blessed us. Jill was thrilled with my call. Although she is from central Oklahoma, she very much enjoyed the northwest when she visited my family in Idaho and when we got married in Missoula. Obviously Havre is a different landscape, but it is still quite beautiful in its own way. While my father and I are delivering our belongings to Havre, Jill and her mother will be driving to Oklahoma with our boys. Pray for their safe travel.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your faithful support during my time at the seminary. Your prayers and financial contributions helped me to complete my education with much-reduced stress. I am continually amazed how the Lord cares for his people through his people. You have been a blessing to me during my time in Fort Wayne and will continue to remain in my thoughts and prayers as we transition to Havre.

May our Lord continue to richly bless and keep you according to his merciful promises.

In Christ,

Marcus Williams



Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Grace LWML Mission Statement

"Our mission is to encourage the women Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures."



**"Serve the Lord
with Gladness"**

Upcoming Dates:

No Quilting in July

July 29, 2017 – LWML CNH Zone 8 Summer
Retreat (see next page)

August 22, 2017 - Mission Project Work Day
1:00 pm Dolores Keim's House

2016-2018

Mission Grants

9. Hmong Joy of
Harvest Ministry

St. Paul's Lutheran,
Merced, CA

\$10,000

Save your mites



When God Changes Your Address

Lessons from the Wandering Israelites

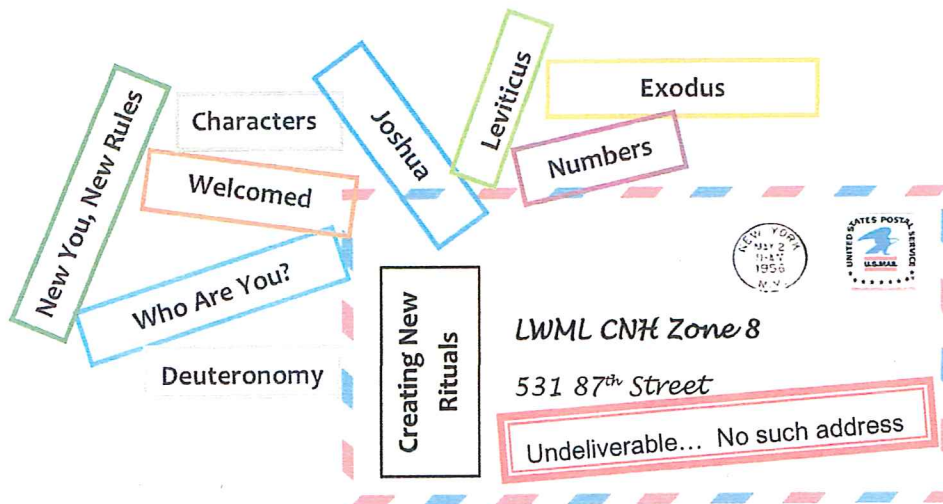


One-Day Women's Retreat

Guest Speaker: Denyse Blasdel

Saturday - July 29, 2017

9:30 am – 1:30 pm **BYOL&B** (Bring your own lunch & Bible)



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Grace Lutheran Church & School

To All Stakeholders who have committed themselves to the success of Grace Lutheran Church's primary "Community Outreach Ministry" ... Thank you for your dedicated desire to provide a 'Christian Education' to those in our midst!

Grace Lutheran School Student Learner Outcomes

Think Critically and Solve Problems.

- Conduct research using appropriate technology.
- Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate ideas.
- Solve problems critically.

Communicate Effectively.

- Ask relevant questions and locate answers.
- Read fiction and non-fiction at grade level.
- Communicate coherently and fluently in writing and speech.

Develop Gifts.

- Explore artistic and musical talents.
- Participate in programs offering opportunities in athletics, art, drama, music, and service.

Apply Biblical Principles and a Christian Worldview.

- Memorize Scripture.
- Evaluate information from a Biblical worldview.
- Serve others through outreach programs.

GLS TIDBITS!

- '16-'17 GLS Valedictorian ... Alejandro Sandoval
- '17-'18 GLS High School Enrollment ... Serra-3; San Mateo-1; Bellarmine-1; Hillsdale-1
- '16-'17 GLS Graduates' Academic Achievements ...
 - National Percentile Rank ... Complete Composite = 72 %
 - Grade Equivalent of Average ... Complete Composite = 12.1 (12th grade 1st month)
- '16-'17 GLS Honor Students (all 4 qtrs.) ... 18 students
- '17-'18 GLS Enrichment Programs ...
 - Languages: Latin & Spanish
 - Athletics
 - Art & Drama
 - Music
 - Academic Enrichment (AR Reading & Tutoring Program)
 - Marketing/Web Design/Myschoolworx-online communication tool (school/parents/students)
 - Technology : STEM Curriculum/Robotics/Google Classroom



School Board ✚ Principal's Report

June 15, 2017

Enrollment Update ✚

'16-'17		'17-'18
		<u>Re-enrollment</u>
Junior Kindergarten	10 + 1
Kindergarten	11	4
1 st Grade	4	5 + 2
2 nd Grade	2	3
3 rd Grade	5	1
4 th Grade	7	3 + 1
5 th Grade	5	9
6 th Grade	3	5 + 1
7 th Grade	2	3
8 th Grade	6	2
JK-8 Subtotal	45	45

School Board Meeting Notes

1. GLS 21st Century Technology Advancement

- a. **10 Chrome Books:** Purchased to enhance studies for 7th & 8th grades
- b. **Google Classroom:** Classroom tool to advance curriculum & prep for HS
- c. **Ms. Holthaus:** Contracted to develop GLS Technology Curriculum & Branding
- d. **Marketing & Technology Committee:** Established to develop community awareness
 - i. New website-in development
 - ii. "BRANDING"-establish community awareness "NICHE"
 - iii. "Robotics Grant"-creating "STEM" curriculum in a fun and active way

Science...Technology...Engineering...Math

2. **Referrals** (Parents & Preschool Directors are marketing our school) Romell; Sarmiento; Escobedo; McGinnis; Sly; Averilla

3. **TechKnowHow Robotics Camp** (Great Marketing Tool)

- a. Two weeks of camp have gone extremely well (1-classroom June 12-16) (2-classrooms June 18-23)
- b. Staff are very respectful and well trained
- c. 2 - GLS students enrolled (video of students & their robots will be used for marketing)
- d. 3rd week of camp (2-classrooms June 26-30)
- e. 4th week of camp (1-classroom July 10-14)

2017-2018 Teaching Faculty

JK/K: Mrs. Kilcullen
1st/2nd: Ms. Mull
3rd/4th: Mrs. Lapastora
5th/6th: Mr. Brauer
7th/8th: Mr. Doody

P.E. & Technology: Ms. Holthaus
Athletic Director: Mr. Doody
Reading Specialist: Ms. Mull (AR & Tutoring Program)
Music Specialist: Mrs. Lapastora
Marketing: Mrs. Kilcullen
Language Arts Specialist: Mrs. Hitzeman
JK/K Classroom Aide: Mrs. Smoot
Art & Drama: Teaching Faculty

Humble yourselves, therefore,
 under God's mighty hand, that
 he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6

JULY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Charles Schaefer	3	4	5 Daniel Semmler	6	7	8
9	10 Bill-Shirley Gangelhoff Detlef-Hannelore Siarkowski	11	12 Bill Eng	13 Barbara Smoot	14	15
16 Bob-Dolores Keim Arthur Hayame Doug-Patty O'Donnell	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Marty-Leann Udisches	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
 Where does my help come from?
 My help comes from the Lord, the
 Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Alex Gomez	7	8	9 Mia Moriera	10	11 Floyd Oatman	12 Darren-Joy Hayame
13	14	15 Michelle Sterner	16	17	18	19
20 Howard Menche Daniel Menche	21	22	23 Caden-Rebecca Young	24 Clara Crews	25	26 Doug O'Donnell
27	28 David Smoot Stefanie Kilcullen	29	30	31 Paul Brownlee		

July 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
							1
							2
9:00a-Worship Service	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9:00a-Bd. of Lay Elders meet
10:30a-Adult Bible Study		Independence Day Observed Office closed	Independence Day Office closed		6:30p-Choir Workshops		
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00a-Worship Service			9:00a-Adult Bible Study				
10:30 a-Adult Bible Study			4:00p-School Board				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22 10:30a-Gen. Society
9:00a-Worship Service			9:00a-Adult Bible Study				
10:30 a-Adult Bible Study		7:00p-Planning Coun.			6:30p-Choir Workshops		
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August 2017

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		9:00a-Adult Bible Study 1	2	6:30p-Choir Workshop 3	4	5
9:00a-Divine Service 10:30a-Adult Bible Study 6		9:00a-Adult Bible Study 8	9	10	11	12
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9:00a-Divine Service 10:30a-Adult Bible Study 20		9:00a-Adult Bible Study 22	23	24	25	9:00a-Bd. of Lay Elders Meeting 9:00a-Grace Beautification Day 10:30a-Gen. Society 26
	7:00p-Planning Coun. 21					
9:00a-Divine Service 10:30a-Adult Bible Study 27	8:00a-Welcome Tea GIS First Day of School 28	9:00a-Adult Bible Study 29	8:35a-Chapel/Kids of the Kingdom 30	6:30p-Choir Workshop 31		

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¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. ~Galatians 6:10

Egon Adam	Clara Crews	Robert Innes	Donna Menche	Ethan Smith
Bella Archer	Celeste Crews	Shirley Innes	Daniel Menche	Dave Smoot
Marilyn Baillie	Charlotte Custino	Michael Innes	Michael Moreira	Barb Smoot
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Robert Doody	Donald Iocco	Amanda Moreira	Paul Soals
Valerie Balgeman	Natalie Dubbel	Heather Iocco	Mia Moreira	Stacey Soals
Chandler Balgeman	Bob Egan	John Iocco	Molly Munson	Jacquelin Soals
Mike Bannister	Maria Eggert	Judy Iocco	Caroline Nagy	Dimitry Spencer
Tami Bannister	Robert Emery	Ko Ishikawa	Pamela Nelson	Peter Spittler
Nathanael Bannister	Doris Emery	Mariko Ishikawa	Heidi Noland	Tamaray Starling
Jolene Beebe	Bill Eng	Yuzo Ishikawa	Karla Noland	Darryl Sterner
Mike Beebe	Sara Epler	Lance Johnson	Martin Noland	Sandra Sterner
Kay Bell, III	Carly Epler	Doreen Johnson	Renee Noland	Michelle Sterner
Kay Bell, Jr.	Larry Franquez	Katarina Johnson	Sarah Noland	Doris Tirschwell
Nathanael Bell	Shelly Franquez	Bob Keim	Floyd Oatman	Hans Tuft
Adele Bergstrom	Nick Franquez	Dolores Keim	Doug O'Donnell	Gina Tuft
William Bethke	Chad Franquez	John Kilcullen	Patty O'Donnell	Mark Tuft
Susan Bethke	Pam Frisella	Stefanie Kilcullen	Elizabeth O'Donnell	Sue Tuft
Alice Boerschinger	William Gangelhoff	Katie Kilcullen	Gil Ramirez	Martin Udisches
John Bordy	Shirley Gangelhoff	James Kilcullen	Kathleen Ramirez	Leann Udisches
Ellen Bordy	Rev. Glennon Genthner	Michael Kilcullen	Fred Robinson	Christine Ullrich
Judy Boyd	Brooke Genthner	Barbara Kilpatrick	Roberta Robinson	Zachary Ullrich
Fred Brauer	Alex Gomez	Ruth Klingner	Akram Saber	Octavian Vasilescu
Karla Brauer	Herlin Gomez	Bill Koester	Ghada Saber	Diana Vasilescu
Jordyn Brauer	Anjanette Gomez	Faye Koester	Daniel Saber	Flora Lisa Vasilescu
Justin Brauer	Angelique Gomez	Ryan Koester	Michael Saber	Joan Weckerle
Klayton Brauer	James Graziano	Amanda Koester	Charles Schaefer	Randy Wimmer
Paul Brownlee	Roger Guse	Gesine Kruse	Donald Schaefer	Caden Young
Lois Brownlee	Dan Hahn	Glenn McEnroe	Maria Schaefer	Rebecca Young
Marcus Brownlee	Lori Hahn	Alison McEnroe	Martin Semmler	Chandler Young
Scott Brownlee	Abby Hahn	Alexis McEnroe	Michelle Semmler	Logan Young
Katherine Brownlee	Arthur Hayame	Fred McKenna	Scott Semmler	Rowan Young
Rev. David Carver	Barbara Hayame	Marilyn McKenna	Daniel Semmler	Eugene Zahnow
Kelli Carver	Tim Hayame	Steve McLaughlin	Julia Semmler	Judy Zahnow
Phoebe Carver	Darren Hayame	Heather McLaughlin	Sandy Shanks	Marnie Zimbelman
Samuel Carver	Joy Hayame	Sandra Means	Jessica Shanks	
Robert Crews	Hannah Hayame	George Melke	Detlef Starkowski	
Veronica Crews	Miriam Hitzeman	Howard Menche	Hannelore Starkowski	