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The Last Sunday of the Church Year ~ November 22, 2020

CALENDAR for November 22nd - November 29th

SUN. 22 *Last Sunday of the Church Year*
8:00 a.m. Divine Service, Grace
9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Trinity
11:00 a.m. Divine Service, Trinity
12:30 p.m. Spanish Meal & Catechesis, Grace
2:00 p.m. *Misa en Español*, Grace
3:30 p.m. Grace Voters' Mtg., Grace
MON. 23 *Commemoration of Clement of Rome*
9:00 a.m. Matins, Grace
TUES. 24 Matins, 9a, Grace
7:00 p.m. Marriage & Family Class, Trinity
WED. 25 Matins, 9a, Grace
9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Grace

11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service, Grace
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service, Trinity
THUR. 26 Matins, 9a, Grace
Thanksgiving Day
FRI. 27 Matins, 9a, Grace
4-5:00 p.m. Private Absolution, Trinity
SUN. 29 *First Sunday in Advent*
8:00 a.m. Divine Service, Grace
9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Trinity
11:00 a.m. Divine Service, Trinity
2:00 p.m. *Misa en Español*, Grace
Commemoration of Noah

A WORD OF CAUTION AND FREEDOM: Dear Saints of God, I want to remind you all that as Christians we are to follow our conscience, washed in Holy Baptism and made clean by the blood of Christ. We are not given to judge one another, neither in motive nor in action. In times such as our own—with heightened political tension, with weariness from various forms of lock-down, from economic distress, not to mention physical, mental, and spiritual suffering—we must pray for one another and forgive one another, bearing with one another the trials of this evil day. To that end, I want to remind you that there are various ways in which you might gather with the faithful here at Grace and Trinity—each of which can and ought to be done with a clear conscience before our Lord.

- We are blessed to gather with as many as so choose on Sunday mornings. Typically, at Grace we have about 30 each week, while at Trinity it's about 70. If 70 is too many for you, please feel welcome at Grace!
- Also, Grace offers a Wednesday morning Divine Service at 11am, at which about 15 regularly attend. That provides even more distancing.
- Finally, you're welcome to meet with me individually—either in the sanctuary or your home—and I'd be more than happy to accommodate.

The Lord has gifts to give. Please be sure to take part as your conscience and context provide.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Daily prayer & devotion is vital. The half-page insert is for daily use in the home. We invite you to make use of it however you find it helpful. It can also be found on Grace's website.

YOUTH CATECHESIS is on break until January 13th.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS: we're still observing some precautions of social distancing and a higher-sanitary reception of the Holy Sacrament. Until noted otherwise:

- Please sit in every other pew (not next to aisle);
- Make use of the hand-sanitizer at the entrance;
- Offerings will be collected in the Narthex;
- Communion will be offered in a single-file line by families to avoid touching the communion rails;
- We use more potent wine and use Everclear on the purificator to sanitize;
- No sharing of the peace prior to service;
- Please feel free to continue your fellowship outside, rather than in the Narthex, and keep spacing while departing the Sanctuary.

DAILY MATINS: This ancient morning prayer service is offered at Grace, **Mon-Fri at 9:00a.m.** Join us around our Lord's word, prayers for the Church, and singing beautiful hymnody. Live-streamed on Grace's FB page.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS is at 9:30am at Trinity today. We're in the Book of Revelation. Join us!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: meets at Grace at 9:30am. We're in St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Join us!

THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE: Join us this Wednesday at 11am at Grace or 7pm at Trinity to give thanks to God and receive His gifts.

PRIVATE ABSOLUTION: For those seeking opportunity to confess their sins and hear our Lord's forgiveness, we offer Private Absolution from 4-5pm on Fridays at Trinity, or by appointment. *The Lord has put away your sin; go in peace!*

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER: The Grace Food Pantry asks for **dry milk** for November. Please place items in the crate in our Narthex.

WHITE TUBE SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS: Grace's Board of Social Ministry will fill tube socks for the homeless again this year. We need your help filling them with goodies. Suggested items are hard candy, small packages of snacks, "Slim Jims", playing cards, small first aid items, trial size toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. We'll collect these items until Sunday, Dec. 13th. Items for donation can be left in the narthex at Grace or Trinity in the Food Pantry collection box. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND: Grace's Board of Social Ministry will also put together (with your help) baskets for our dear homebound members. We'd love to have a few baked goods, small personal religious items (a cross, bible verses, trinkets, ornaments), crossword puzzle books, socks, blankets, etc. Donations may also be placed in the food pantry box. We'll collect these until Dec. 13th. Thank you and God bless your giving hearts!

ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO: Our monthly theological book club meets next at Trinity from 9am-12pm on Tuesday, December 15th to pray Matins and discuss Jaroslav Pelikan's *Divine Rhetoric: The Sermon on the Mount as Message and as Model in Augustine, Chrysostom and Luther*. We'll pray Matins, discuss the book, then get lunch. Join us!

BOOK STUDY: The elders at Grace & Trinity invite anyone interested to join in reading Martin Luther's *Concerning Christian Liberty*. We'll meet next **12/20 at Grace at 3:30pm**. Pastor has extra copies for \$5 if you'd like one.

WHAT IS THE QUADRIVIUM? The Quadrivium is a core set of four mathematical arts: arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy. Arithmetic deals with numbers, geometry is numbers in space, music is numbers in time, and astronomy is numbers in space and time. Since ancient times, the Quadrivium has been used to teach essential thinking skills and is a central part of Concordia Academy's curriculum. For more, see www.concordiaacademywichita.org or email us at concordiaacademywichita@gmail.com.

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SAFETY NOTE: For your safety and your belongings, please lock your vehicle before entering the building on the Lord's Day. Also, do not leave valuables such as cell phones, checkbooks, purses, or cash visible in your parked vehicle.

WEEKLY UPDATE & COMMUNICATIONS: Every Friday Pastor sends out a "Weekly Update". If you don't receive this, or our monthly newsletter, prayers, or announcements, contact Pastor (pastor.boyle@gmail.com) or Derek, our administrator (office@tlc.kscoxmail.com). If you use COX for email, adjust your spam filter to receive the updates.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Our Sister Church: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia

Missionaries: Rev. Daniel, Kathryn & Ana Conrad, Rev. Jacob Gaugert

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle, Rev. Daniel Metzger

Circuit Visitor: Rev. Thomas Johnson

District President: Rev. Justin Panzer

Synod President: Rev. Matthew Harrison

Baptismal Anniversaries: Pr. Geoff Boyle, Skylar McKinley, Evan Bolz, Ana Boyle, Logan Balding, Amanda Carter, Hannah Magill, Matthew Flint

Servants of our State: Brandon Whipple, Laura Kelly, Donald Trump

Training/Deployed in Armed forces: Caleb & Colby Bartel, Dawson Bromlow, Derek Fortine, Keaton Wellner

Our Schools: Concordia Academy, Euraquilo Christian Academy (VanSant Homeschool)

Our College & Seminary Students: Dakota Bennett, Amber Bonine, Dawson Bromlow, Anna Casner, Abigail & Gladys Heitzmann, Kyle Nelson, Matthew & Neal Patron, Casey Reyes, Nicole Withrow

Comfort, Health, and Recovery: Rose Griffith (*granddaughter of Lenny Rose*), Julia Lessman (*granddaughter of the Lessmans*), Justin Montgomery (*friend of the Lessmans*), Kim Nunnold, Kathy Patron, Maureen (*sister of Angie Patterson*), David Clements (*friend of Kendall Patterson*), Jordan (*great-granddaughter of Margie Hurt*), Jeff (*son of Angela Mooneyham*), Jack Casner, Carolyn Schaub, Debra Engelbrecht, Michael (*father of Amber Fortine*)

Those who mourn: Family & friends of Billie Petersen (*Bob Petersen's mother*) and Alfred Rietcheck (*Gerry Rietcheck's father*)

Birthdays: Margaret Young, Miriam Nickel, Beckey Morse, Andres Munoz-Moreno, David Paul Fahrenthold, III, Trivona Stegman, Louise Smith

Wedding Anniversaries: *None this week*

Shut-ins: Gil & Judy Holstein, Ginger Manchesian, Julia Ruble, Louise Smith, Alice Smith, Trivona Stegman, Mary Jane Zumalt

READINGS for next week

~ First Sunday in Advent ~

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 23:5-8

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-9

Looking Ahead...

November 24 ~ Marriage & Family Class, Trinity, 7pm

November 25 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service

11am - Grace; 7pm - Trinity

Those Serving at Grace & Trinity today...

Trinity

Counter: Gary & Marge Wortz

Greeters: Minda Shultz

Ushers: Dave Kettelman &

Dave Lemcke

Altar Guild: Gary & Marge Wortz

Elder: Curt Engelbrecht

Grace

Counter: Jan & Jennifer

Greeters: Unruhs

Ushers: Jim & Sandy

Altar Guild: Kennys