



AMAZING GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Column

Submitted by
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Dear Amazing Grace,

“God’s will, God’s commandments lead us into this new world—the world of the other. Whoever has a lust for one’s own holiness, Luther says, will never care much for the commandments of God. Because the commandments of God take one away from the quest for one’s own holiness into the world. The commandment doesn’t lead to spiritual isolation on inaccessible mountaintops, but it might well lead to washing dirty diapers!” --Gerhard O. Forde

What is faith for? This is a question that we have been seriously considering in our confirmation workshops leading up to the Affirmation of Baptism service on November 3. Is faith, we’ve wondered together, a matter of pursuing one’s individual salvation or individual holiness? That is, is faith just another way for us to play against and defeat one another, by outdoing each other in purity? Or is faith meant to reconcile us with God and our neighbor and, thereby, transform the world?

It may be obvious, but I think the latter rings true. According to our shared Lutheran tradition, we entrust matters of

salvation completely to God. God in Christ has accomplished salvation once and for all through Jesus’ death and resurrection. Faith is the gift of the Spirit that grasps this truth. The life of faith is then simply a matter of living under this truth. Through the ages, many have rightly concluded that this message of grace (God’s free gift of love and acceptance, not dependent on anything we do) sets us free from any imaginary notion that we are higher or lower than anyone else. We live in a world that loves hierarchies. We love keeping score and deciding who is better and who is worse, who is in and who is out, who matters and who does not. The good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection is a full-frontal attack on our hierarchical tendencies. Having been saved and reconciled not by any effort of our own but solely through the work of God in Christ, we lose our ability to make value-distinctions between people.

As our year with the Gospel of Mark draws to a close this month, I am reminded that this erasure of hierarchy – or even the radical overturning of the social order – is the good news that Jesus taught in Mark’s Gospel. For several weeks this autumn we have been dwelling in Mark chapters 8-10. In this section, Jesus tries again and again to spell out his message of grace, which erases our hierarchies. He illustrates his point by drawing the disciples’ attention to vulnerable, lower-status, powerless people and proclaiming that the Kingdom of God belongs to such as

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Livestream or watch
past worship
services:
[AGLC’s YouTube
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November Events

**Confirmation
Sunday**
November 3

Adult Education
Sunday, Nov 10
10:30 a.m.

**Thanksgiving
Worship and Pie
Social**
Wednesday Nov 27
7:00 p.m.

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at sbjorklund@aglcigh.org
by 20th of each month.

these. He tells them on multiple occasions that the first will be last and the last will be first. He even spells out the way in which God's greatness will be shown through him not by any efforts to dominate others but by his service to others, which will lead to his death and eventual resurrection.

Soon, the season of Pentecost will give way to Advent, the beginning of a new church year. Even with this change, the message of the gospel, and its implications for how we relate to one another, will not change. This Advent, Amazing Grace will focus on HOPE. We hope for a more just and equitable world, where all people will come to realize our siblinghood with one another. Our hope is not for the domination or annihilation of our neighbors (no matter what the rhetoric of the election season has claimed). Our hope is that domination and hierarchy will be overcome. We will hear Mary say just as much when she sings, "God has shown strength with

God's arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty..." May it be so among us.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim Maybee

Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social

Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Worship with AGLC on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
We will hold our pie social after worship.
Bring a pie to share!



Adult Education

Build a Saint - Sunday November 10 following worship service.

Martin Luther tells us that we are all Sinners and all Saints. What makes us Saints? Come to the upper room following the worship service and let's build a Saint!

Be sure to get coffee and donut to get your creative thoughts flowing.

AGLC President's Update: November 2024

Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and *he'll* get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—
encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

-1 Peter 4: 10-11 The Message

Hello Amazing Grace,

We did it! At our Fall Congregational Meeting- we voted to approve our updated constitution. Thank you to the committee that put so much thought and care into this work - Helen Yotter, Annie Morgan, Katie Klopfleisch, Pete Malamen, and Jeannie Hall. Our constitution is now with the Synod for review, and we should be able to ratify it at our January 2025 annual meeting.

Organizing the updating of the constitution was the main goal I set for myself during this year serving as president.

This is my 3rd year serving on the council. In the beginning, I really had no idea what stewardship was about but members of the council who had more experience were quick to offer support. Meetings were always a learning experience. Understanding how the pieces of the church's many ministries come together led to events and services being even more meaningful for me. Serving as vice president allowed me to get a better idea of how overall council work is done. Witnessing the faith and dedication of other council members also helped me grow my understanding of my own faith.

When I took on this role back in January, I was so unsure of how I would do it. Now, I'm still a bit unsure but I have also learned that this isn't a solitary role. The council along with Pastor Tim are a team. Support is right there, just ask the question. There is encouragement in abundance. Spreading the work of the council across a team makes it more than just manageable but fulfilling and fun.

God built us to join together to do His work in the world. We each have our strengths and talents. We all have times when we need support and can offer support to others. We have all of these thanks to God's grace. His Amazing Grace.

I encourage anyone who would like to feel more connected, would like to expand their experiences in doing God's work both in support of congregation and our community to say "yes, I'll give that a try" when someone from the nominating committee calls.

Blessings,
Wendy Hoffman

2025 Tanzania Scholarships

Change the trajectory of a Tanzanian student, their family and the country



Hello Amazing Grace friends,

Did you know that Scholarship funding is the largest investment that the partnered St. Paul Area Synod (SPAS) churches make in Tanzania each year? In 2024, SPAS churches combined sponsored:

- 1,010 Secondary School Students
- 30 Post-Secondary Students
- 17 Theological Education by Extension (TEE) classes for 17 unpartnered parishes

The average annual cost of secondary school for a student in the Iringa Area Diocese is now over **\$500/year**. AGLC's current generosity is providing 2 students from the Magulilwa Parish with full or partial scholarships and has also consistently provided TEE classes for the church's evangelists.

YOUR HELP is NEEDED to support more students as scholarship funding is above and beyond the partnership support provided through mission giving. AGLC has pledged \$1,400/year in the past and we would like to challenge our community to increase that support to \$2,000 or more for 2025.

What better gift to give that person who has everything or to honor family members with this Christmas?

Please make a contribution in any amount or for a full \$500 scholarship directly to AGLC with 'Tanzania Scholarship' in the memo line by Sunday, December 8 or earlier. Any questions – please ask!

Helen Yotter (hcyotter@comcast.net).

Asante Sana and Mungu Anawa Bariki! (Thank you very much and God Bless You)

Women's Bible Study

Womens Bible study will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 9:30 am in the upper room.

The study is based on the Letter to the Ephesians and what it tells us about receiving grace. The study is found in *Gather* magazine. You do not have to subscribe to the magazine to attend the study. All are welcome!

Yogadevotion

Registration is now open for the next session of Yogadevotion. This is a 7 week session, November 4 to December 16. The cost for the full session is \$77. It is possible to register for individual classes. Yogadevotion is a practice of breath, prayer and movement led by a trained yoga instructor. New and experienced yogi are welcome in this practice. All you need to participate are comfortable clothing and a yoga mat. Class is held Monday evening 6-7pm in the narthex of Amazing Grace.

Register at Yogadevotion.com

Faithful Readers: So Many Books!

We gather on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2pm at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Cafe on Promenade in Eagan for our book discussion. There is an attempt to read a variety of books and authors. Book title suggestions are welcome. All interested readers are welcome to join in the discussion. Let's all read together faithfully!

November 24 The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry

When a woman stumbles across a mysterious children's book, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during WWII are revealed.

December Holiday Break There is no discussion this month. Share a favorite book with someone

Women's Christmas Brunch

This December will see the return of the Women's Christmas Brunch!

This is a chance to relax and recharge with conversation, carols and brunch. Watch for more details.

Interested in helping with planning? Contact Barb Malamen at 651-454-1858 or bmalaman@aol.com

November Worship Volunteers

*If you would like to volunteer to help with a worship service,
please contact Julie Linscheid njlinscheid@gmail.com*

	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
Greeters	Helen Yotter	Gail Marek	Mary Garfield	Darlene Wold
Ushers	Craig Yotter and Todd Erickson	Katie Klopfleisch and Pete Malamen	Russ Barnhart and Julie Linscheid	Craig Yotter and Cyndi Berg
Readers	Lana Neighbors	Julie Linscheid	Louise Lentz	Barb Malamen
Sound	Russ Barnhart	Nate Linscheid	Miranda Barnhart	Bruce Klopfleisch
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Teri Santema	Linda Erickson	Jeannie Hall	Nancy Pollock
Counter	Helen Yotter	Pete Malamen	Mary Garfield	Craig Yotter

December Worship Volunteers

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	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Greeters	Janet Aguirre	Ingrid Emerson	Norm Beckman	Ras and Gloria Rasmussen	Connie and Terry Raddatz
Ushers	Jeannie Hall and Katie Klopfleisch	Julie Linscheid and Todd Erickson	Wendy and Jack Hoffman	Bruce Klopfleisch and Pete Malamen	Craig Yotter
Readers	Helen Yotter	Norm Beckman	Mary Garfield	Jean Jantzen	Heather Tautges
Sound	Markus Linscheid	Pete Malamen	Jeannie Hall	Nate Linscheid	
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Julie Linscheid	Lisa Barnhart	Teri Santema	Linda Erickson	
Counters	Helen Yotter	Pete Malamen	Mary Garfield	Tim Sanborn	Craig Yotter

November AGLC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10am Rehearsal: Rite of Confirmation
3 Rite of Confirmation 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Confirmation Reception 10:40 am Sunday School	4 6 pm Yogadevotion	5 Election Day 6:30 pm Executive Council Zoom Meeting	6 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	7 10am Inver Glen Worship	8	9
10 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Education 10:40 am Sunday School	11 Veteran's Day 6 pm Yogadevotion	12 10 am Stewardship and Evangelism Mtg	13 6pm Youth Group 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	14 8:30-11am Rostered Leader Prayer Gathering (Synod)	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Sunday School	18 6 pm Yogadevotion 6:30 pm Isaiah Gathering	19 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	20 6pm Youth Group 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	21 5:30pm Girl Scout Meeting	22	23
24 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Sunday School	25 6 pm Yogadevotion	26	27 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



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