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Grace Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



We are Grace people.

This is Christ's church.

There is a place for you here.

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace the whole person--questions, complexities and all.

Dear Friends,

“In times like these....” “In these uncertain times....”

It seems that many of the messages we are receiving or the conversations we are having begin with one of these four word prepositional phrases. On the one hand, these words certainly make us aware of our present situation where our fears and anxieties are real. On the other hand, these words also remind of us countless people who are “stepping to the plate” and doing remarkable things for the common good.. For these we are all blessed and I am extremely grateful.

Spending a lot of time indoors has allowed me to fully appreciate our family room with its windows that face east, north and west. I peer out of them often. Just outside the window on the east is a brush/tree covered hillside. It's always a joy to watch how – as Pansy reminds me each spring – “things are turning green 'rom the ground up.” That is to say – first some of the grasses start to turn green; soon some of the bushes display small green leaves. (That's the stage we are experiencing as I write this on April 21.) Later,, the trees will begin offering their greenery. This pattern of things “turning green from the ground up” is something we witness annually. It's something we can be sure of. (And it's wonderful to keep an eye on something “we can be sure of,” especially this year.)

As the hillside behind our house comes alive again with all of its greenness, may it remind us – especially “in times like these” and in this season of Eastertide -- of the new life that has been secured for us through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we recall that bold affirmation Peter wrote at the beginning of his first letter: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you..." (I Peter 1:3-4)

But that's not all: Situated near the top of the hillside is a rock outcropping. Amid all the changes in the environment around it, the rock remains the same – unchanging, immovable. It remains a symbol of strength through times of ice, snow, wind, sunshine, rain, hail, and so on.

Remembering the two phrases ("In times like these...." "In these uncertain times.....") this rock reminds me of the reassuring words of two great hymns:

In times like these you need a Savior.

In times like these you need an anchor.

Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock.

This Rock is Jesus; yes, He's the One

This Rock is Jesus, the Only One.

Be very sure, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock.

And then, the hymn that has been in my heart and mind often:

If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in God through all your ways,
God will give strength, what-e'er betide you, and bear you through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that will not move.

I look forward to the day of seeing you all in church again. In the meantime it is my wish to continue to offer condensed versions of the sermons I would be presenting at Grace. They have been appearing (in typed form) on the Grace Facebook page (I try to post them on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings.)

I hope and pray you are well.

Blessings,

Pastor Larry, Pulpit Supply

SW Cap Food Pantry is currently not accepting food donations.

- Once they are accepting donations again, We will be in contact to see what their needs are,

Give to the next 75 years of **Grace**
Help us guarantee that Grace remains a blessing to our community for generations to come. Make a bequest to Grace Lutheran in your will. For info on how to include Grace Lutheran in your estate planning, contact Marv Reis at 776-4612, Phil Bryson at 482-0103, or Joe Riechers at 732-2998.

2020 Council:

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All the People of Grace are Ministers!

In fact, we are all consecrated priests through baptism, as St. Peter in 1 Peter 2[:9] says, "You are a royal priesthood and a priestly kingdom..." Martin Luther

How is Grace being a light at this time?

Grace is providing a space for the children of the employees working at Memorial Hospital of Lafayette county. MHLC is using the basement at this time to provide daycare for their staff. They are so thankful for the kindness of Grace. The space is working out for them very well. In appreciation they are providing cleaning services from the hospital staff every day to ensure the space is well taken care of.

Be sure to like and follow Grace on Facebook for updates.

Facebook.com/grace.darlington.1943
Invite others that may not be a part of our page yet and share information with members who may not have facebook or those who may not receive our email updates. Have email and not getting emails from Grace? Send a request to be added!
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With everything going on and continuing our safer at home directive, it's easy to forget our commitment to giving. We encourage you to continue giving, so Grace can continue to be a light for our members and community.

Memorial Gifts Fund

To give a gift in honor or memory of your loved one, contact Judy Boll at 214-4265
Linda Considine at 776-2410

Newsletter Deadline

Items may be submitted for May 2020
Carillon by May 23rd.

We at Grace can continue to be the light for everyone during this trying time. Lift one another up, this is one of the best ways we can help each other get through difficult times. Take time to find ways to be the light at a safe distance.

Some ideas how YOU can be a light.

- Call members who you know may need help.
- Deliver groceries or complete errands for members who may not be able to do it for themselves.
- Send cards, letters or pictures to one another to remind everyone we are not alone in this and provide a pick me up.

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Mission Statement

We are Grace people. Jesus Christ sends us out to:

- + Feed the hungry
- + Welcome every child
- + Seek out the stranger
- + Give thanks to God in all things
- + Follow the way of the cross

May Schedule

Worship and other activities are suspended until the safer at home order is lifted.

Please continue to check facebook and your emails for additional updates.

Don't forget to check on one another and help if you can with out putting each other at risk and stay healthy.



MATTHEW 5:14

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