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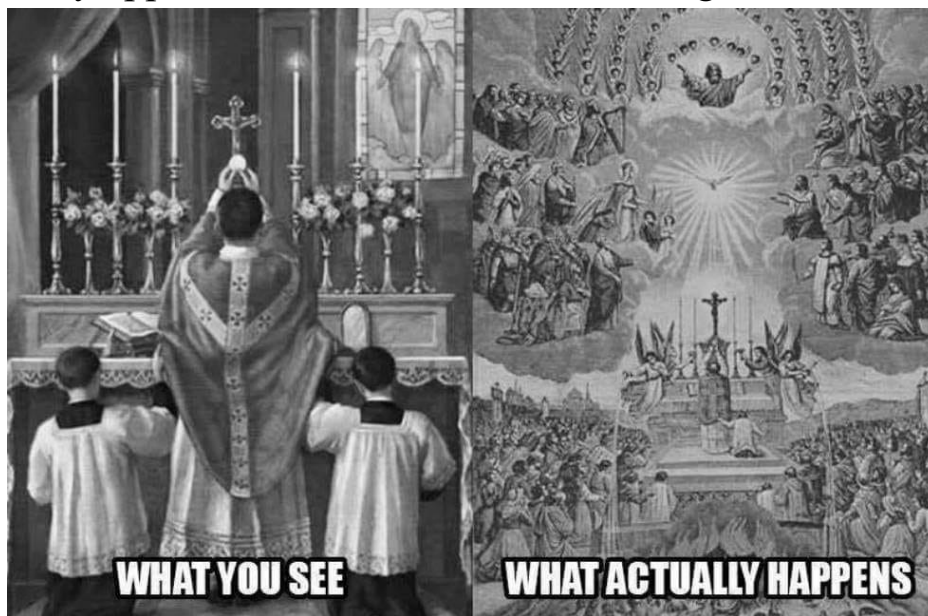


May 2024



Dear Saints of Grace,

There has been a meme that has come up on my Facebook feed numerous times over the years, and I really appreciate it. So, this month I thought I would share it with you:



Now, obviously, this comes from Roman Catholic origin (you can tell especially with the image of Mary on the right side of the altar). However, despite things we might not appreciate in terms of the details, the overall message is important: when we gather around our Lord's presence in His Supper, we are there with the whole company of heaven. That's why we say what we say in the "Proper Preface" during the Service of the Sacrament.

If you remember that part, it's one of them that we say every week with communion—although parts of it change with the seasons of the Church Year. The part of that prayer that connects to this, though, is the conclusion that says "with angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and saying..." At that point we continue with the "Sanctus," the song in which we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy." That song comes from Isaiah chapter six when Isaiah finds himself in the Heavenly Throne room and the angels are all singing those words. This is actually called the "trisagion," which in Greek means "thrice holy," and it is also repeated by the "heavenly host"—all of those in heaven—in Revelation as well.

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All of this points to this reality. When Jesus comes to us in His body and blood, He actually is bringing heaven to us. As the heavenly host are gathered in Christ's presence there, we are with them here since He brings His presence to us now. In fact, this is why you may have seen some old Lutheran churches where they have their communion rail shaped like a half-circle. The other half is implied to be in heaven.

So, what does this mean? It means first, and most importantly, that as we come to the Service of the Sacrament, and to the Lord's Supper itself, we should reflect on the awesome blessing that is happening there. Christ is coming to us with the forgiveness of our sins and in that Heaven is meeting earth. How amazing and awesome!

Secondly, this means that we can also take comfort in the knowledge that our loved ones who have gone before us in the faith are also there. We actually get to be united with them in this as well. They have gone to be with Christ. Christ is with us. We, then, are also with them in that unity. Thanks be to God!

In all of this, I encourage you to reflect on this amazing gift and blessing. How awesome it is that our God would love us and forgive our sins. How awesome it is that in that love He would deign to come to us and meet us with His gracious presence, bringing heaven to earth even now!

Soli Deo Gloria,



Pastor Zickler



May Birthdays!

John Flood	5/3
Nancy Cloninger	5/3
Bonnie Dietz	5/3
Faith Stetler	5/7
Holden Briscoe	5/11
Tess Perri	5/12
Evelyn Herman	5/13
Suzette Olszewski	5/14
Doris Jacobson	5/15
Sue Napolitano	5/16
Patricia Schlueter	5/19
Emily Rehn	5/22
Christopher Krohe	5/22
Luke Picek	5/24
Athey Ulrich	5/26
Drew Mullarkey	5/28
Samantha Schmidt	5/29
Meaghan Krohe	5/31

May Anniversaries!

Jessica & Matthew Ayers

5/5/2018

Denise & Chris Stetler

5/7/2005

Brittany & Tommy Briscoe

5/17/2009

Cathy & Glen Hass

5/20/1989

Marilyn & Gary Clausen

5/31/1969



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us **Sunday May 19th** immediately following the service for our annual **Intergenerational Sunday** with the Sunday School.

Hope to see you there!



Give CHANGE! Bring CHANGE! Be CHANGE!
We will begin our baby bottle fundraiser on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 12th.

Give CHANGE! Bring CHANGE! Be CHANGE!

Take a Baby Bottle Home/to Work

Fill it with change, dollars or a check

Pray for those families your spare change will help



SCRIP



SCRIP orders are taken on Sunday, **May 12th** after the Service.

Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald

708-822-8094

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Marilee Altenhofen, friend of Linda McGuire
Lesley Arca
Terese Barron, friend of Mark Rehn
Sandy Barry, friend of Pastor Zickler
Walt Bergenthal
Jim Beutjer, father of Denise Stetler
Linda BlaneK-Novak, friend of Pat Schlueter
Bob Blessman
CJ Brown
Cheryl Brubaker, friend of Pat Schlueter
Nancy & Kent Cloninger
Jerry Cohen, husband of Tracy Cohen
Blake Donegan, grandson of Lois & John Flood
John Donegan, friend of Lois & John Flood
Sarah Figueroa, friend of the Claster Family
Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post
John Flood
Christine Fry, daughter-in-law of Betty & Bill Tanzer
Ken Fuller
Jerry Gajda, brother-in-law of Linda McGuire
Cassie Gray, cousin of Paul Sulak
Emily Hall, friend of the Rehn family
Dave Hansen, friend of Linda McGuire
Bruce Harken, Commander of WS VFW Post
Joanne Hass, mother of Glen Hass
Doris Jacobson
Margaret Abel Johnson, wife of Carlyle Abel
Dan Kaiser, friend of the Claster Family
Kelly Keeler and Unborn child
Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga
Chris Lange, son of Cheryl Dore
Steve Latman
Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Allison, Rose, & Rachel, nieces of Chris & Bob Dame
Michael Martinez, step-nephew of Pastor Zickler
John Fred MacLean, friend of the Stetler Family
Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert
Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter
Lisa Mullarkey
Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman Family
Benjamin Napolitano, g.grandson of Sue & Tony Napolitano
Frank Napolitano, brother of Tony Napolitano
Dorothy Neugebauer, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar
Joyce Oberst, sister of Sue Napolitano
Karen O'Donnell, friend of Linda McGuire
Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak
Linda Parlin, sister of Carol Hassel
Jamie Pestien, niece of Chris & Bob Dame
Leah Picek
Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster
Caitlin Place, granddaughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar
Regina Polistano, friend of Mark Rehn
Bill Raysa, friend of Paul Sulak
Kurt Seehofer, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler
Rose Sirois, grandmother of Jacob Corzine
Adam Skelton, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler
Kimmy Skelton, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler
Don & Gayle Steele
Judy & Kurt Steiner, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar
Vanessa Stetler, sister of Chris Stetler
Noah (Picek) Tovar, g.granddaughter of Lois & John Flood
Athey Ulrich
John Weiffenbach, cousin of Pat Schlueter
Jim & Pat Williams, friend of Doris Svec
Joe, Paula, and the Whiteaker Family, friends of the Schlies
Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert
Carly and Owen Yocius

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

Eleanor Kulaga - Suzette Olszewski





Monday May 27

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

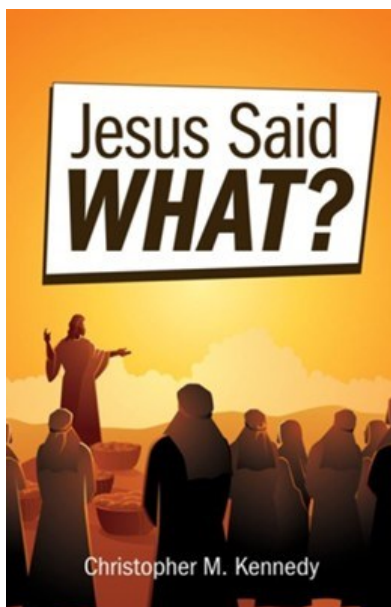


Red Poppy Day is almost here, and the Vets at Western Springs VFW Post #10778 are looking for **students, adults and community volunteers** to help with their annual event. **This year, Red Poppy Days are 5/21, 5/22 & 5/23.** Volunteers will be asked to collect funds and pass out poppies at designated stations around town, including crosswalks, stop signs, and at store fronts (with advanced permission).

The Head Quarters for this event will be here at Grace Lutheran Church

VFW Contact is Joe Barker at 708-267-3076.

Please come out during the week of May 20th and help our Super Senior Veterans!



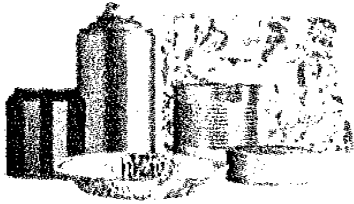
**Summer Book Discussion
at 7:00pm**

Monday, June 24th
Wednesday, July 31st
Wednesday, August 28th

Jesus Said What? by Christopher Kennedy. Sometimes it can be a struggle to understand the words of Jesus, and it can be tempting to avoid those tough sayings. This book encourages readers to use Scripture to understand Scripture. This book is designed for those that are looking to understand Jesus' tougher teachings. Paperback, 160 pages.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

YES!



METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil

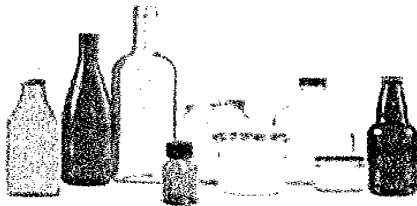


PAPER

Cardboard (flattened), *Paper Cups, Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines

Clean & Empty
Replace lids & caps

Put material in loose
- Not in Bags



GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs, and Jars Only



CARTONS

NO!



No Plastic Bags
No Product Wrap
(return clean to retailer)



No Big Items (Electronics, Wood, Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam - check with local authority for other options)



No Tangles (Hangers, Hoses, Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



No Clothing
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



No Food, Liquid, Diapers, Batteries or Needles



No Shredded Paper



PLEASE
Remember to **RECYCLE**
at the Church

(There's a garbage can in the kitchen marked "recycle" that has a blue bag in it)

Thank you!