



Grace Notes

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Thank You, Jon, and Best Wishes!

Jon Arnold, our Music Director and Handbell Director, will be leaving us in mid-August after three years of truly exceptional work. His enthusiasm for and knowledge of Lutheran worship and hymnody will be greatly missed. In addition, his technical knowledge of live streaming made for a smooth transition for Grace into that media. The W&M Committee extends their greatest thanks to him for his continual support, versatility, and spiritual passion for the church.

Ideally, Jon would be finished with his doctoral program in choral conducting this year. However, due to COVID his second required conducting concert had to be postponed; but he continues to work on his dissertation. So his future plans are uncertain as many universities are not currently hiring.

Usually, we would have a coffee for Jon on his last Sunday. But a gathering is possible this year. So, if you wish you may send Jon and Megan a card or note to wish them well. His last Sunday will be August 9 and we will sing a couple of special hymns as well as give him a blessing for the future.

Readers for Sunday Service

We anticipate continuing our live-stream-only services well into the fall, out an abundance of caution. That means we'll continue to need recorded readings. Email Carolyn Pater if you are willing to serve in this way.

Annual Meeting in August

The Congregation's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 30.

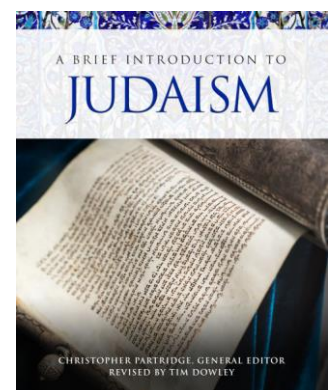
Welcome Andy!

Grace welcomes Andy Bruhn on August 16 as the new Music Director and Bell Choir Director. Andy comes to us from Rockford, Illinois, where he has most recently been the Director of Choral Music at the Rockford Christian Schools as well as the Choir Director at Westminster Presbyterian Church. He has a Master of Sacred Music in Choral Conducting from Luther Seminary/St. Olaf College where he studied with Anton Armstrong. His parents are both Lutheran musicians and he grew up singing in Lutheran choirs and playing in the bell choir. He has a wide range of talents and experiences and we are so excited that he will be with us!! Andy will be in the doctoral choral conducting program at the University. He comes with his wife Lydia and their two children, Julia, age 6, and Emmi, age 4. WELCOME ANDY AND FAMILY!!!

This Week in Adult Sunday School

We're continuing our tour of world religions under the guidance of retired UIUC religion professor, Bill Schoedel, with a study of Judaism.

This week we'll discuss the historical survey section beginning on page 52.



For login details, please see the e-mail version of GraceNotes.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Many things in our world have changed in 2020, but the needs of those living in poverty have not changed. It has been a long standing tradition for the members of Grace, to work together to supply and assemble school and health kits for Lutheran World Relief each fall. We will still be contributing to Lutheran World Relief this fall, but in a different way:

* **We are asking for your monetary donation for the school kit supplies.** A small group from the Social Ministry committee will do the shopping and assembling of the school kits. This will limit exposures and touching of the supplies. **Please make out your checks to Grace Lutheran Church and memo: LWR School Kits.** Send your check to the church office (313 S. Prospect, C. 61820) before Kick-off [Sunday, September 13, 2020](#).

* **We are asking for donations of sewn cotton masks.** Lutheran World Relief is asking for help to supply men, women, and children in vulnerable communities with masks. This fall, in lieu of sending health kits to Lutheran World Relief, the Social Ministry committee is asking for your help in sewing and donating Cotton sewn face masks. Do not use material with religious, patriotic, or military patterns. These masks may be sent to countries around the world. Please drop off your mask donations at church by [Sunday, September 13th](#). There will be a specially marked box outside the main entrance to the church near the mailbox. Information, guidelines, and resources for making face masks can be found at <https://lwr.org/masks> Locally, you can contact Janet Lepp for help in obtaining materials for the masks.

About GraceNotes and the Newsletter

GraceNotes is our weekly publication for timely announcements to the congregation. Please send all announcements for GraceNotes to Lyla at office@glccu.org by Wednesday evening.

Items for the monthly newsletter should be sent to Caitlyn at gracelife@glccu.org by the 20th of the previous month.

Habitat Build



Many thanks to the volunteers and those who contributed and provided food for Habitat/Thrivent Faith Build

Over the last several months we have come to know even more the importance of our homes. Many of us are blessed to be safe and secure in our houses. As you are blessed, so may you bless others.

Champaign Habitat is asking us to contribute to the cost of a home being built in Urbana. Please consider adding to the "pot" that Grace will donate. Make check out to Grace Lutheran Church with "Habitat" in the memo line. You can mail your check, drop it off at church if you are there, or give electronically.

Can You Help?

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on Council, including Executive Positions. Interested? Contact Ericka Bilger.

Adapting our Prayers of Intercession for Live-streaming

Beginning this Sunday we will use only first names in our prayers for those who are sick. We are making this change to protect the privacy of those being prayed for, since our live-streamed services are accessible to anyone. We will continue to publish full names in the e-mailed version of the GraceNotes, since that is sent only to the Grace community, and that section is omitted from the publicly-accessible web version of the GraceNotes. We will also continue to use both first and last names in our birthday and anniversary prayers, as well as in our prayers for the family and friends of those who have died.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour continues this Sunday by Zoom, starting at 8:45. Your host, Claire Vail, will cut you off promptly at 9:25 to give you time to get ready for the service.



(Bring your own coffee.)

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Grace Food Pantry Sunday Food Pantry Update

Current need: empty egg cartons.

You may have seen on our calendar that we have slotted the second Sunday of each month to be “Grace Food Pantry Sunday.” We include this to encourage financial support for this ministry once a month. Food Pantry does not operate out of the General Fund, which is the destination for Sunday morning offerings unless otherwise designated. Because of this, Food Pantry depends on special designation for donations from those in the congregation that wish to support this ministry. Financial contributions are a great way to support Food Pantry, because every \$1 that is given can have the purchase power of much as \$10 at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Please consider making an extra donation to the Pantry at this time!



Live-streamed & Recorded Services

Our Sunday morning Service of the Word begins at 9:30. The link to follow the service is found at the top of the Grace home page (glccu.org) or click here, <https://glccu.org/live-stream-videos/>

Trouble Seeing our Online Services?

Jon Arnold has created a video tutorial on his YouTube channel to help you access our live-streamed worship services. Here’s the link: <https://youtu.be/NcSJM6WxFsA>

Send Us A Selfie!

We’d like to include a quick slide show of Grace members and friends at the end of our services on Sundays to remind ourselves that we are, indeed, a community, an are all in this together. Please take a picture of yourself (and your family, if applicable) with your cellphone and send it to Jon Arnold at music@glccu.org. And then look forward to “seeing” Grace folks on Sunday morning!

Help With Zoom

We’re using the Zoom (zoom.us) online meeting platform for meetings and classes at Grace during this time of social-distancing. If you need help getting Zoom set up and joining and participating, here are two helpful links.

The first is for using Zoom on your computer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

The second is for using Zoom on a phone. This should also work for tablets:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO206_NezaY

Daily Bread Yoga Announcements & Online Resources

All Together Now –

Daily Practice Guide is available for YOU!

Rachel is offering 30 minute online, ZOOM classes, Monday through Friday. If you go to the store of her website you will see a "product" for ZOOM Classes. In that product are the links to the classes. You do NOT have to purchase that to get the links. She set it up just as a way for people who are able and want to support me in offering these classes. You can absolutely join the class without paying. She is not taking attendance and you do not have to ask her permission to participate or share with others. Here is the link to that page -- <https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/zoom-classes-all-together-now/>

She also has two free AUDIO ONLY classes in the store. Here are the links for those.

1. A 45+ minute floor based gentle class.

<https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/wind-down-yoga-class/>

2. A 10+ minute chair based class

<https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/5chamban-as-audio-download/>

This Week at Grace: August 2, 2020 – August 9, 2020

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, August 2, 2020		
Worship - LIVE STREAM (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Adult Sunday School – AVAILABLE ONLINE	10:45AM	Online
Monday, August 3, 2020		
Hymn Selection Committee	1:00PM	Online
Worship & Music	2:00PM	Online
Tuesday, August 4, 2020		
Executive Committee	5:45PM	Online
Wednesday, August 5, 2020		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00PM	
Thursday, August 6, 2020		
Food Pantry	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Sunday, August 9, 2020		
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