



- ✝ Sharing God's Grace
- ✝ Living His Word
- ✝ Making Disciples

Sunday School – 9:10 am  
 Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am  
 Monday Divine Worship – 7:00pm

## *Grace in Action*

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# *For the Week Beginning July 28 2024*

**Welcome to Rev. Stephen Wagner** who is leading the service today. We pray God's blessings on him as he leads the divine service and in his travels.

**Communion:** We celebrate Holy Communion today. **Please read carefully the statement concerning Holy Communion** provided in the worship folder. In faithfulness to God's Word, we practice close communion. It is our privilege and responsibility to prepare for this sacred meal. You are encouraged to use pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book to aid in your preparation for this sacred meal. *Common Cup and Individual Cup are offered, as well as gluten-free wafers.*

**August Newsletter:** Your newsletter is alphabetically arranged on the table in the entryway. **PLEASE** pick up your copy today. Postage has officially increased and it's costing a great amount to mail them out each month.

**Adult Sunday School Class** will continue in the Fellowship Hall led by our Grace Elders for the foreseeable future. Please continue to join us. **Thank you, Pastor Wagner for leading today's class!**

**Altar Guild Meeting:** is scheduled for Thursday, 8/1 at 5:30pm in the Altar Guild room. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**TEACHERS NEEDED:** for Bibleville, Youth, and Midweek classes. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** or talk to Carol Massie. **GRACE NEEDS YOU TO STEP UP** and serve in this vital ministry!

**Message from Pastor Pase:** Thank you for the Alb and stole you gifted to me on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The stole arrived on 7/25, and I plan on wearing both today for the first time. You remain in my daily prayers and we remain forever connected through our Savior Jesus.

**Rally Day is coming!** Mark your calendars to be in Sunday School and Divine Service on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Children, Youth and Family Life Team will have a delicious **breakfast for all at 8:30**. Note: Your newsletter shows the breakfast at 8:00, but the time was changed to 8:30. Come hungry for food and the Word! It's going to be a great Rally Day!

**Grace at the Rockhounds:** We are going! Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 6:00 pm with first pitch at 6:30 pm. Our picnic will begin at 6 pm. We have **84** signed up to join in the fun. Please bring your \$10 per person to the church office, or give it to Vicki Byars as soon as possible. **PLEASE DON'T PUT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**

**Pastor Pase's Contact Info.** His new address is 3818 Purdue Ln. Abilene, TX 79602-7465. His cell remains the same 432-425-9531. The new email address is [pastorpase@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpase@gmail.com).

**Midweek Meals:** Margie Norton and her team retired at the end of our last school year. In the meantime, Vicki Byars will be reaching out to our Board Chairs to sign up to provide a meal each week until October. We will not have a set menu to announce. Be assured that there will be a meal. Please join us for this Midweek meal and fellowship. It is our prayer to find someone who will be able to step into the role Margie played for so long and take over meal prep in the future.

**Scholarships:** Attention all seniors and current college students who will or are attending a 4-year college. Please don't forget to apply for the Baumann-Gwyn scholarship. Stop by the Church Office to pick up your application, or email the Church Office to request the forms. **The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> That's just 3 more days.**

**7/10 Blood Drive:** We were only able to collect 4 units of blood on this date. Our next blood drive is on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars to donate if you are able to do so. Keep an eye on GIA for future reminders. You will also be able to sign up on the pink sheet ahead of time to secure the best time slot for your schedule.

**Grace Quilters:** The Quilters continue to meet throughout the summer on Thursdays from **1 – 3pm** in the Community Room. Contact Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 or Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 with any questions. There is no experience necessary. Come join us!

### This Week's Bible Verse:



**Altar Flowers** continue to beautify the chancel. The **Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board across from the Parlor in the south hallway. This is a wonderful way to celebrate your special days and people. The cost is \$50 a vase and you can supply one or two. Next to the chart is the envelope to fill out. Place it in the offering plate on place it on Victoria's desk. All the directions are on the envelope.

**2024 Tellers Needed:** Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the first-fruit offerings collected after the Sunday divine services in September, October, & December. Prayerfully consider which month(s) you are available. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET**.

**Living in the Light of the Lord: Ephesians 3:20** – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...” We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His Word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do everything far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at His Word and live according to it.

**Life Quotes:** “Let’s get back to the basics and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. God loves life and His creation. He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord’s work as a faithful servant.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**The Lutheran Hour: "Jesus' Resurrection: God's Public Guarantee"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Gregory Seitz](#). Archives August: A crucified Savior, a resurrected, living Lord: the public guarantee of God, at work in the world for you. (*1 Corinthians 15:17-19*)

**Family Shield Ministries: "Museum of the Bible"** Guest Host: Rev. Mark Femmel & Guest: Dr. Jeffrey Kloha. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

**Last Week at Grace**

Sunday Divine Service (07/21) .....	89
Sunday School Attendance (07/21) .....	32
Adults .....	19
Lil' Lambs .....	0
Bibleville .....	9
Youth .....	4
First Fruit Giving (07/21) .....	\$21,010.56

**Sunday Morning Sunday School/Faith Formation**

<b>Adult</b> .....	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
.....	<i>Grace Elders</i>
<b>Adult</b> .....	<b>Parlor</b>
<i>Bible Stories</i> .....	<i>Josh/Kelli Jones</i>
<b>Grades 7-8</b> .....	<b>Youth Room</b>
.....	<i>Ryan &amp; Tiffani Hamilton</i>
<b>Grades 9-12</b> .....	<b>Youth Room</b>
.....	<i>Chad &amp; Lisa Dalager</i>
<b>Adventure Zones in Bibleville</b> .....	.....
.....	<i>Ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>
<b>Little Lambs</b> .....	<b>Room 12</b> (1-2 year olds)

**Graceful Living This Week**

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>07.28.24</b>
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
.....	AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion

<b>Thursday</b>	
1:00.....	Quilters
5:30.....	Altar Guild Mtg.

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>08.04.24</b>
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
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*ECP is on Summer Break.  
Keep our teachers and staff and their plans  
for the next school year in your prayers.*