



GRACE

Viviendo por Gracia

Lutheran Church & School

March 28, 2021

Jesus was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:10

A Superior High Priest

The position of high priest in the time before Jesus lived was an important one. The high priest was the one who went to God on behalf of the Jewish people. He was the go-between.

After Jesus' death and resurrection, Christians recognized that Jesus is the ultimate high priest. In the book of Hebrews, Jesus is compared to the Old Testament high priests to show all of the ways he is superior to them. For example, Old Testament high priests sacrificed animals, but Jesus sacrificed himself. Also, the previous high priests entered the Most Holy Place in the Temple once a year to sprinkle the blood of an animal ceremonially as payment for the sins of the people. Year after year after year the high priest did this. Jesus, however, shed his blood on the cross once for all the sins of the world.

Aren't you glad you have a High Priest who gave the ultimate and only necessary sacrifice for your sins? What a comfort to know that those sins weighing heavy on your heart have been forgiven. Revel in that forgiveness today. Praise and thank Jesus, your great High Priest!

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for making the ultimate sacrifice so that I can go to heaven and be with you in that most holy place. Amen.

Taken from: <https://wels.net/dev-daily/dd20210325/>

Church Announcements

Holy Week Schedule Maundy Thursday – 7pm

Good Friday – 7pm bilingual

Easter Sunday – 9:30am English, 11am Spanish

Congregational Voters Meeting Change – For the sake of Leadership Team availability, the congregational voters meeting first scheduled for April 18th has been moved to **April 25th** between the worship services. Thank you for accommodating the change!

On-Going Events

Worship Times – 9:30 English & 10:45 Spanish (under COVID restrictions with masks, distance, and no congregational singing).

Sunday Bible Study – Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30am at Grace. Study will begin on the revised synod statement on the roles of men and women which is also slated for discussion as a synod at synod convention this summer (2021). We will meet in person (under COVID restrictions with masks and distance) in the upstairs classroom (former 5th-8th).

Digital Worship – A recording of the in-person Sunday morning worship service will be posted sometime after Sunday morning. The services will continue to be live-streamed with a smart-phone on Sunday mornings, however, at www.Facebook.com/GraceLutheranYakima/live.

*** Digital bulletin available using the link attached in the body of the Streams email.

What's Been Happening – March 21-27

-Recently both the congregations at Ellensburg and Cle Elum put new constitutions into effect which were based on Grace's new constitution (January 2021). Ellensburg has seen two dearly loved long-time members of the congregation face significant health challenges recently - Judy Casper and John Winston. By the time you read this, it is likely that both will have returned from their respective hospitals to recover in their respective nursing homes. Please keep them in your prayers. The next likely task for the congregations will be internal discussion and up-or-down votes on predetermined questions (like, "Should we combine into one entity?"). Once

formal answers are had for a few questions, it will be time for either understanding and problem-solving or taking action on what seems to be agreeable to both.

-Recently Grace has seen a spat of theft and vandalism instances. Within several days of each other, packages have been stolen from the parsonage doorstep, expensive power tools were stolen from Dennis Roth's pickup, and Carol Camden's car window was busted during worship. Extra patrols have been requested with the Yakima Police Department. Cameras and other measures are being considered. Loiterers are firmly being told to move on. If you have an incident that happens on church property, please report it at <https://yakimapolice.org/online-police-reporting/> . We have the privilege and opportunity of being located in the central valley - and our community only improves when good people invest in neighborhood relationships, assert their presence positively, and insist on being respected. Thank you!

-Another thank-you is owed to those who have been giving their time and talents to improve the outside front of the church building. We really appreciate everything that you've done!

Prayer Requests

Dave Smith, Jr – prayers regarding medical issues related to his heart for the past week

Corae Temple – prayers for recovery

Doug Evans – healing

Judy Caspar (organist of Ellensburg congregation) – recovery from vein surgery for leg, health and strength

Marlen Rieker – hospice care, peace and comfort

Wanda Lennon – health and strength

Bill & Joy Altenhein – health and strength

Ewald Ehlers – strength to walk

Good Hope Lutheran Church (Ellensburg) – prayer through transition

Good Faith Lutheran Church (Cle Elum) – prayer through transition

Prayers for our Homebound Members

Norm Campeau

Ewald Ehlers

Marlen Rieker

Dorothy Johnson



Evergreen Circuit

2021 Virtual Spring RALLY

Saturday April 17th, 9:00am - Noon

Join Our Zoom Meeting

Sheila H. is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: LWMS Evergreen Circuit Spring Rally

Time: April 17, 2021 09:00am Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91693903444?pwd=cXBkc25tT0l1aUtVSjhVbXR1SXArUT09>

Meeting ID: 916 9390 3444 – Passcode: 168604

Speaker: Stephen Wiesenauer, East Asia Missionary

<https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/asia/>

- Attend as an individual or if you are able set up a Zoom Group at your church or in your home and attend the rally together.
- Turn in freewill or Mite Box mission offerings by April 8th to Sue Rittierodt, 1618 98th St. S, Tacoma, WA 98444.
- Please RSVP to your church contact by April 12th

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