

Grace Notes



Martin Luther's Large Catechism The Ten Commandments

In his Large Catechism, Martin Luther summarizes the Ten Commandments in this way: the first three commandments ("First Table of the Law") *relate to God*, while the other seven ("Second Table of the Law") *relate to our neighbor*.

So, how do Christians relate to God according to the first three commandments?

- In the 1st Commandment, our *heart* is instructed to trust, fear, and love God throughout all our lives.
- In the 2nd Commandment, our *lips* are directed to not misuse God's holy name for falsehood or evil, but for His praise and the salvation of our neighbor and ourselves.
- In the 3rd Commandment, our *ears* rest in God's Word as He guides our life and actions.

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

If our heart is fixed on mammon (money and property), that is our god. If our heart trusts in wisdom, power, prestige, family, and honor, then those are our gods. If our heart takes refuge in an image of a saint or a pagan god, then that is false worship. In short, idolatry is a matter of the *heart* that "stands gaping at something else. It seeks help and consolation from creatures, saints, or devils."¹

Instead, our entire heart and all our confidence must be placed in God alone and in no one else. The heart takes hold of Him, clings to Him, and trusts in Him entirely. "For this reason God wishes to turn us away from everything else that exists outside of Him and to draw us to Himself. For He is the only eternal good" (105). Elsewhere, Luther describes God as "an eternal fountain that gushes forth abundantly nothing but what is good" (108).

Therefore, the whole and undivided heart receives, recognizes, and gives thanks to God for all his gifts of body and soul. The First Commandment is of "chief importance," as Luther notes, because "where the heart is rightly set toward God and this commandment is observed, all the other commandments follow" (115).

Lord God, You require us to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. Grant unto us undivided hearts to fear Your wrath and so avoid the evil that You abhor. Instead, help us to love what You have commanded and trust in Your promises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



GIVING OF THE COMMANDMENTS
(EXODUS 19)

The First Commandment



WORSHIP OF THE GOLDEN CALF
(EXODUS 32)

¹ Martin Luther, *Martin Luther's Small and Large Catechisms*. (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2019), 107. This book can be purchased for \$28.99 at <https://www.cph.org/martin-luthers-small-and-large-catechisms>.

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Luther writes, “The First Commandment has instructed the heart and taught the faith. This commandment now leads us forward and directs the mouth and tongue to God” (116). If you call upon God’s name to support falsehood, wrong of any kind, or any lie, then you misuse God’s name. You use it falsely and thus attribute to God something that is untrue. You deceive yourself and others, and worst of all, you abuse God’s holy and precious name. God will not permit his name to be used to disguise a lie. The greatest abuse, however, “occurs in spiritual matters, when false preachers rise up and offer their lying vanities as God’s Word” (117).

Therefore, we are directed to intentionally use God’s name properly (i.e., in the service of truth and of all that is good) by calling on His name in times of need, or to thank and praise Him in times of prosperity (120). We should commend ourselves *each day* to God for his protection against every conceivable need. The devil “hates to hear God’s name and cannot remain long where it is spoken and called upon from the heart. Indeed, many terrible and shocking disasters would fall upon us if God did not preserve us by our calling upon His name” (123).

We should be eager to conform our children’s *hearts* to love and trust in God, so let us also be eager to teach our children’s *lips* to confess His saving name and to call upon it in every trouble.

Holy and merciful God, cause us to fear and love You so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by Your name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks and so glorify Your name, which alone is holy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

God’s Word must always be in our *hearts* (1st comm.), upon our *lips* (2nd comm.), and in our *ears* (3rd comm.). Every day is a holiday (“holy day”) that ought to be devoted to holy things, that is, to be “engaged with God’s Word and carry it in our hearts and upon our lips” (128). To celebrate the “Sabbath” (which means to “rest”) is to set apart and appoint a certain day as a “holiday” for rest, just as God rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:3). And yet, this day is not only for rest and refreshment. Yes, our bodies need respite from work, but this day is celebrated especially for hearing and using God’s word in praising, singing, and praying (127).

This is how we “hallow” (which means to “keep holy”) the Sabbath Day. We devote this day to “holy words, works, and life” (128). God’s Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. We gather to hear it taught, preached, and heard so that we may read and ponder God’s Word throughout the week as our person, day, and work are sanctified (129). What a beautiful and comforting reminder of the power of God’s Word!

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT



THE SON OF SHELOMITH IS STONED FOR
BLASPHEMY (LEVITICUS 24)

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT



HEARING AND DESPISING PREACHING
AND HIS WORD (NUMBERS 15)

So then, let us diligently hear, learn, and retain God's Word. Do not let your heart be lazy or weary. Do not misuse the Sabbath Day by neglecting to go to church. Do not let the devil take the Word of God away from you! Luther writes, "You are daily in the devil's kingdom. He ceases neither day or night to sneak up on you and to kindle in your heart unbelief and wicked thoughts against these three commandments and against all the commandments. Therefore, you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle and the Word does not make a sound, the devil breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the Word is so effective that whenever it is so seriously contemplated, heard, and used, it is bound never to be without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not lazy or dead, but are creative, living words" (132-133).

By Your Word and Spirit, draw us away from our restless labor that we might find rest in You alone, merciful God. Grant that, fearing and loving You above all things, we may never despise the preaching of Your Word of Life, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Woelmer

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9-10:30am- Christmas Program Practice
3 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	4 6 pm  Elders Meeting	5	6 10am-GLLC Chapel ADVENT SCHEDULE (see below)	7 6pm LWML/LLL Christmas Party	8	9 9-10:30am- Christmas Program Practice
10 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Special Voters Mtg after Service	11	12 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg-Warda	13 10am-GLLC Chapel ADVENT SCHEDULE (see below)	14	15	16 9-10:30am- Christmas Program Practice
17 8:45am Christmas Program 10am Worship/Communion 3pm-Christmas Carolling	18 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm Evangelism	19	20 10am-GLLC Chapel ADVENT SCHEDULE (see below)	21	22	23
24 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 7pm-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 9am-Christmas Day Worship	26	27 10am-GLLC Chapel	28 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON	29	30
31 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion				<u>Advent Midweek Schedule</u> Youth Confirmation: 5:30pm-6:30pm Soup Supper: 6:00-6:45pm Advent Worship: 7:00pm		

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Sunday School 8:45 AM
 Midweek Classes 8:45 AM
 Worship Service 10:00 AM

Grace Lutheran Learning Center

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We now accept CCMS enrollment

Pastor David Woelmer

If you need to contact Pastor Woelmer, you can do so via e-mail (rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com) or phone (214-218-8354). Pastor Woelmer is normally in the office Monday through Thursday. He is available in the afternoons, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits.

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Tues. – Thurs and 9 to 1 on Friday. If you need any help from the office i.e., copying documents, record information, info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please feel free to stop by, call, etc. I am here to provide you with whatever you need from the church office. You may also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and I will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Lisa Stem

Christmas Program

This year's Christmas program will take place during the Sunday School hour (8:45-9:45 AM) on December 17th. Please come! The Sunday School children will lead in singing a few hymns and reading portions of the Christmas story. If you'd like to participate, help out, or would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Woelmer (214-218-8354) or Cheryl Moore.



Elders: Charlie Johannessen
 Colby Zimmerhanzel

Altar Guild: Marilyn Burns
 Mary Lou Oliver

Organist(s):
 June Parker
 Esther Wolff
 Kim Appel
 Ruth Eaton



As of November 21, 2023

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	28,026.73
CEF-General	2,528.17
CEF-Land/Youth	12,723.17
CEF Scholarship	12,880.04
Legacy Deo	10,529.77
Total Dedicated Funds	24,969.91
General Fund Balance	3,056.82

KFUO Bible Study Resources

Looking for Bible study opportunities during the week? Make use of the fantastic resources for growth in your Christian faith produced by our very own LCMS radio station, KFUO (www.kfu.org). Their variety of

programs will provide something of value to every person who listens.



The Born Again Emporium is gearing up for the holidays – Christmas items are plentiful but going fast. Sweaters and coats are also on the racks at incredible prices! We continue to be very busy with donations. I have listed below the dates Grace/Presbyterian volunteers will be working in the upcoming year. I have also listed dates store will be closed. Please remind your family, friends and neighbors that donations are conveniently accepted on Fridays and Saturdays. Please feel free to join us for a day or a couple of hours – your help is always appreciated. Feel free to contact Brenda Sanders or Rose Pietsch for more information.

December 18-23, 2023 CLOSED
 December 25-30, 2023 CLOSED
 January 8-13, 2024 Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 February 19-24, 2024 Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 March 25-30, 2024 CLOSED FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER
 April 8-13, 2024 – Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 May 20-25, 2024 Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 July 1-6, 2024 Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 August 12-17, 2024 Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 September 23-28, 2024 - Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 November 4-9 2024 Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 November 25-30, 2024 Grace Lutheran/1st Presbyterian
 December 23-28, 2024 CLOSED
 December 3, 2024 -January 4, 2025 CLOSED



Dec. 2	Brad & Donna Zimmerhanel
Dec. 11	Daniel & Shelly Robinson
Dec. 18	June & Dennis Parker
	Rowan & Nora James
Dec. 30	John & Cheryl Moore
Dec. 31	Gene & Melissa Brown
	Vince & Jeanie Kaiser

**Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from
your "Grace" family**

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.



Dec. 3	Caren Hannusch
Dec. 5	Robert Vinklerek
Dec. 6	Annie Mae Rohde John Anderson
Dec. 7	Amber Hurst
Dec. 8	Lisa Stem
Dec. 12	Joshua Zimmerhanel
Dec. 14	Konnor Pietsch
Dec. 15	Betty Flora
Dec. 17	Robert Nitsche
Dec. 18	Allan Hurst Stephanie Schwall
Dec. 19	Sharon Hancock Gracie Harmon
Dec. 21	Nicole Claiborne
Dec. 23	Charles Knippa
Dec. 24	Gertrude Davis
Dec. 25	Corey Macks Brody Taylor
Dec. 26	Heather McNeil
Dec. 28	Jack Page Kyle Pietsch



Advent Midweek & Christmas Schedule

We invite you to worship on Wednesday evenings at 7pm throughout the season of Advent as we prepare for our Lord's coming. This year, our Advent Series will be "The Three Advents of Our Lord." Our Advent soup suppers will begin at 6pm in the Parish Hall before our Advent services. Please come and enjoy a time of fellowship and worship together! The sign-up sheet for each week is attached to the bulleting board outside the office.

Wednesday Dec. 6, 2023	Youth Confirmation Class 5:30-6:30 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Advent Worship 7:00 pm "Christ's Advent in the Flesh: Once He Came in Blessing" (Past)	Host. LLL
Wednesday Dec. 13, 2023	Youth Confirmation Class 5:30-6:30 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Advent Worship 7:00 pm "Christ's Advent in Glory: Prepare the Royal Highway" (Future)	Host: LWML
Wednesday Dec. 20, 2023	Youth Confirmation Class 5:30-6:30 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Advent Worship 7:00 pm "Christ's Advent in Grace: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Present)	Host:
Sunday Dec. 24, 2023	8:45 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Service	
Sunday Dec. 24, 2019	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight	
Monday Dec. 25, 2023	9:00 am The Nativity of Our Lord	



Dear Member of Grace Lutheran Church,

We are excited to have Sunday School back at 8:45 am every Sunday. Come join us and listen to the word of our Lord Jesus Christ as taught by Pastor Woelmer for the Adults, 3yrs old through kindergarten teachers are Kim Appel and Ester Wolff, 1st grade through 4th grade is Kayla Herschap, 5th grade through 8th grade will be Donna Zimmerhanzel and for the High School, we will be making some changes for their class so for now they are participating with the Adult class. . We are always in need of volunteers to help teach or to sub when one of the teachers is out, so please feel free to contact a board member and we will gladly assist you in getting set up to volunteer.

We are also planning a Christmas Program that will take place during the Sunday School hour on December 17th. If you know any child that would like to participate, please notify a Board member, Pastor or Cheryl Moore.

DONUTS!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the Board of Education Bulletin Board for anyone who wants to furnish snacks between Sunday School and Church. There is also a donation can in the kitchen by the donuts if you would rather just donate to the cause.

Our current mission project is Missionary Becky Bartelt, there are envelopes on the Board of Ed Bulletin Board for anyone who would like **to contribute to our Mission.**

Our Board members for this year are: Charlie Johannessen, Toni Ann Kadlecek, Kathy Kasper, Mary Lou Oliver, Margie Hicks, June Parker, Barb Johannessen and the Sunday School Superintendent is Donna Zimmerhanzel. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time if you have questions.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

Barb Johannessen
Board of Education



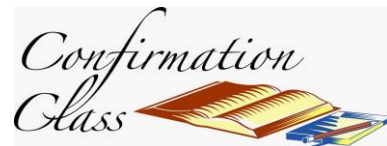
Sunday School

Sunday school for all ages has returned to its regular time slot of 8:45 AM. The response from so many members of our congregation has been tremendous. The parish hall has been filled with great joy each Sunday morning as so many children and adults are eager to learn God's Word—and there's always room for more!

Please join us each week in the Parish Hall for a short opening with everyone together before we go to our separate classes. You won't regret making time to read, learn, and rejoice in God's Word!

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week, led by the guest pastor for that week. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.



Youth Confirmation

Youth confirmation classes continue each Wednesday evening this fall in the parish hall at **5:30 PM**. Please keep our 7th and 8th graders and their families in your prayers as they grow in the knowledge and grace of God's Holy Word.

Youth Group

Instead of meeting together the first Sunday this month (12/3), the youth group (6th grade -High School) will go Christmas caroling at Towers Nursing Home on December 17th at 4pm and will visit and sing to other shut-ins at their homes. Snacks will be provided in the afternoon. More details to follow.



LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission

UPCOMING:

Dec. 7th

6pm-Annual
LWML/LLL
Advent/Christmas
gathering

**No quilting in
December**

We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness." Please contact any LWML member or June Parker at 512-581-1168 to learn more or go to www.lwml.org or www.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

December Altar Guilds - Mary Lou Oliver and Marilyn Burns

November Mission Project – Towers Nursing Home
December Mission Project – Texas Childrens' Hospital

Smithville LWML delivered 55 quilts to Ruttersville on November 4th for LWR.

The Lutheran World Relief report from Ruttersville is the following:

607 quilts 524 School Kits 660 Personal Care Kits
8 Baby Care Kits 15 Fabric Kits

These items were donated by Lutheran Churches in the area which was not only LCMS, but ELCA, ELDONA, LCMC, and NALC. For a more complete list see the LWML Bulletin Board

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

Paint the Planet Purple with
Servanthood

This holiday season the TX District
invites us to help those in need.

"I will give thanks to the Lord with
my whole heart; I will recount all
Your wonderful deeds." Ps 9:1

Ideas: Provide a holiday meal or
give a grocery store gift card.

Heavenly father, thank You for all
You provide for us. We are very
grateful for Your love and
guidance. We truly need you in our
lives. Open our eyes to see the
ones who need Your love, Lord,
this holiday season. In Jesus name,
Amen.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

Serving God's Children with Special Needs – Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI -- \$100,000

We are all children of God, despite our differences, challenges, and life experiences. The mission of Journeys Lutheran School is to serve God's children age eight to 21 with special needs such as attention deficit disorder, learning disabilities, autism, anxiety, trauma, emotional behavior disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder. For 60 years the school, located in the Milwaukee area, has prepared students to maximize their spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, and social potential to become successful Christian members of society. Students are able to earn a high school diploma and participate in meaningful cultural, historical, and spiritual events. The enrollment in the high school program is growing. This grant will help purchase two vans to transport high school students enrolled in the School-to-Work Internship Program and students taking elective classes at nearby Martin Luther High School.



The Widow's Mite --- And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Mark 12:42-44 ESV



FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.

HOME OF THE FALCONS!
Better Together - Romans 15:5-6
December 2023

"Faith at Christmas" Program

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, "Faith at Christmas," on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. During Advent, services will be led by Pastor Dustin Beck.

Raffle Items

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us. Matching funds are currently available!

Scholarship Program

Have you ever had this thought? "Faith Lutheran High School sounds great, but my family can't afford it." We firmly believe that EVERY family desiring a Christ-centered education for their children should have the opportunity to attend FLHS. We have a Tuition Scholarship Program with funds available, and EVERY family who applies (through TADS) will receive some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS.

Athletic Programs Underway

Our archery season is off to a great start. More competitions are coming in the next few weeks. Please visit our website to see the full schedule

The boys basketball team, along with our cheerleaders invite you to join us for an upcoming game. There are many games on the calendar. The FLHS website has a full schedule of games for this season. Join us for a game or two, and cheer on our Falcons to victory!!

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

Gift for FLHS for Christmas?

Would you like to bless FLHS with a Christmas gift? FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon for needed materials for this school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you!

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!





Singing the Church's Song in Asia

NEWS FROM BECKY BARTELT
Serving the Lord in Taiwan/Asia

Thanksgiving



In Chinese "thank you" is xie xie (pronounced shyeh shyeh). It is written in the picture on the left. The literal response is, "no need to be polite."

However, as Christians at Thanksgiving and all the time we give thanks to God not out of routine politeness, but genuine gratitude. The Israelites gave thanks at various harvest festivals. The Psalmists gave "thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His steadfast love endures forever." One of the ten lepers returned to give thanks to Jesus for His healing. I, too, am giving thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever. He is not a god who needs to be appeased with offerings in order to bless us. He is a God Who loves to shower us with blessings and loves to receive our thanks and offerings out of faithful joy. I, too, am giving thanks that God has

healed us from the sickness of sin by Jesus' death and resurrection. I am also thankful that my dad continues to recover steadily and has "ditched his walker" and is now able to walk over a mile a day! My sister has three chemotherapy treatments left. I give thanks that He has seen her through this journey so far with a positive and jovial spirit, even as she is tired and dealing with side-effects. I give thanks for colleagues who are friends with whom I will gather to give thanks on November 23rd. I give thanks for each of you and for your faithful prayers for God's work in Asia!

Christmas Outreach Concert:

If you haven't checked your calendar yet, Christmas is on December 25th this year (That's a family joke...a statement someone made in all seriousness at a church meeting one year.), which happens to be a Monday, which is a normal workday in Taiwan. On Sunday afternoon/evening, December 24th Salvation Lutheran Church in Chiayi is presenting an outreach Christmas concert. We pray many of our friends and neighbors in the area will come to hear traditional Christmas carols performed by an adult choir (in Chinese and English), a children's choir (in Latin), recorders, flute, piano, string quartet and hand bells. I will be playing viola in the string quartet after not playing publicly since 2003! Please pray for all the participants as they prepare and for all the listeners that they would hear the Gospel clearly in the music, from Pastor's Wu's commentary and from God's Word!





Conservatory Project:

Preparations are under way to refurbish/refurnish the space on the first floor of the building where I live. This room will serve as a performance space for the conservatory and a worship space for the start of a new Lutheran congregation in Chiayi. We are working and planning for things like the acoustics of the space, how future instruments will sound in the space, a sound system, AC and the possibility its noise will interfere with performances or worship. Just recently Ruth Wu and I traveled to Taichong to try out some possible pianos for the space. This is an exciting and daunting project. Please pray for wisdom and courage for the planners from our "God of Grace and God of Glory" to make wise decisions so that many can hear God's Word sung, played and spoken in this space. On the left is a picture of the space in its current condition.

Cultural Corner:

Many people in Taiwan do not have much for kitchens and eating out can be both inexpensive and nutritious. In the picture is the roast duck shop near my house. I got roast duck slices, egg, rice, green beans, tofu and cabbage all for about \$3.33 (US Currency).

Maybe you can see in the picture that birds are usually sold with the neck and sometimes the head on if you order a whole bird. In fact, I hear the turkey we ordered for Thanksgiving (since my toaster oven is too small to roast a turkey), will come with the head on, ready to be carved! And, yes you can order through Uber Eats in Taiwan. It will be delivered on a scooter with a box on the back to keep it warm. I have not been brave enough to tackle the Chinese website yet, though...or spend the money on that.

There are many shops within walking distance.



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PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR:

- prayer and financial supporters, like yourself!!!
- colleagues who are friends
- God's steadfast love which endures forever!
- my dad's progress in his recovery post back surgery

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- wisdom and courage from God as we make decisions about the music conservatory and worship space.
- my sister's continued chemotherapy and her witness to others going through cancer treatments.
- the Christmas outreach concert that those who attend would be blessed to hear the good news of Jesus born for them, foretold for ages, who suffered shame on the cross that we could receive forgiveness and the honor of being children of God.



You Are Invited

To the church Advent/Christmas gathering
Hosted by LLL & LWML

When: Thursday December 7th

Where: Grace Lutheran Parish Hall

Time: 6PM

Theme: "On Our Way to Bethlehem"

Love Offering Tree: Texas Childrens Hospital

LLL will provide the meat

LWML will provide the sides and desserts.

Please join us at the beginning of the season for
fellowship, good food, singing and a program to
start our journey to Christmas Day.