

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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Altar Guild - Rich Rudnik


Next Sunday

Gordon Fitzgerald
Justine Sasser
Bonnie Dupre
Rich Rudnik

Fifth Sunday of Easter **May 2, 2021**

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Kennedy Ohliger, Pastor Portier's granddaughter.


The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Introit

*A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.*
*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*
*Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.*
*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
*All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!*
*My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever
and ever.*
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*
*A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.*

Collect of The Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Divine Service

Setting One

Lutheran Service Book, Page 151

Pre-Service Music

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Opening Hymn | #633 |
| 2. Rite of Holy Baptism | p 268 |
| 3. Confession and Absolution | p151 |
| 4. Introit | Bulletin |
| 5. Kyrie | p 152 |
| 6. Hymn of Praise | p 155 |
| 7. Salutation | p 156 |
| 8. Collect of the Day | Bulletin |
| 9. First Reading | Bulletin |
| 10. Epistle Reading | Bulletin |
| 11. Alleluia Verse | p 156 |
| 12. Glory to you, O... | p 157 |
| 13. Holy Gospel | Bulletin |
| 14. Praise to you, O... | p 157 |
| 15. The Nicene Creed | p 158 |
| 16. The Word for Children | |
| 17. Sermon Hymn | #691 |
| 18. Sermon | |
| 19. Meditation | |
| 20. Prayer of the Church | |
| Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord; | |
| People: Lord, have mercy. | |
| 21. Preface | p 160 |
| 22. Holy, Holy, Holy... | p 161 |
| 23. Prayer of Thanksgiving | p 161 |
| 24. The Words of Our Lord | p 162 |
| 25. The Lord's Prayer | p 162 |
| 26. Pax Domini | p 163 |
| 27. Agnus Dei | p 163 |
| 28. Communion Hymns | #542 & #611 |
| Guitar Hymns: | |
| Blessed Be Your Name | Insert |
| & Glorify Thy Name | Insert |
| 29. Thank the Lord | p 164 |
| 30. Post Communion Collect | p 166 |
| 31. Benediction | p 166 |
| 32. Closing Hymn | #865 |

Postlude

Fifth Sunday of Easter **John 15:2**
 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

Stewardship News

Attendance last Sunday: 32

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$4,170.00 GF offerings YTD: \$65,497.00
Weekly 2021 Budget: \$3,019.53 2021 Budget YTD: \$51,332.01

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: Roman Catholic Mariology, The Godly Practice of Leisure, The Word “Glory” in the Bible, Facebook’s New Prayer Post Feature and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

Our Rainforest Explorers VBS will take off July 25th through July 29th. We are looking for volunteers. The sign up sheets for children will be online and in the church in early May. Contact Lisa Giroir at 337-501-0234 for more information.

Grace’s Mission
Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship

This Week at Grace

Today 9:00 a.m. **Worship/Food Bank Coffee & Biscuits**
No Sunday School

Monday 1:00 p.m. **ECC Board mtg**

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. **Bible Study**

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. **Cinco de Mayo Potluck Fellowship followed by Prayer & Praise**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. **Thibodaux Worship**

Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Worship/Mite Boxes Coffee and MG baked goods**
 10:45 a.m. **Sunday School for all ages**

For the week of May 2-8, 2021

Birthdays May 3 Marilyn Beach 4 Richard Reaves Sr.	Baptismal Anniversaries May 3 Joey Souther
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In the palm of God’s Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Billy Palmer, Julie Damen, Lisa Ledet, Marabelle Leggett, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane, Virginia Cunningham & Walter Jackson

BATTLING CANCER: Barbara Reaves, Jan Crawford, Jay Cruse, Ken Broussard, Mary Joe Mueller & Nan Ashley Hebert

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bobby Torbert, Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswald, Edna Marie Sevin, Helen Hoover, Jackie Webb, Kim Cape, Richard LaCour & Sue Ackett

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Allen Carpenter, Jo Lowman, Joy Stegall, Miriam Mix, Ralph Use, Tammie Hahn & Todd Use.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob and Lori Prugh & baby Prugh.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Andrew Winn, Gage V. Romano, Haily Crawford, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Natalie Turcott, Nigel Koorie, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, Victoria Shroyer & Zhain Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adriana Vitrano, Alec Cunningham, Allen Trahan, Annie Reaves, Armand Erhart, Blayne Barras, Brandon Cinnater, Brooks Thomas, Emma Thomas, Donovan Domangue, Fielden Baker, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Cuneo, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Lauren Boudreaux, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Riley Andrews, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim



Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman & Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart wants to say
Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

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Glorify Thy Name Donna Adkins

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You;
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You;
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You;
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.

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Join us this Wednesday at our Cinco de Mayo Potluck, Prayer & Praise beginning at 6pm.
This is a perfect time to invite your family and friends.
We will have dinner first followed by singing and a short devotional. We ask that each family bring a Mexican dish or dessert. Water, tea, and lemonade will be provided.

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."
Deuteronomy 31:6,8