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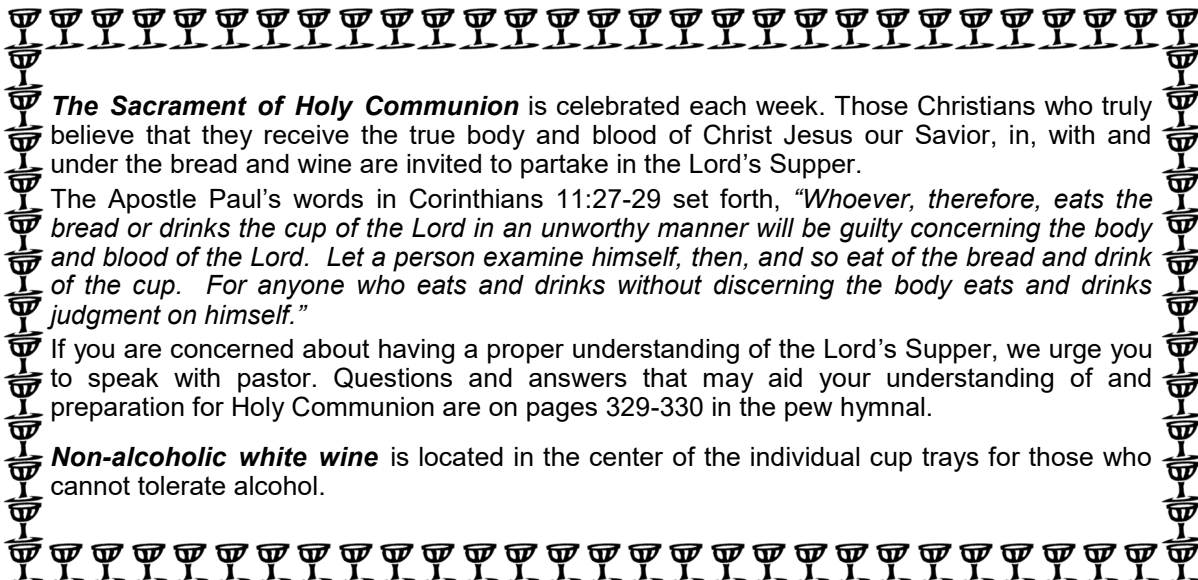
Next Sunday

Gordon Fitzgerald
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Rich Rudnik

Pentecost **May 23, 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 by Bret and Penny Cuneo in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary today.



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

Pentecost **Acts 2:1**
– **"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place."** Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival – a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that the New Testament takes on the meaning of a new harvest – the ripe fields of the nations. This includes bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

Christmas in July Rummage Sale
Saturday, July 24th from 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Please gather your clean, working rummage sale items together and call the church office at 985-879-1865 Ext. 1 or Bonnie Dupre at 985-870-6266 for item drop off information. Drop off will begin June 1st. Please box items if possible due to limited storage space. We will also be calling on our bakers for some goodies to sell at our rummage sale.

Calling all Graduates!

If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring and you would like to share this information, please contact the church office at secretary@gracehouma.org or leave a message at 985-879-1865 ext. 1. Whether you are continuing your education or beginning a new career, let us know where you will be headed in the fall and your plan for the future. Your church family at Grace will keep you in their thoughts and prayers.

"We demand an end to the injustice of abortion. We demand an end to the injustice of human trafficking, pornography, slavery, and the separation of children from their parents. But we do so as confessors. We confess that we are sinners, great sinners, with the culture of death flowing in our veins and pulsing through our corrupted brains. And we confess that only in Jesus is the life we need." *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Service Opportunities

Grace is looking for volunteers to serve on Altar Guild, Acolytes, Reader or Sunday School Teacher. Our goal is to fill all these slots so volunteers will only need serve once every five weeks. Please prayerfully consider offering your time in this manner and then contact Lisa in the church office at (985) 879-1865 or email secretary@gracehouma.org

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 later this month. 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
Coffee & baked goods to follow
10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Monday 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship
followed by Prayer & Praise

Thursday Pipeliner Articles are due

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship
Coffee and Youth biscuits follow
10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

For the week May 23-29, 2021

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversaries
May 24 Jared Moise 29 John Wegner	May 24 Ethan Spolarich	May 23 Bret & Penny Cuneo Jim & Molly Blakely

Stewardship News

Attendance last Sunday: 34

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$5,055.00
Weekly 2021 Budget: \$3,019.53

GF offerings YTD: \$76,868.00
2021 Budget YTD: \$60,390.60

In the palm of God's Hands...

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

BATTLING CANCER: Cindy Gorham, Jay Cruse, Ken Broussard, Nan Ashley Hebert & Penny Emling

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

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Barbara Reaves, Jan Crawford, Jo Lowman, Landon Eschete, Mary Joe Mueller, Miriam Mix & Tammie Hahn.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob, Jacey Corbitt & baby Corbitt, Kara Trahan & baby Trahan 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



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

† PREPARATION †

HYMN "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB #913

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
People: **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
People: **my salvation and my God.**

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
People: **they sing praises to Your name.**

Kneel in silent contemplation of your sins

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8*

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: **for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
People: **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

Pastor: I say to the LORD, You are my God;
People: **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.
People: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

Stand

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Women: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

Men: These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

Women: When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

Men: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

People: 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.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Called and Gathered” (*Tune LSB #849*)

**Called and gathered, graced and gifted
By the Spirit’s pow’r made one;
Truth-enlightened, hearts uplifted
In the Church-created home,
We as heirs of Christ inherit
Treasured peace for all our days.
Guided by the Holy Spirit—
Sanctified, we offer praise.**

**Called and gathered, well-protected,
Never orphaned or alone;
As the Spirit’s interceding
Brings our prayer to Father’s throne.
With strong words of affirmation
Guilty stains of sin remove.**

**but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*p. 210 in hymnal*)

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace” LSB #693

“Voices Raised to You We Offer” LSB #795

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” LSB #621

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” LSB #624

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSB #806

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask You so to assist us by Your grace that, strengthened for service and for witness, we live each day in thankfulness to You for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to and keeping us in the saving faith; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” LSB #650

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We thank You, almighty God, that Your rule is without end and that Your power extends over all the earth. We bless You for making us and knowing us and caring for us and calling us in this life to be united to You as Your people on earth. We rejoice in all that You have done for us and find strength in the assurance that at every turn You are with us. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Therefore, gracious God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation; that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf; and that He will come to judge the living and the dead on the day You have appointed. Send Your Holy Spirit among us that we be Your people and serve You in all blessedness. With grateful hearts, we beseech You to hear us, to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and to teach us to pray as our Lord has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,**

**By the Spirit's maturation
Grow up seeds and deeds of love.**

**Called and gathered, Christ the center,
Word and water, bread and wine:
Here we heaven's portal enter;
Now we foretaste joy divine.
Holy Spirit, shape our living—
Pour upon us all that's best;
Fill us with the gift for giving,
Enter in and make us blest.**

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

† WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1–14*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 139:1–12; antiphon v. 17*

Pastor: How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Men: *O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.*

Women: *You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.*

People: **You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.**

Pastor: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Men: *Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?*

Women: If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

People: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Pastor: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

People: 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.

Pastor: How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

SECOND READING *Acts 2:1–21*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GRADUAL *Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

People: I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapters fifteen and sixteen.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Day Full of Grace" LSB #503

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, guide us in all things, keeping our witness strong so that more people may confess Your power and experience Your everlasting love. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(p. 208 in hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim Shout the glory of Your name.