

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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### Today

*Service Elder - Derek Crawford*  
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### Next Sunday

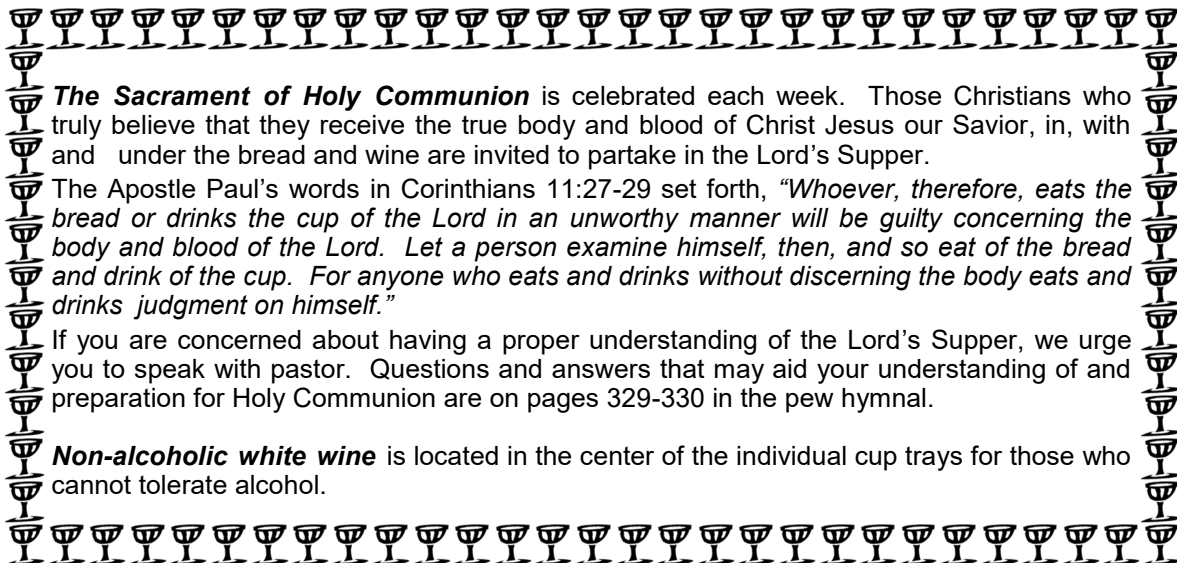
*Derek Crawford*  
*Ethan Spolarich*  
*Bonnie Dupre*  
*Mary Lou & Donna V.*

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 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 Pat Bauman in memory of her mother, Betty Cummins. August 16th would have been her 93rd birthday.



**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.

## This Week at Grace

**Today** 9:00 a.m. **Worship**  
Coffee & youth biscuits  
10:45 a.m. **Sunday School**  
Youth Group meeting

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

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

**Sunday** 9:00 a.m. **Worship**  
Coffee & baked goods  
10:45 a.m. **Sunday School**

### For the week August 15-21, 2021

	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>
August 16	Annie Reaves	August 15 Eric & Josie Lapeyrouse
18	Gage Romano	
20	Chandler Theriot	

### In the palm of God's Hands...

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Angelo Michel, Burt Hebert, Hunter Moore, Marabelle Leggett, Margret Cuccia & Mary Deane

**BATTLING CANCER:** Billy Palmer, Cindy Gorham, Georgette Savoie, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Nan Ashley Hebert, Penny Emling & Ursula Breaux

**CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY:** Bobby Torbert, Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswalt, Edna Marie Sevin, Helen Hoover, Jackie Webb, Kim Cape, Lisa Ledet, Rana DaSilva Moise, Richard LaCour, Sue Ackett & Virginia Cunningham

**MOURNING A LOSS:** the family of Ken Broussard.

**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, Allen Trahan, Annie Reaves, Armand Erhart, Blayne Barras, Brandon Cinnater, Brooks Thomas, Emma Thomas, Donovan Domangue, Fielden Baker, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Cuneo, Hannah Norman, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Lauren Boudreaux, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim



### Stewardship News

**Attendance last Sunday: 32**

**Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$2,778.00**

**Weekly 2021 Budget: \$3,019.53**

**GF offerings YTD: \$110,660.00**

**2021 Budget YTD: \$96,624.96**

### Youth Group News

On Saturday, September 18 will be our annual Red Beans & Rice Dinner Fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. You may dine in or take out!

*Chorus*

How can I keep from singing Your praise!  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!  
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart

I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

*Stand*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (p. 164 in hymnal)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You sent Your Son to be the living bread from heaven. As we have feasted upon His body and blood for our forgiveness, strengthen us to continually follow Him and hear His Word; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

**People:** The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**HYMN** “On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB #921

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“God shows us what it is to love every single day. Even the grace He gives us to change people’s hearts toward Him is an outpouring of His love. Let us love like Christ and sacrifice our time to save His unborn children. Let us show mothers who have had or are thinking of having an abortion the love that has been so beautifully bestowed upon us from our Father.” *Christina Hogan, Southampton Students for Life (UK) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

**† PREPARATION †**

**HYMN** “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” LSB #589

*Stand*

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**People: Insight is knowing the holy one and seeking justice.**

Pastor: The way of the Lord leads to eternal life.

**People: The way of the world leads only to death.**

Pastor: Through His death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way of eternal life.

**People: Jesus has given us the words of eternal life.**

Pastor: Jesus gives us the food of eternal life, His body and blood.

**People: Come, let us listen to His words, walk His way, and delight in His food.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Though Jesus has come down from the heavens as the bread of life for us, we sometimes listen to other people’s words. We sometimes choose to follow those who do not follow Jesus. We sometimes delight in earthly pleasures rather than the daily bread God has given us. Yet, our heavenly Father calls us back to Him, for His way is a way of forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have lived according to our own wisdom and desires. We have ignored Your words and wisdom. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us on the way of resurrection and eternal life, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. Jesus, the living bread from heaven, has given His body and shed His blood so that you would be forgiven and have eternal life. 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.

**People: Amen. We are forgiven. We have eternal life with Christ. Amen.**

† WORD †

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**People: His praise endures forever!**

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

**People: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord,

**People: studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

**People: and his righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

**People: the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him;

**People: he remembers his covenant forever.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

**People: Holy and awesome is his name!**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**People: and to the Holy Spirit;**

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

**People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**People: His praise endures forever!**

**KYRIE**

*(p.204 in hymnal)*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“You Are My All In All” (with guitar)

*Dennis Jernigan*

You are my Strength when I am weak,  
You are the Treasure that I seek;  
You are my All in All;

Seeking You as a precious Jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool;  
You are my All in All.

*Chorus*

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your Name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your Name.

Taking my sin, my cross my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name;  
You are my all in all;

**AGNUS DEI HYMN**

“O Lamb of God and Bread of Life” (*Tune: LSB #655*)

O Lamb of God and Bread of Life,  
You take away the sin and strife  
That cling so closely to our souls.  
O Living Bread, come, make us whole.

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray,  
So year by year and day by day  
Your Word of grace would be passed down—  
Each generation's peace and crown.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” LSB #618

“How Can I Keep From Singing” (*with guitar*) *Chris Tomlin & Matt Redman*

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on  
To the rock I cling.

*Chorus*

How can I keep from singing Your praise!  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!  
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Saviour lives.  
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through  
And sing the songs You give

*Chorus*

How can I keep from singing Your praise!  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!  
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.  
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again.  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.  
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, when I call to You in prayer.  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know,  
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne

pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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,  
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.

**When I fall down You pick me up,  
When I am dry You fill my cup;  
You are my all in all.**

*Chorus*  
**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your Name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your Name.**

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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:** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living bread come down from heaven to give us life eternal. Strengthen us as we follow Your wisdom, Your way, and Your Word, that we remain steadfast in the true faith until Your glorious return; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 9:1–10*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:6–21*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## VERSE *John 6:68*

**Pastor:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**People:** You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:51–69*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**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 *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "O God, My Faithful God" LSB #696

## SERMON

## MEDITATION

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(After each petition...)*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,  
People: hear our prayer.

## † 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the living bread that came down from heaven to bring us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS HYMN** "O Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord" (*Tune: LSB #655*)

**O holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
The angel legions at Your Word  
Defend Your kingdom from the foe  
And bring Your saints to praise from woe.**

**So, Lord, we sing the ancient song,  
We shout hosanna loud and long.  
Lord, save us now from selfish ways  
As we bring thanks and prayers and praise.**

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we