

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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## Today

*Service Elder - Derek Crawford*  
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*Offering Stewards - Bonnie Dupre*  
*Altar Guild - Marilyn & Jerrie*

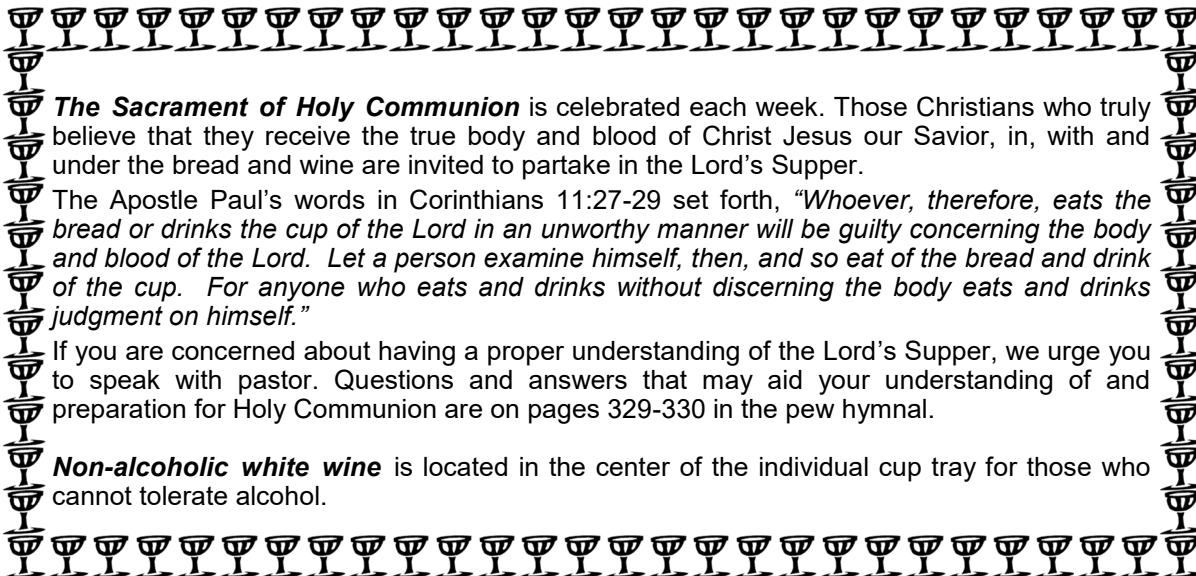
## Next Sunday

*Joey Souther*  
*Victoria Crawford*  
*Justine Sasser*  
*Bonnie Dupre*  
*John & Patsy*

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 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 thanksgiving of the many blessings that the members here at Grace have received this year.



**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 tray for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

## This Week at Grace

**Today** 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
followed by **Coffee & Youth biscuits**  
10:45 a.m. **Sunday School for adults & 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/Food Bank**  
followed by **Coffee & Youth biscuits**  
10:45 a.m. **Sunday School for adults**

For the week of August 29 - September 4, 2021		
	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Baptismal Anniversaries</b>
August 31	Mike St. Amant Jeannie Thalheim	September 1 Dale Boger Jeanette Burke
Sept. 1	Gabriel Moore 4 Carolina Crawford Josie Lapeyrouse	Niyah Shroyer

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

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

**BATTLING CANCER:** Cindy Gorham, Georgette Savoie, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Karen Curtis, 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 Billy Palmer, Harold Lebeouf & 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, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Lauren Boudreaux, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim



### BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure **all** doors are locked **and** closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.

### Rally Day at Grace

We are celebrating Rally Day on Sunday, September 12th at Grace. The Christian Education Committee is hosting a “Pancake Breakfast” in the fellowship hall following worship. This will be the kick-off for the fall quarter Sunday School program. We invite all families of Grace to join us for Rally Day as we look forward to a great year of “Enduring Faith”. A freewill offering will be collected for the Youth Group’s convention next year in Houston, Texas.

### Sunday School Teachers Needed!

The Christian Education Committee will be needing Sunday School teachers and substitutes beginning in September for the fall semester for the adult Sunday school class. The lesson materials will be provided. If this is something you’d be interested in, please see Pastor Rich for more information.

### Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

Just a reminder to leave the sanctuary, fellowship hall and kitchen tidy on Sunday mornings - or any other time you may use them. Make sure bulletins are picked up and put into the green recycle bin in the narthex, pew envelopes and pencils are in place, fellowship hall tables are wiped off with disinfectant spray and any food around the chairs is picked up. **Please, do not leave dirty dishes or food pieces in the kitchen sinks.** Our church is inspected by the state and health departments on a regular basis and the kitchen area is one part of these inspections. Thank you for your cooperation.

### BISCUIT MAKERS

**September 5—Gabriella Crawford**  
**September 19th—Shelby & Karoline Giroir and Ethan Spolarich**  
**October 3th—Raymond Godail & Karoline Giroir**

### Nursery Room

We encourage parents and children to remain with us in the sanctuary during worship. But, for those times when a parent must tend to their child apart from the crowd, we provide a nursery in the Sunday School classroom area down the hall (room number 3). There is a changing station in the ladies restroom as well. Please keep it clean and be sure your children are not carrying the toys away with them. Be sure you leave the room neat and tidy as we do not have a cleaning crew to tidy up behind us. Thank you

***Just a reminder...Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, September 9th at noon in the conference room. Please join us!***

“We may be in different roles in a child’s life—from parent to teacher to uncle—but we can still help guide and form children’s values. If we work with their natural tendencies and individual personalities, we can help them see how and why God values life at all stages. They will then move on into their teen and adult years with that foundation which will help them make decisions and continue to develop their values as they grow and mature.” *Stephenie Hovland, author and teacher – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Looking for a place of rest? God’s loving presence is always with you.**  
***Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.***  
***Psalm 90:1***

## † PREPARATION †

**HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” #20 *in the Best of the Best Songbook*

*Stand*

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

**Pastor:** Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.

**People:** **Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.**

**Pastor:** Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,

**People:** **and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.**

**Pastor:** Cast us not away from Your presence,

**People:** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Pastor:** Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,

**People:** **and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** We are God’s people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father,

**People:** **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

† WORD †

**INTROIT** *Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2*

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**  
 Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**People: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**  
 Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**  
 Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence,  
**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**  
 Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**  
 Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
 Pastor: as it was in the beginning,  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
 Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**People: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *“I Love You Lord” #107 in the Best of the Best Songbook*

**SALUTATION**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
**People: O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

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

*Stand*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *“White As Snow” #241 in the Best of the Best Songbook*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You purchased and won us by the blood of Christ. We ask that in Your wisdom You would continue to lead and guide us through our days of pilgrimage until we join You in the marriage feast that has no end; through 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.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** *“Blessed Assurance” #24 in the Best of the Best Songbook*

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<p><b>Pentecost XIV</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Deuteronomy 4:6</b></span>  <b>– “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ”</b> There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us; so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stewardship News</b>  <b>Attendance last Sunday: 29</b></p> <p><i>Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$2,215.00</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>GF offerings YTD: \$117,252.00</b></span>  <i>Weekly 2021 Budget: \$3,019.53</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>2021 Budget YTD: \$102,664.02</b></span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grace’s Mission</b>  <b>Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship</b></p>

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.**

### 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

"Feed Us Now" #53 in the *Best of the Best Songbook*  
"Give Thanks" #65 in the *Best of the Best Songbook*  
"I Am the Bread of Life" #100 in the *Best of the Best Songbook*

### EPISTLE *Ephesians 6:10–20*

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

*Stand*

### VERSE *Matthew 5:8*

People: Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart,  
People: **for they shall see God. Alleluia.**

### HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:14–23*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh 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** "How Shall I Call You?" #97 in the *Best of the Best Songbook*

## SERMON

## MEDITATION

*Stand*

**THE LITANY** is prayed as printed on pages 288-289 in the *Lutheran Service Book*

## † 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## 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 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 testament 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.**