

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Offering Stewards - Bonnie Dupre
Altar Guild - Rich Rudnik

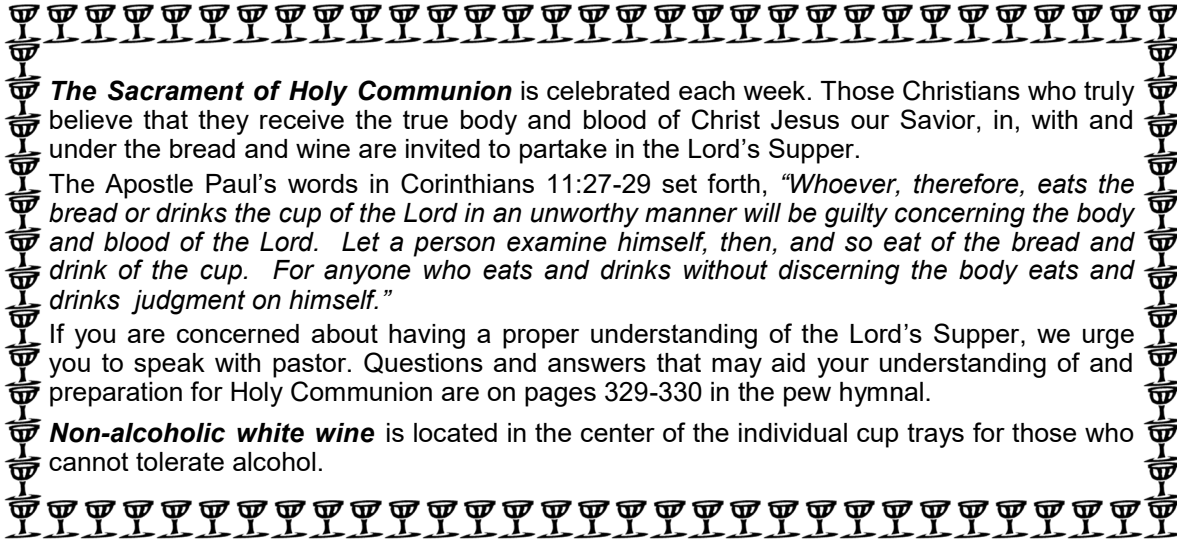
Next Sunday

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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!



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.

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
Tues. 1:00 p.m. **Bible Study** at Grace
Sun. 9:00 a.m. **Worship**
Coffee and biscuits follow
10:45 a.m. **Sunday School** for all ages

For the week of September 26 - October 2, 2021

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversaries
Sept. 25 Alisa Theriot	Sept. 28 Kara Kraus	Sept. 29 Matt & Rebekah Spolarich
26 Kaeden Shroyer	30 Jaxon Greene	
30 Mary Lou Johnston	Oct. 1 Brandon Cinnater Carmen Cunningham	

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: 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, Bobby Torbert, Gordon Fitzgerald, 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



Sermon Notes...

You have been so good to me
You have been so good to me
I came here mourning, You gave me joy
You have been so good, You have been so good
You have been so good to me

How can I thank You
There is just no way
How can I thank You Lord
How could I repay

For Your kindness, for Your tenderness
For Your constant presence here with me

You have been so good to me
You have been so good to me
I came here broken, You made me whole
You have been so good, You have been so good
You have been so good to me

Integrity's Hosanna Music and Sara Groves Music CCLI# 4662477

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

People: **and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: 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 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious” LSB #646

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† PREPARATION †

HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *Isaac Watts / Wm W How*

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

(chorus)
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Oh Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

(chorus)

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!

(chorus)
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Oh Alleluia!

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Stand

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 104:33–34*

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
People: **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Pastor: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
People: **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *James 5:7, 9, 12, 14, 16; Mark 9:50; Psalm 104:31, 35b*

Pastor: We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."

People: We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**People: may the LORD rejoice in His works.
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

† WORD †

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace from God and peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace among all who seek to serve Christ and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who gather here to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LSB #802

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN "Christ, the Lamb of God Most Holy" (*Tune: LSB #700*)

**Christ, the Lamb of God most holy,
You have taken sin away.
Christ, the Lamb of God, our Savior,
By Your cross our fears allay.
Christ, the Lamb of God most holy,
Shine Your love into each heart.
From Your store of blessings, Savior,
Unto us Your peace impart.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"More Precious than Silver" *Lynn DeShazo / add'l lyrics and melody M. Cape*

**Lord You are more precious than silver
Lord You are more costly than gold
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares to You
(Repeat verse)**

**You laid the corners of the Universe
You made the earth and the sky
All of creation bows down to You
Next to You Lord who am I**

**Lord You are more precious than silver
Lord You are more costly than gold
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares to You**

1982 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI# 11335

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB #641

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "You Have Been So Good To Me" *Paul Baloche & Sara Groves*

**You have been so good to me
You have been so good to me
I came here broken, You made me whole
You have been so good, You have been so good
You have been so good to me**

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. He took on Himself the punishment for our sinful condition and our daily sinning and has bestowed on us His complete righteousness, for which You deem us worthy to call us Your sons and daughters.

Gathered now in His name, we ask You to strengthen our faith to rely on Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, gracious God, we give glory 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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit

People: **that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *James 5:(1–12) 13–20*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Mark 9:50b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves,

People: **and be at peace with one another. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:38–50*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth 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 *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 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB #848

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs.

For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.

Pastor: For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people’s physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.

Pastor: For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.

Pastor: For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.

Pastor: For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.

Pastor: For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.

Pastor: Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

† 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, whom You sent to die in our place; by His rising, He has destroyed all that might separate us from Your love, including death itself. 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 “Holy, Holy God Almighty” (*Tune: LSB #700*)

**Holy, holy God Almighty,
 Lift we anthems unto Thee.
 In the highest, saints and angels
 Sing Thy praises endlessly.
 Blessed is the One who came here
 When salvation was begun.
 Sing hosanna, earth and heaven,
 To the Father, Spirit, Son.**

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