

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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## Today

*Service Elder - John Wegner*  
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*Scripture Reader - Rich Rudnik*  
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*Altar Guild - Rich Rudnik*

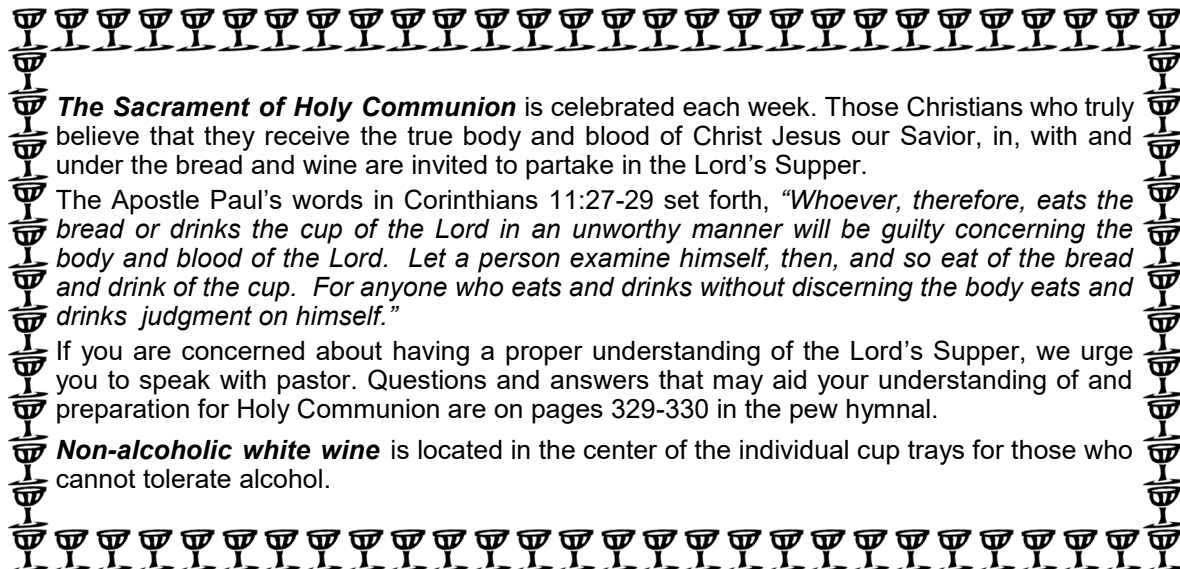
## Next Sunday

*Joe Deane*  
*Bailee Giroir*  
*Rich Rudnik*  
*Bonnie Dupre*  
*Rich Rudnik*

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 3, 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.

## This Week at Grace

Today 9:00 a.m. **Worship**  
Coffee and baked goods follow  
10:45 a.m. **Sunday School**  
Tues. 1:00 p.m. **Bible Study at Grace**  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. **Worship**  
Coffee and baked goods follow  
10:45 a.m. **Sunday School**

### For the week of October 3-9, 2021

#### Birthdays

Oct. 5 **Dave Greve**  
**Presley Spolarich**  
6 **Mary Harding**  
9 **Karen Moss**

#### Baptismal Anniversaries

Oct. 9 **Gabriella Crawford**

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

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Angelo Michel, Burt Hebert, Hunter Moore, Marabelle Leggett, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane, Tina Williams & William Bruce Hillman Jr.

**BATTLING CANCER:** Cindy Gorham, Georgette Savoie, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Karen Curtis, Kevin Smith, 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

### Stewardship News

*Attendance last Sunday: 22*

*Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$4,795.00*

*GF Offerings YTD: \$134,633.10*

*Weekly 2021 Budgeted Expenses: \$2,866.37*

*2021 Budgeted Expenses YTD: \$117,761.67*

### Grace's Mission

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

# The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – October 2021

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

## **Give us this day our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

## † PREPARATION †

**HYMN** “Evening and Morning” LSB #726

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

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

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

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 27:7, 11a, 13–14; 51:15; 70:1*

**Pastor:** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**People:** **Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!**

**Pastor:** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**People:** **Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.**

**Pastor:** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

**People:** **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People:** **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Morning, noon, and night we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have neglected the salvation You so graciously have provided for us. Indeed, we deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness, mercy, and love.**

**Pastor:** With confident joy, I announce to you that God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. Upon your confession, by the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## † WORD †

## INTROIT *Psalm 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a*

**Pastor:** Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.

**People:** **Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Pastor: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

People: **Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!  
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

**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.**

People: Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.

**KYRIE** *(p. 204 in hymnal)*

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

**REFLECTION ON MORNING** *Lamentations 3:22–23a; Psalm 5:3*

Pastor: In his Small Catechism section on Daily Prayers, Martin Luther included what he called a "little prayer" to be said as part of a personal devotion at the start of the day. We speak the words together.

People: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**SALUTATION**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father of our Lord Jesus, the strength of all who trust You, help us to live according to Your design and to treasure both Your word of command and Your word of forgiveness. Make our lives to be signs of Your life and the instruments of renewal in our world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 2:18–25*

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

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that this Sacrament we have now received strengthen us in faith and in loving service to one another. As we have tasted of our salvation and seen that the Lord is good, grant that we live each day as Your people who are given to charity and service in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

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** "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB #722

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"Life ministry is about walking together, bearing one another's burdens, and celebrating the lives God has given us. Life ministry is assisting the mother who is struggling in the pew with her 'busy' preschooler. Life ministry is encouraging the father whose unbelieving wife just left him. Life ministry is visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals for the grieving, celebrating with the newlyweds. Christ's Church continues to bring the message of new life into each and every heart. And that is a beautiful thing!" *Deaconess Rachel Geraci, former Mission and Ministry Director for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**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.

***FAITH is like Wi-Fi, it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.***

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** *(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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” LSB #619  
“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LSB #873

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *(p. 211 in hymnal)*

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

### **PSALM** *Psalms 128*

**People:** **Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways!**

*Women:* *You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.*

*Men:* *Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.*

**People:** **Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.**

*Women:* *The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!*

*Men:* *May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!*

**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.**

### **EPISTLE** *Hebrews 2:1–13 (14–18)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **VERSE** *Mark 10:14b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them,  
People: **to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 10:2–16* (Jesus blesses the children.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth 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** "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" LSB #743

## 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, Lord, our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness day by day, morning and evening. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit, and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**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.  
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: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, the priceless treasure, to be among us, giving us assurance of Your fatherly care. Through lives that are directed by Your Holy Spirit in ways that are pleasing to You, help us to give evidence of our thankfulness as with joy we anticipate eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where with saints and angels we shall gather around Your throne to express unending gratitude and praise.

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.**