

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Service Elder - Joe Deane
Acolyte - Bailee Giroir
Scripture Reader - Rich Rudnik
Offering Stewards - Bonnie Dupre
Altar Guild - Rich & Bridgette Rudnik

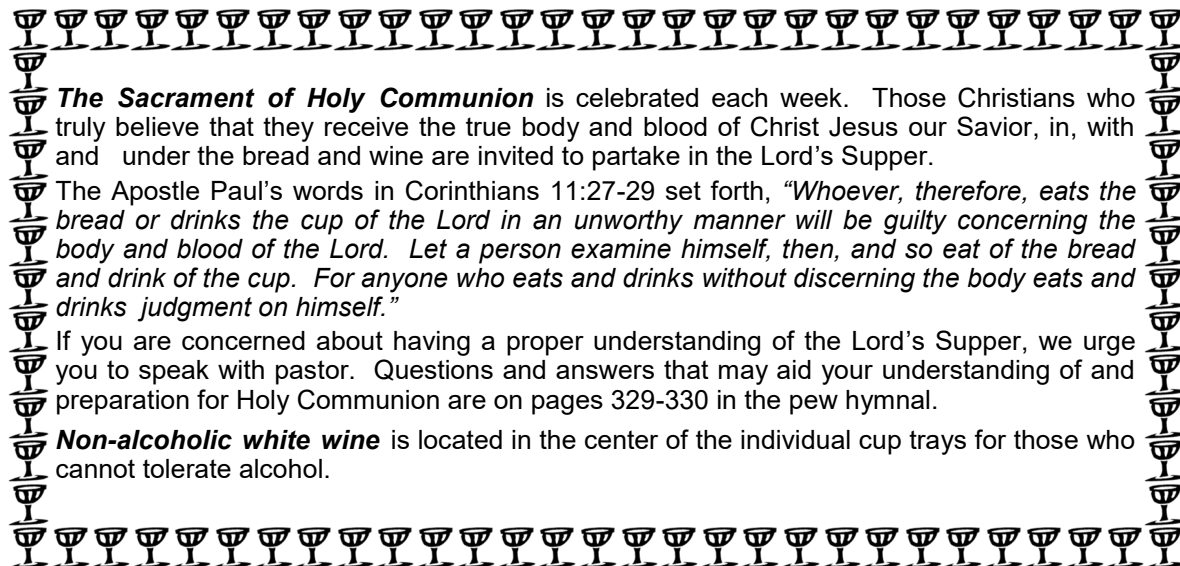
Next Sunday

Joe Deane
Ethan Spolarich
Rich Rudnik
Bonnie Dupre
Mary Lou & Donna V.

Advent II

December 5, 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 & baked goods	Wed.	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship 6:45 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship
	10:45 a.m. Voter Assembly	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee and baked goods
Tues.	1:00 p.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class		10:45 a.m. Sunday School

For the week of December 5 - 11, 2021

Birthdays
Dec. 11 Allie Clark

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Andrea Dupre, Angelo Michel, Belinda Thibodaux, Burt Hebert, Hunter Moore, Mary Deane, PC Cummins, Tina Williams & William Bruce Hillman Jr.

BATTLING CANCER: Cindy Gorham, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Karen Curtis, Nan Ashley Hebert, Penny Emling & Ursula Breaux

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswald, 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 Bobby Torbert, Gary Follis, Georgette Savoie, Raymond Labat & Timothy Bilello.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob, Jacey Corbitt & Kai Dwayne, Kara Trahan & Sutton Paul and Lori Prugh & Calvin David Prugh.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Andrew Winn, 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, 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, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim

Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

Just a reminder to leave the sanctuary, narthex and temporary fellowship area 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 tables are wiped off with disinfectant spray and any food around the chairs is picked up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grace's Mission

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

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Prepare our hearts by this great gift to love You and to serve our neighbor; 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 *Philippians 1:6; Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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 "Once He Came in Blessing" LSB #333

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<p>Stewardship News Attendance last Sunday: 25 <i>Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$920.00</i> <i>GF Offerings YTD: \$161,491.00</i> <i>Weekly 2021 Budgeted Expenses: \$3,019.53</i> <i>2021 Budgeted Expenses YTD: \$138,195.38</i></p>
<p>Time To Order Poinsettias</p> <p>The Altar Guild is taking orders for poinsettias as we prepare our sanctuary for the celebration of our Savior's birth. The poinsettia is a beautiful reminder that we belong to our Lord and Savior and he is always there for us. The last day to place an order is December 12th. The cost is \$10.00 per plant and these may be picked up after our Christmas Day service. Order forms are on the narthex table.</p>
<p>Giving Deadline for 2021</p> <p>All offerings and donations to Grace Lutheran Church or GLC's Early Childhood Center must be received in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2021 to be include on GLC's contribution statement for 2021. Any funds received after this date will be posted as 2022 contributions on GLC or GLC's Early Childhood Center records. Contact Bonnie Dupre if you have any questions.</p>
<p>Advent Worship Services Wednesday, December 8 & 15 6:45 p.m. in sanctuary (Potluck Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.) Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Friday, December 24th 7:00 p.m. Christmas Day Worship Service Saturday, December 25th 9:00 a.m.</p>

† PREPARATION †

HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB #343

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4; Philippians 1:6, adapt.*

Pastor: The LORD says, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

People: **We thank You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, "The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming."

People: **We adore You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, "I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed."

People: **We praise You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

People: **We worship You, O Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Two Advent candles are lit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalms 25:6–7*

Pastor: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have not borne fruit worthy of repentance. We have sinned against You and our neighbors.

People: **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
People: **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

HYMN “Kyrie for the Four Sundays in Advent” (Tune LSB #357)

**Forgive us, Lord, for times when peace was lost,
And moments when we never thought to love,
For times when we oppress and offend
And fight for things that kill us in the end.
Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins
And help us be in peace with all our kin.**

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Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.
People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 81:8; 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”
People: **Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**

Pastor: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
People: **But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me.**

Pastor: Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!
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: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son,

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI (*p. 163 in hymnal*)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“By All Your Saints in Warfare” LSB # 518, verses 1, 18, 3

“You Are the Light of the World” *with guitar*

**You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world**

**You are a city on a hill
You are a city on a hill
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a city in a hill**

**You are a candle in the dark
You are a candle in the dark
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a candle in the dark**

**You are a star in the night
You are a star in the night
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a star in the night**

**You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world**

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” LSB #347

Stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord” LSB #935, vs. 1

SANCTUS *(p.161 in hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thank You, Lord of all creation, for this gift of our Lord's Supper, by which You prepare us to journey through those wilderness times of our life assured of Your presence and promise.

People: **We thank You. We praise You. We adore You. 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.**

Pastor: that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds;
People: **through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 3:1–7b*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 66:1–12; antiphon: v. 12b*

Pastor: You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

People: **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;**

Pastor: sing the glory of His name;
give to Him glorious praise!

People: **Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!
So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.**

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

People: **Come and see what God has done:
He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**

Pastor: He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

People: **There did we rejoice in Him,
who rules by His might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of His praise be heard,

People: **who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: For You, O God, have tested us;
You have tried us as silver is tried.

People: **You brought us into the net;
You laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

Pastor: You let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

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: You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:2–11*

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

Stand

VERSE *Luke 3:4b, 6*

Pastor: Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord,
People: **make His paths straight;**

Pastor: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
People: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:1–14*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

Pastor: 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 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” LSB #344

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 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, whose coming John the Baptist proclaimed in the wilderness and by whose death and resurrection calls us to repent, turning again and again to the font of His mercy, so that our lives bear fruit worthy of repentance. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing: