

## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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### **Today**

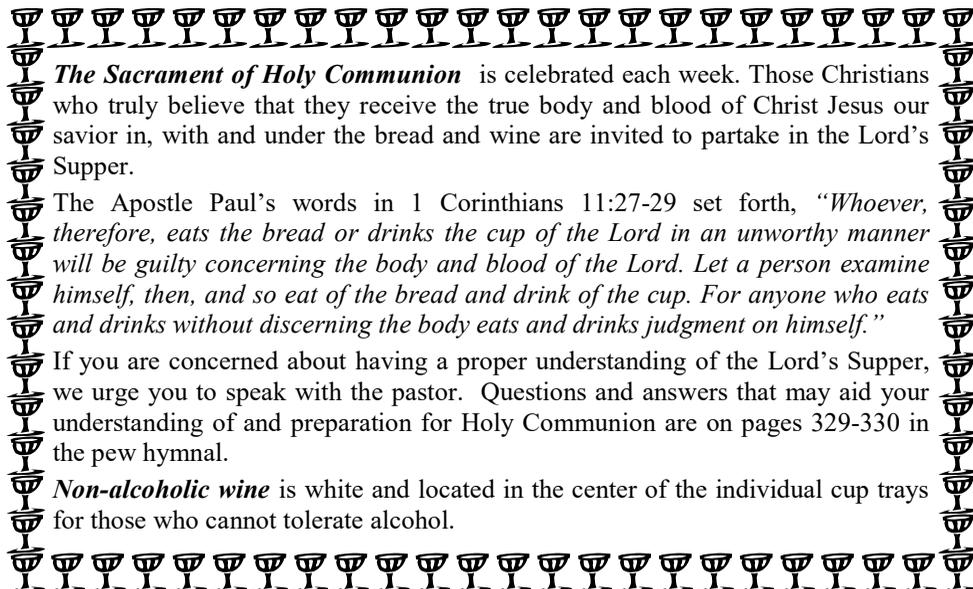
Service Elder - John Wegner  
Scripture Reader - Mona LaCour  
Acolyte - Hailey Crawford  
Greeters - Dave & Gail Akins  
Offering Stewards - Dale Boger  
Altar Guild - Mary Lou Johnston  
Ushers - D. Akins, D. Armstrong  
G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther

### **Next Sunday**

John Wegner  
Bonnie Dupre  
Raymond Godail  
Mary Lou Johnston  
Dale Boger  
M. Beach & J. Fitzgerald  
B. & D. Domangue  
Gordon Fitzgerald

**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 honor of her daughter Brittany's birthday which they'll celebrate January sixth.



**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 1 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 the 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 wine** is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

## **Circumcision and Name of Jesus**

**January 1, 2017**

### **Introit**

*May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;*

**May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"**

*Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.*

**Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

*Then I said, "Behold, I have come:*

**In the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

*I desire to do your will, O my God;*

**Your law is within my heart."**

*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.**

*May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;*

**May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"**

### **Collect of The Day**

**Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## **Divine Service**

*Setting One*

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151*

### *Pre-Service Music*

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Opening Hymn                 | #524             |
| 2. Confession and Absolution    | p151             |
| 3. Introit                      | Bulletin         |
| 4. Kyrie                        | p152             |
| 5. Hymn of Praise               | p155             |
| 6. Salutation                   | p156             |
| 7. Collect of The Day           | Bulletin         |
| 8. Old Testament                | Bulletin         |
| 9. Epistle Reading              | Bulletin         |
| 10. Alleluia Verse              | p156             |
| 11. Glory to you, O...          | p157             |
| 12. Holy Gospel                 | Bulletin         |
| 13. Praise to you, O...         | p157             |
| 14. The Nicene Creed            | p158             |
| 15. The Word for Children       |                  |
| 16. Sermon Hymn                 | #653             |
| 17. Sermon                      |                  |
| 18. Meditation                  |                  |
| 19. Prayer of the Church        |                  |
| Pastor: Lord in Your mercy;     |                  |
| <b>People: hear our prayer.</b> |                  |
| 20. Offering                    |                  |
| 21. Offertory                   | #389 v.1         |
| 22. Preface                     | p160             |
| 23. Holy, Holy, Holy...         | p161             |
| 24. Prayer of Thanksgiving      | p161             |
| 25. The Words of Our Lord       | p162             |
| 26. The Lord's Prayer           | p162             |
| 27. Pax Domini                  | p163             |
| 28. Agnus Dei                   | p163             |
| 29. Communion Hymns             | #549, #683, #725 |
| 30. Thank the Lord              | p164             |
| 31. Post Communion Collect      | p166             |
| 32. Benediction                 | p166             |
| 33. Closing Hymn                | #917             |

*Postlude*

## LCMS Stewardship Article January 2017

Celebrating New Years is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in the hope and anticipation and perhaps even worry of what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be; what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Years is our own version of Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents, and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:6-15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord of all will both supply and increase what you need to give to the church for its work in and for the world. He tells us that this work that God is doing in us will enrich and bless us in every way and through this it will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving of years past, which will help you to change what needs to be changed, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness, and feast of the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you—all of you (Matt 22:20-22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1-16).

Third, consider what the Church is and what the Church does. The Church is a mercy place. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward the neighbor. You are a member of the Church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy in showing mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the Church in and for the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev 27:1-34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the Church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.

### **This Week at Grace**

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Food Bank Sunday
	10:15 AM	Coffee & Youth Biscuits to follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
Tuesday		ECC classes resume
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
Saturday	5:00 PM	Thibodaux Worship
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Mite Boxes
		Installation of Board of Directors & Elders
	10:15 AM	Coffee & Mission Guild Baked Goods to follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting

### **For the week January 1-7, 2017** **BIRTHDAY**

January	3	.....	Barbara Jakob
	5		Rebekah Spolarich
	6		Lynden Duplantis
	7		Brittany Bauman
			Gavin Ledet

### **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY**

January	6	.....	Kristen Gouaux
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### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

January	5	.....	Wanda & William Williams
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### **FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

**Today** is "Food Bank Giving Sunday" and we are collecting food & monetary donations for the Food Bank. You may leave items in the box in the narthex or designate your donation "Food Bank" on an envelope for the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Grace's Mission**

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

**Luke 2:21** "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the Name of Jesus? The Lord Saves. That's who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith in action.

### Stewardship News

Attendance last Sunday: 41

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$1454.00 GF offerings YTD: \$161,487.38

Weekly 2016 Budget: \$3,550.00 2016 Budget YTD: \$156,200.00

### Prayer for The Circumcision and Name of Jesus (January 1)

**My Savior, on this day, the Church commemorates the first drops of Your holy and innocent blood that were shed for all. In submitting Yourself to the Law, You also began to fulfill Your namesake, "The Lord Saves." Thank You for bestowing that name upon me in faith. Enable me, by Your Spirit, to wear it well, as I would joyfully bear Your love to all I meet today, in Your saving name. Amen**

TALK RADIO FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...You can listen to teachings on: The Christmas Hymn "Let All Together Praise Our God," The Virgin Birth, The 12 Days of Christmas, 19th Century Lutheran Theologian C.F.W. Walther on Jesus' Birth, The Circumcision & Name of Jesus, The Hymn "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year" and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app

"We are weary and overwhelmed by a multitude of life issues. Sometimes we are prideful after doubting God's Word and trusting something else. As the culture decays and evil abounds, we may believe that God asks the impossible of us ... In the face of evil, let it be said of us: Look! They remember 'the Lord, who is great and awesome,' and they 'fight for [their] brothers ... sons ... daughters ... wives, and ... homes' (Nehemiah 4:14)." *Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Allen & Betty Carpenter, Ann Perryman, Belinda Thibodaux, Burt Beach, Rev. Dave Robatzen, Donna Boger, Dutch Meyer, Edna Marie Sevin, Isabella Appenzeller, Jerrie Fitzgerald, John Lewis, Joy Stegall, Laura Naquin, Laura Schmitt, Linda Meyer, Lorie Souther, Miriam Mix, Myra Thalheim, Paul Gerken, Sandra Matherne & Stephanie Dahl



**ELDERLY:** Iva Kohls

**EXPECTANT/NEW MOTHERS & BABIES:** Aimee & Baby Cima; Kristen & Baby Gouaux

**MOURNING A LOSS:** the families of Brandy Cook, Cherie Delaney, Cora Haynie, Irene Falgout, Karla Collom, Michelle Thompson, Shirley Thomas & TJ Falgout

**SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES:** Aaron Turcott, Allen Trahan, Chandler Crawford, Dave McClellan, Doug Mandel, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Nigel Koorie, Timothy DeSoto, Todd Mueller & Tom Hemminger

**VIETNAM MISSIONARY FAMILY :** J.P., Aimee, Celeste & Bella Cima

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Addie Perryman, Alec Cunningham, Connor Cuneo, Kara Kraus, Karly Kyzar, David & Matthew Gros, Michael Thalheim & Ross Reaves

Dear Members of Grace,

I would like to convey a heartfelt thank you for the cards, thoughts, encouragement and in general the gracious out pouring of love that you have bestowed on me this Christmas season. To say I'm grateful just doesn't seem enough but please know that I cherish the opportunity to play and sing here at Grace and thank you all so much for that privilege. May God bless all of you richly in 2017 and in years to come.

Grace and Peace, Mike Cape

### Biscuit Makers

January 1 - Hailey & Gabby Crawford

15 - Victoria Thalheim

29 - Brandon & Jacob Cinnater

### Diners Club Reminder

The Diners Club will meet Friday, January 20th at El Paso at 1055 W Tunnel Blvd. 6pm. Please RSVP to Lisa Giroir by Sunday January 15th. You may contact her at 337-501-0234.