

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Pastor - Richard D. Rudnik *President - Richard Thalheim*
Church Secretary - Lisa Giroir *ECC Director - Sofie Arceneaux*
Accompanists - Mike Cape & Mila Anikina

Today

Service Elder - Joey Souther
Scripture Reader - Shelby Giroir
Acolyte - Cassie Domangue
Greeters - Youth Group
Offering Stewards - Joseph & Brigitte
Altar Guild - M. Beach & J. Fitzgerald
Ushers - Youth Group

Next Sunday

Derek Crawford
Bonnie Dupre
Allie Clark
Mary Lou Johnston
Rana & Barbara
J. & P. Wegner
D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
G. Fitzgerald, & J. Souther

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

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 memory of Pat Bauman's mother, Betty Cummins' Birthday on August 16th.



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 wine is white and 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 Service followed by Coffee & Youth Biscuits
10:45 a.m. Sunday School for ages
12:00 p.m. Diner's Club at El Paso

Pastor Out of Office all Week

Monday 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Pricing

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship
6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

For the week of August 20 - 26 , 2017

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversaries
August 20 Jessica Neil Chandler Theriot 21 Ethan Harding 22 Kathryn Benton 24 Donovan Domangue 26 Isabella Cima	August 22 Jared Moise 24 Rachel Moore 26 Pat Bauman	August 24 Jerry & Lola Ledet

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Allen & Betty Carpenter, Ann & Addie Perryman, Butch Henderson, Connie Oswald, Denise Reaves, Donovan Domangue, Edna Marie Sevin, Jeff Jones, Jerrie Fitzgerald, Jerry Ledet, John Lewis, Joy Stegall, Laura Naquin, Laura Schmitt, Linda Meyer, Maggie McClellan, Mike Brunette, Myrtle Dupre, Paul Gerken, Sandra Matherne, & Stephanie Dahl.

ELDERLY: Iva Kohls & Myra Thalheim

EXPECTANT/NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Jessica & Baby Kelwaski; Katie & Baby Von Burgsdorff; Kristen & Emma Gouaux

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Burt Beach, John Pellegrin, John Wagenman Sr., & Megan Charrier

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

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

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alec Cunningham, Connor Cuneo, Hannah Cuneo, Jacob Cinnater, Jared Moise, Kara Kraus, Karly Kyzar, Matthew Gros, Michael Thalheim, Ross Reaves, & Satin Ursery



Convention Delegate Needed

The LCMS Southern District Convention will be held in Slidell March 8 & 9 next year. Grace Lutheran Church will be represented by Pastor Rich and one lay delegate from the congregation to be chosen in September. If you are interested in serving as Grace's delegate, please contact Pastor Rich as soon as possible for more information.

Thank you to GLC's Youth Group for serving as our acolyte, greeters, and ushers this morning and for the biscuits during our fellowship time.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 164 in hymnal)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING Psalm 67:5

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
People: **let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come
in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day
of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast
of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;**

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

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

Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "More Precious than Silver" #161 in The Best of the Best Songbook

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RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE!

We need everyone's participation in selling these to your family and friends. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece.
You may purchase single tickets or a book of 5 for \$10.00.

This year's prizes are:

**1st prize - \$1000 CASH; 2nd prize - 2600 PSI Pressure Washer;
3rd prize - Child's Battery Operated Motorcycle
Prizes are on display on the fellowship hall stage.**

Stop by the table in the narthex on Sunday mornings the church office (Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm)
to see Lisa for your tickets.

The goal of Bible study is not just learning but living.

+ PREPARATION +

Stand

HYMN "Bring Forth the Kingdom" #27 in The Best of the Best Songbook

INVOCATION

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

INTROIT Part 1: *Psalm 28:1-2; antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people;
People: **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
People: **lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,
People: **when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised to hear and forgive for Jesus' sake. Let us
therefore go to Him, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.

Pastor: Creator God,
People: **we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as our sinful
condition. We are not the creatures You intend us to be. Forgive us and
rescue us from our unrighteousness that we may reflect Your
righteousness and holiness.**

Pastor: Promised Savior,
People: **we confess that we are not only in the world, but too often act as part of it.
We are as aliens in Your kingdom of grace. Forgive us and graciously
treat us as Your own people for Your own name's sake.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Comforter,
People: **we confess that we have wandered from the truth and sought to fulfill our
own wants and desires. Forgive us, renew in us pure hearts, and guide us
to walk in Your ways each day as long as we live.**

Pastor: Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world to bear the sins of all. He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in Him for salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

INTROIT Part 2: *Psalm 28:6–7; antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD!

People: **For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

People: **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

All: **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 LORD is the strength of His people;

People: **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

+ WORD +

HYMN OF PRAISE "All Hail, King Jesus" #4 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.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving.

People: **In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving kindness and mercy;**

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 *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Blessed Assurance" #24, "How Shall I Call You?" #97, "Feed My Lambs" #55, "Amazing Love" #11, all in The Best of the Best Songbook

GUITAR SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"The Nails In Your Hands" - Richard Cimino

**The nails in Your hands, the nail in Your feet,
They tell me how much You love me;
The thorns on Your brow, they tell me how,
You bore so much shame to love me.**

**And when the heavens pass away,
All Your scars will still remain,
And forever they will say how much You love me...**

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**And when the heavens pass away,
All Your scars will still remain,
And forever they will say how much You love me...**

**And I want to say, "Forever my love, Forever my heart, Forever my life is Yours."
"Forever my love, Forever my heart, Forever my life is Yours."**

Because you love me...

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"Create In Me A Clean Heart" – Mary Rice Hopkins

**Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might be renewed**

**So fill me and heal me
And bring me back to You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

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.**

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.**

Sit

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

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

Stand

VERSE *Psalms 147:2–3*

Pastor: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21–28*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth 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

"Lamb of God" #139 in The Best of the Best Songbook

Your only Son, no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love, they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King, they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in Your precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

I was so lost, I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

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Oh, wash me in Your precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" #234 in The Best of the Best Songbook

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
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 saying:

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 *Psalm 28:7*

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
People: **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

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.**

Pentecost IV **Matthew 15:27**
“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table – He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

Rally Day at Grace

Rally Day will be celebrated Sunday, September 3rd. The Christian Education Committee will coordinate Rally Day. This will take place 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 another year of “Growing in Christ”. Please contact Lorie LaPlume if you’d like to help with the activities for Rally Sunday.

Stewardship News
Attendance last Sunday: 76

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