

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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### Today

*Service Elder - Derek Crawford  
Scripture Reader - Jeannie Thalheim  
Acolyte - Cassie Domangue  
Greeters - Mary Lou Johnston  
Offering Stewards - Rana & Barbara  
Altar Guild - Pastor Rich & Bridgette  
Ushers - B. Domangue, G. Fitzgerald  
& D. Domangue*

### Next Sunday

*Joey Souther  
Gordon Fitzgerald  
Allie Clark  
D. & G. Akins  
Brigitte & Jeannie  
M. Johnston & D. VonBurgsdorff  
D. Boger & G. Fitzgerald*

**Reformation Day**

**October 29, 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 by Charlene Shroyer in honor of her Mother, Gladys Dupre's birthday, today.

*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

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee & leftover Fall Festival Baked Goods to follow 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all Fall Festival clean up follows	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:15 p.m. ECC Board Meeting</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. Halloween at The Rudniks'</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. Thibodaux Worship</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends - don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed this evening!
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Bible Study at Sugar Mill Point</b> 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship 6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship/Food Bank</b> Coffee & Youth Biscuits to follow 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all

### For the week of October 29 - November 4, 2017

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversary	Wedding Anniversaries
November 1 Bailee Giroir Ricky Reaves 2 Paul Gerken 4 Bruce Weber	October 29 Mary Harding November 4 Dave Greve	October 29 Oscar & Christine Mertink October 31 Drew & Kristan Plaisance November 4 Donald & Jennifer Greene

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

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Agnes Belknap, Allen & Betty Carpenter, Ann Perryman, Brian Boquet, Connie Oswald, Denise Reaves, Donovan Domangue, Edna Marie Sevin, Jason Rogers, Jerrie Fitzgerald, Jerry Ledet, John Lewis, John Wegner Jr, Joy Stegall, Kathie Carlos, Laura Naquin, Lisa Ledet, Linda Meyer, Mark Dunn, Martha McDonald, Myrtle Dupre, Paul Gerken, & Ruble Pitre.

**ELDERLY:** Iva Kohls & Myra Thalheim

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

**MOURNING A LOSS:** the families of Ronnie Comeaux, Sandra Matherne, Stephanie Dahl and Tyler Monson.

**SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES:** Allen Trahan, Chandler Crawford, Dave McClellan, Doug Mandel, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, 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

### Time To Turn Our Clocks Back!

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m. Remember to **set your clocks back an hour** before you go to bed Saturday night.  
If you forget, you'll have an extra hour to meditate before worship!

### Grace's Mission

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

**Reformation Day****John 8:36**

– “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Happy 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel – but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

**Stewardship News****Attendance last Sunday: 61****Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$2,301.00****GF offerings YTD: \$118,054.55****Weekly 2017 Expenses: \$3,394.33****2017 Expenses YTD: \$131,133.05****FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE**

As of the writing of this article, our 18th Annual Fall Festival has yet to be enjoyed. We are believing we'll have great weather to go along with great food, fun and fellowship. A big "thank you" to everyone who assisted with this year's festival.

**A Fall Festival "Wrap Up" Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 7th at 6:30 p.m.**

We'll schedule a date in December to present our charities with this year's proceeds.

If you helped with this year's festival and/or are interested in next year's festival, please join us!

God bless,

Bonnie Dupre

2017 Fall Festival Chairperson

“I have people say, ‘We need to go out and see people saved.’ I’ve got news for you: They don’t even know that they’re lost ... Where Luther nailed those theses on the door of the church, we need to be going to churches, Christian colleges, seminaries, Bible colleges in this day and age and nailing Genesis 1-11 on the doors because that’s where we’ve lost biblical authority.” *Ken Ham, Answers in Genesis – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**2018 Board of Directors and Elders**

Now is the time to start thinking about serving as a member of the Board of Directors or elder for 2018. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself. Grace needs you! Please prayerfully consider how you can help the Lord's work by volunteering to serve as a candidate for an elected position.

**Biscuit Makers**

November 5 - Victoria Thalheim

19 - Shelby & Karoline Giroir

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is “Food Bank Giving Sunday” and we will be collecting monetary donations and groceries for the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: Ways To Not Celebrate the Reformation's Quincentenary, All Saints' Day, The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace, Media Coverage of Religion and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**AS WE GATHER**

We celebrate something that is 500 years in the making: the Reformation of the Christian Church. As we mark time, we trace our heritage back to Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517—an action that would ignite the Reformation movement and reorient the life of God's people around the scriptural teaching of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. However, from God's perspective, this teaching has neither a beginning nor an ending. It is the “eternal gospel”, (Revelation 14:6), proclaimed in an unending fashion by both the angels in heaven and God's messengers on earth. By God's grace, we receive this precious, life-saving, life-changing good news in our worship today. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word!

**+ PREPARATION +**

*Stand*

**HYMN OF INVOCATION** “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” LSB #607

**INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

People: **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

*Confession, Small Catechism; Romans 3:22b–24*

Pastor: Confession has two parts.

People: **First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

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 the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

Come, O children, listen to me;

**I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

The LORD redeems the life of His servants;

**none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

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.**

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

### KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 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...  
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...

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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Stand

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Thank the Lord" LSB p. 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone 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 COLLECT**

Pastor: Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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** "Thy Strong Word" LSB #578



**AGNUS DEI** *is sung as per page 163 in LSB*

**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*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All” LSB #613  
“Built on the Rock” LSB #645  
“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” LSB #766

**Guitar Song During Distribution: The Wonderful Cross**

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, J.D. Walt and Isaac Watts

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it Lord that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most; I sacrifice them to His blood.  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.  
See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled  
down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!**

**Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.  
(Repeat Chorus to end)**

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**SALUTATION**

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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
**People:** **Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 14:6–7*

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

**EPISTLE** *Romans 3:19–28*

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

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** *Luke 12:32*

**Pastor:** Alleluia. Fear not, little flock;  
**People:** **for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 8:31–36*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth 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 is spoken in unison as printed in the back cover of the pew hymnal*

*Sit*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MEDITATION***Stand***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer**

*Sit***OFFERING***Stand***OFFERTORY** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” LSB #955**+ SERVICE OF THE 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have proclaimed an eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. For this Gospel, centered in Jesus Christ, we give You glory, and we worship You, who made heaven and earth. 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**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have justified us by Your grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. You put Your Son forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

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.****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** *is spoken in unison as printed in the back cover of the pew hymnal***PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**