

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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**Today**

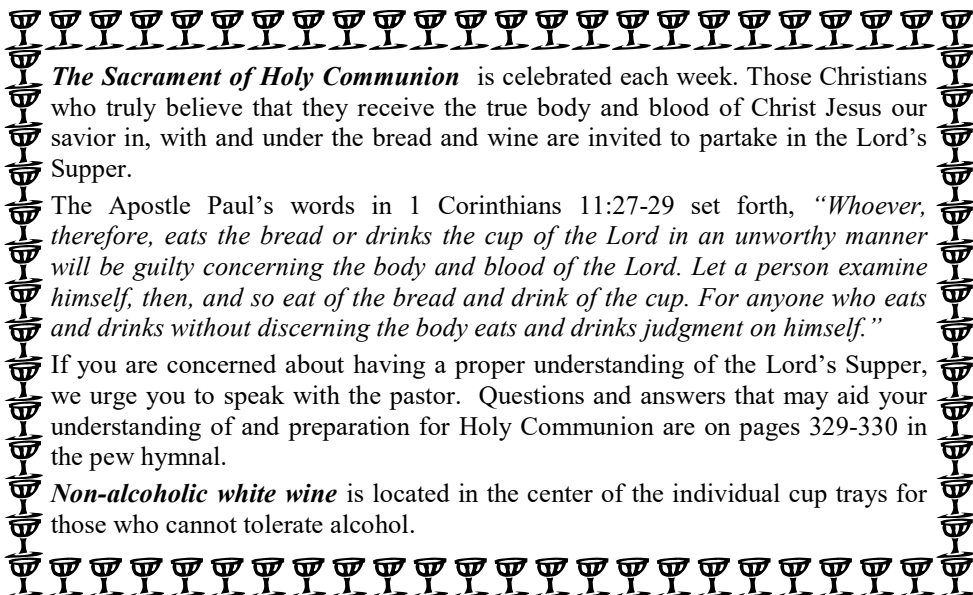
Service Elder - John Wegner  
Scripture Reader - Gordon Fitzgerald  
Acolyte - Cassie Domangue  
Greeters - B. Dupre & C. Shroyer  
Offering Stewards - Joseph & Brigitte  
Altar Guild - R. & B. Rudnik  
Ushers - G. Fitzgerald, B. Domangue,  
& D. Boger

**Next Sunday**

Derek Crawford  
Mona LaCour  
Gabriella Crawford  
D. & G. Armstrong  
Rana & Barbara  
M. Johnston & D. VonBurgsdorff  
B. Domangue, G. Fitzgerald,  
& D. Domangue

**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 George Bauman Jr. in loving memory of his dad, George Bauman Sr's birthday tomorrow.

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

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 4, 2018**

**Introit**

*I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.  
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,  
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.  
But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
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 sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.*



**Collect of The Day**

***O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Sung)***

**Divine Service**

*Setting One*

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151*

*Pre-Service Music*

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Opening Hymn   | #398                 |
| 2. Holy Baptism   | p268                 |
| 3. Confession and Absolution                                    | p151                 |
| 4. Introit  | Bulletin             |
| 5. Kyrie  | p152                 |
| 6. Hymn of Praise   | p155                 |
| 7. Salutation   | p156                 |
| 8. Collect of The Day   | Bulletin             |
| 9. Old Testament  | Bulletin             |
| 10. Epistle Reading   | Bulletin             |
| 11. Alleluia and Verse  | p156                 |
| 12. Glory to you, O...  | p157                 |
| 13. Holy Gospel   | Bulletin             |
| 14. Praise to you, O...   | p157                 |
| 15. The Apostles' Creed   | p159                 |
| 16. The Word for Children                                       |                      |
| 17. Sermon Hymn   | #820                 |
| 18. Sermon  |                      |
| 19. Meditation  |                      |
| 20. Prayer of the Church  |                      |
| Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,<br><b>People: hear our prayer.</b> |                      |
| 21. Offering  |                      |
| 22. Offertory   | #955                 |
| 23. Preface   | p160                 |
| 24. Holy, Holy, Holy...   | p161                 |
| 25. Prayer of Thanksgiving                                      | p161                 |
| 26. The Words of Our Lord                                       | p162                 |
| 27. The Lord's Prayer   | p162                 |
| 28. Pax Domini  | p163                 |
| 29. Agnus Dei   | p163                 |
| 30. Communion Hymns   | #543, #625<br>& #841 |
| 31. Thank the Lord  | p164                 |
| 32. Post Communion Collect                                      | p166                 |
| 33. Benediction   | p166                 |
| 34. Closing Hymn  | #849                 |

*Postlude*

# The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – February 2018

“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: “But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It’s not so much that we stop giving, but we don’t put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God’s Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service.

Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

## **This Week at Grace**

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Food Bank
	10:15 AM	Coffee & Youth Biscuits to follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
Tuesday	1:00 PM	ECC Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 PM	Bible Study - Sugar Mill Point
	4:30 PM	Confirmation Classes
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Mite Boxes
		Dedication of The Columbarium to follow service
	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 of February 4 - 10, 2018**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

<i>February</i>	4	.....	<i>Darin Crawford</i>
	5	.....	<i>Iva Kohls</i>
	6	.....	<i>Lorie Souther</i>
			<i>Zaylee Dinger</i>
	9	.....	<i>Cassie Domangue</i>
			<i>Steven Kinsella</i>
	10	.....	<i>Matt Dahl</i>

### **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

<i>February</i>	7	.....	<i>Lynden Duplantis</i>
	8	.....	<i>Dave Akins</i>
			<i>Derek Crawford</i>
	9	.....	<i>Jacob Moise</i>

### **BISCUIT MAKERS**

February 18 - Victoria & Adriana  
March 5 - Karoline & Shelby Giroir  
18 - Haily & Gabriella Crawford

### **Mardi Gras Festivities**

The Fitzgeralds invite you and your family to join them Sunday, February 11 at noon at Kwik Kopy to watch the parade. Bring a dish/snack to share. All are welcome!

### **Grace’s Mission**

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

Epiphany V

**1 Corinthians 9:25**

– “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” Self control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by his grace, he now calls us to follow him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.

### Youth Group Talent Show

We will be hosting a talent show on February 24th at 5pm. Dinner will be available to purchase at \$10.00 a person. Chicken & sausage gumbo, potato salad, bread & cake will be on the menu. Please come out and support your Youth Group as we spend the evening entertaining you. All funds will go to help our Sr. Youth attend the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July 2019.

## Lenten, Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

### Ash Wednesday, February 14

Potluck supper in fellowship hall 6:00 p.m.  
Worship Service 6:45 p.m.

### Wednesdays, February 21 through March 21

Potluck suppers in fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.  
followed by service in sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.

### Holy Wednesday, March 28

No services planned

### Mundy Thursday, March 29

Holy Communion service in sanctuary at 7 p.m.

### Good Friday, March 30

Tenebrae Service in sanctuary at 7 p.m.

### Holy Saturday, March 31

Easter Brunch Set Up 10am in fellowship hall

### Easter Sunday, April 1

Worship 9:00 a.m.  
followed by Easter Brunch in fellowship hall  
hosted by our LWML/Mission Guild  
No Sunday School scheduled

**CONFESSING CHRIST IN A HOSTILE WORLD...**You can listen to Lutheran leaders discuss topics like: The Religion of Sex, The State of the Church in Western Society, Defying the Devil in International Mission Work, The Urgency of Preaching, Two Kingdom Theology and more. **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

***When we face unanswered questions,  
we find help and hope in God's love.***

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

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Ann Perryman, Connie Oswalt, Denise Reaves, Hanna Byers, Janice Johansen, Jerrie Fitzgerald, Jerry & Lola Ledet, John Lewis, Joy Stegall, Randy Wiemer, Richard LaCour, Susan Duet & Tad Doolittle.

**CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY:** Allen & Betty Carpenter, Edna Marie Sevin, Iva Kohls, Laura Naquin, Linda Meyer, Myra Thalheim, Nelda Comeaux, Paul Gerken & Ruble Pitre,

**EXPECTANT/NEW MOTHERS & BABIES:** Katie & Allison Von Burgsdorff

**MOURNING A LOSS:** the families of Billy McDonald, Judy Landry, Mark Dunn, Mike Strauser, Myrtle Dupre, & Norman Falgout.

**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

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



## Early Childhood Center News

Summer and Fall Early Registration for GLC members and returning ECC families will be January 29 through February 9. Regular registration will begin February 19, 2018. The ECC will be closed February 12 & 13 for the Mardi Gras Holidays. The new paperwork can be found on our website. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please give them our information.

## Mission Outreach

Grace is seeking volunteers who would be willing to give rides to church to people with no vehicle or who can't drive at night. Pastor Rich often comes across folks who don't come worship due to lack of transportation.

If you're willing to help out, please drop a note or email to Pastor so he can add you to the driver list. Men are needed to give rides to men, and women for rides to women. You are not obligating yourself by being on the list. Pastor will contact you if a need arises in your area and ask if you are available.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

There will be a VBS organizational meeting on Sunday, March 4 at 12:00 p.m. (immediately following Sunday School!) in the fellowship hall. Your input is appreciated and hope to see you there. Contact Lisa Giroir at 337-501-0234 for more information.