

- **Education:** Sunday school for both children and adults every Sunday morning at 10:30. Classes range from toddlers to adults. We gather for Bible study in Grace's Conference Room on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and also weekly in various locales in the Patterson and Thibodaux areas. You may call the church for time and location on these latter two locations. We hold Confirmation classes for youth and for adults who are converting from another faith. Vacation Bible School is held every summer for our youth. Our newest endeavor is our Early Childhood Center for 3- and 4-year-olds.
- **Music:** we have an adult choir for worship and special services, some members of which also perform an outreach ministry at Chabert Medical Center. Our GLC Patio "Music With A Message" is held monthly on a Friday evening. Our house band and guests from other churches perform contemporary Christian music in a coffeehouse setting.
- **Health:** this ministry is comprised of health professionals and those interested in health ministry. They provide information and activities to improve and ensure good health.
- **Youth:** we have both junior and senior high youth groups who are an active part of our church family with service, spiritual, and fellowship activities.
- **Social:** this ministry is designed to assist both those in our congregation and out in our community who has experienced unfortunate circumstances. Our largest event is our yearly Fall Festival, whose proceeds go to specific non-profit groups.
- **Outreach:** our outreach ministry is designed to reach people in our community to share the news of Jesus Christ and to invite and include

them in our church family. They are also responsible for maintaining contact with our members who have experienced difficult times, such as illness, etc.

#### FELLOWSHIP

The following organizations offer both Christian service and recreation:

- Mission Guild
- Altar Guild
- Adult Choir
- GLC Patio
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Youth Groups
- Fellowship after Sunday worship
- Wednesday morning Bible study

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

We have several events during the year. Some of the activities include a crawfish boil on Good Friday, Easter brunch, Vacation Bible School, and our yearly fundraiser, the Fall Festival.

#### ORIENTATION

We will be offering orientation at various times during the year for people wishing to join or learn more about Grace and the Lutheran faith. It will be comprised of the following:

- **Orientation 101:** we will study the history and functions of Grace, learn of the different ministries, and meet the staff, volunteer leaders, and board members.
- **Lutheran beliefs and teachings:** Pastor will conduct this class, which is part of the Confirmation process of joining our congregation.
- **Spiritual gifts:** we will study the meaning and Biblical teachings of our spiritual gifts and how we can apply them to our volunteer service in the church. A spiritual gifts survey or inventory will be given at the end of our session to see where our strengths are.



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### WELCOME!

The Pastor and people of Grace Lutheran Church invite you and welcome you to participate in the congregation's fellowship—a life of worship of Jesus Christ, the true Savior. Our congregation is a "Servant Community of Jesus Christ" because Jesus Christ has called us together as forgiven and renewed people of God and has enabled us to "find our lives" by serving God and one another.

### MISSION

Grace Lutheran Church is one of over 6,000 congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, "synod" meaning a group of churches "walking together." Our only source of teaching is the holy Scriptures, and our purpose is two-fold, as we (1) clearly present the Gospel in such a way as to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ; and (2) equip ourselves and others for the work of service and the building up of the body of Christ so that others also to come to faith and maturity.

### BELIEFS

Our beliefs are based on the teachings of Martin Luther, who led the church Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

We believe, teach, and confess that:

- God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God—the Triune God;
- God is Creator of all things, Preserver and Sovereign;
- The Bible is God's Word to call people to Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to holy living;
- The spirit of God stirs people to believe in God;
- Salvation is obtained through GRACE—that is, a gift from God through His Son, Jesus Christ, and not through good works; and
- Good works are a Spirit-empowered outpouring of our faith in Jesus Christ.

### WORSHIP

Our worship service begins at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. We alternate weeks between traditional and non-traditional services. Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

We welcome children as part of our service. The pastor always has a special message for the children included in our worship.



Sunday School is offered for toddlers, children, youth, and adults following the worship service.

We have a prayer and praise service on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 following a potluck beginning at 6:00 p.m. During the year we will have special services as the season dictates—for example, during Advent and Lent.

### HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine, Christ's body and blood are truly present for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your belief, you are welcome at our Lord's Table.

### MINISTRIES

We offer several ministries for our congregation and others who are interested: