

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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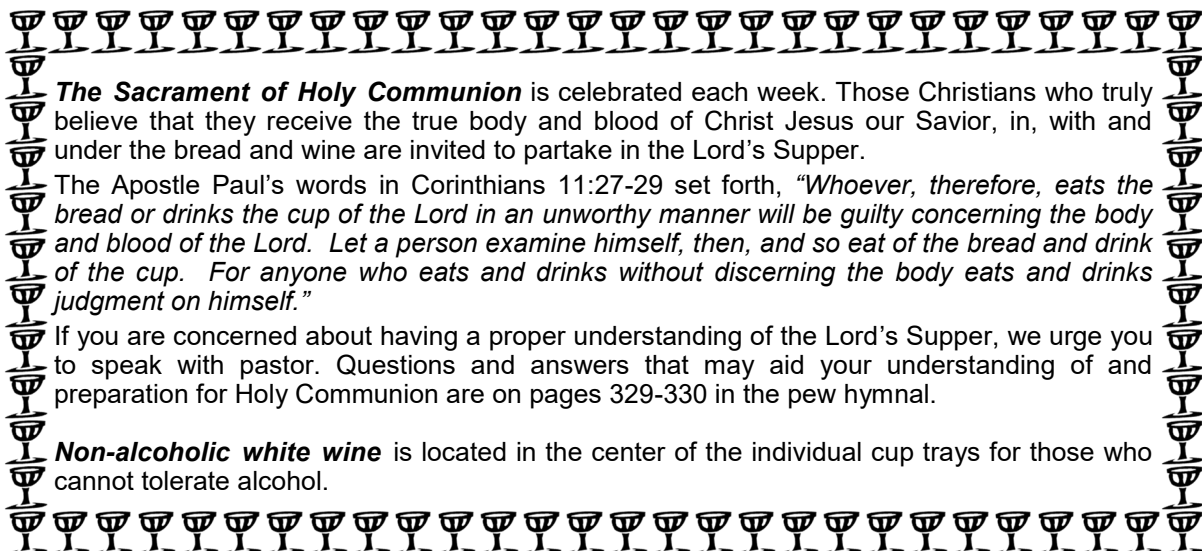
Today
Service Elder - John Wegner
Acolyte—Bailee Giroir
Scripture Reader - Rich Rudnik
Altar Guild—Rich & Bridgette Rudnik
Offering Stewards - Bonnie Dupre

Next Sunday
John Wegner
Ethan Spolarich
Dale Boger
Mary Lou & Donna V.
Bonnie Dupre

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	July 18, 2021
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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 honor of all the volunteers that God has blessed us with here at Grace. Thank you to everyone that helps to keep things going here at Grace.



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 white wine is 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 Coffee & youth biscuits to follow Rummage Sale Pre-Sale
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship followed by Prayer & Praise
Thursday	Pipeliner Articles are due 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
Saturday	6:00 a.m. Rummage Sale
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee and Youth biscuits follow
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

For the week July 18 - 24, 2021

Birthdays
July 22 **Dave Akins**
23 **Brandon Cinnater**

In the palm of God’s Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Charles Beasley, Holly Prugh, Hunter Moore, Marabelle Leggett, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane & Virginia Cunningham

BATTLING CANCER: Billy Palmer, Cindy Gorham, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Nan Ashley Hebert, Penny Emling & Ursula Breaux

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bobby Torbert, Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswald, Edna Marie Sevin, Helen Hoover, Jackie Webb, Kim Cape, Lisa Ledet, Rana DaSilva Moise, Richard LaCour & Sue Ackett

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Ken Broussard.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob, Jacey Corbitt & baby Corbitt, Kara Trahan & baby Trahan and Lori Prugh & baby Prugh.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Andrew Winn, Gage V. Romano, Haily Crawford, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Natalie Turcott, Nigel Koorie, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, Victoria Shroyer & Zhain Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adriana Vitrano, Allen Trahan, Annie Reaves, Armand Erhart, Blayne Barras, Brandon Cinnater, Brooks Thomas, Emma Thomas, Donovan Domangue, Fielden Baker, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Cuneo, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Lauren Boudreaux, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim



Grace’s Mission

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

Pentecost VIII **Ephesians 2:13**
– “**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**” What all of mankind’s efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did. We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.

Stewardship News
Attendance last Sunday: 37

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$4,753.00 *GF offerings YTD: \$100,596.00*
Weekly 2021 Budget: \$3,019.53 *2021 Budget YTD: \$84,546.84*

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

Calling all rummage sale enthusiasts! We are in need of volunteers to help with our rummage sale scheduled for this Saturday, July 24th—from 6AM To 11AM.
If you can help on the day of the sale, please let either Lisa Giroir or Bonnie Dupre know.
If you are not a morning person but would still like to help out please consider coming here at 11am to help us clean up the hall and pack up the items that did not sell.
Proceeds from this sale are designated to offset the cost of the cement tables and chairs in our new rock garden.

Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

Just a reminder to leave the sanctuary, fellowship hall and kitchen tidy on Sunday mornings - or any other time you may use them. Make sure bulletins are picked up and put into the green recycle bin in the narthex, pew envelopes and pencils are in place, fellowship hall tables are wiped off with disinfectant spray and any food around the chairs is picked up. **Please, do not leave dirty dishes or food pieces in the kitchen sinks.** Our church is inspected by the state and health departments on a regular basis and the kitchen area is one part of these inspections. Thank you for your cooperation.

1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY... The **Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will lead a study this week on “The Resurrection of the Dead” and “The Resurrected Body” in 1 Corinthians 15. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

“You, too, are one of the people Jesus came to rescue. You are one that He loves enough to suffer and even die for. His intention is to give you life—everlasting life—just as He has risen from the dead and will never die again. He is your king, and He wants you in God’s kingdom.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you’re among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure **all** doors are locked **and** closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN

“O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer” (*Tune: LSB #851*)

**O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer,
We extol Your precious name;
Yesterday, today, forever—
Your great love remains the same!
Long before the world’s foundation
You as LORD, the great I AM,
Planned to bear the cross and save us,
As God’s sacrificial Lamb.**

**You are worthy, ever reigning
As the risen King of kings!
“Blessing, honor, glory, power . . .”
All creation ever sings!
Gladly now we join that chorus,
Awed by what our ransom cost,
Praising You, our great Good Shepherd,
Who would seek and save the lost.**

**You are Alpha and Omega,
First and last, the start and end,
One who was, who is, and will be,
Yet You deign to be our friend!
Living Water, Your great mercy
Is a boundless reservoir,
So that all whose souls are thirsty
Drink of You and thirst no more.**

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Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Ephesians 2:12–13, alt.*

Pastor: Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.
People: **But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

Pastor: You open your hand;
People: **you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**
Pastor: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
People: **make melody to our God on the lyre!**
Pastor: He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
People: **he makes grass grow on the hills.**
Pastor: He gives to the beasts their food,
People: **and to the young ravens that cry.**
Pastor: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
People: **nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**
Pastor: but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
People: **in those who hope in his steadfast love.**
Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**
Pastor: as it was in the beginning,
People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Pastor: You open your hand;
People: **you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *(p. 155 in hymnal)*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God (Refrain)**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Living Bread from Heaven” LSB #642

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” LSB #625

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” LSB #643

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 COLLECT

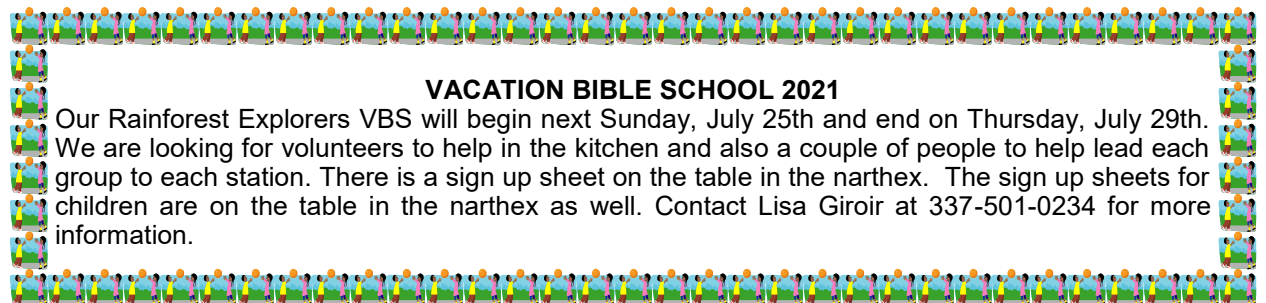
Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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 *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.
People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LSB #793

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021
Our Rainforest Explorers VBS will begin next Sunday, July 25th and end on Thursday, July 29th. We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and also a couple of people to help lead each group to each station. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. The sign up sheets for children are on the table in the narthex as well. Contact Lisa Giroir at 337-501-0234 for more information.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 covenant 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 *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **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.**

Refrain:

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have not abandoned Your creation but have sent Your Son to be our Shepherd and our righteousness. Give us the strength of faith to follow Him who calls us by name that we may dwell in safety as Your redeemed people now and forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, and our eternal King, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:1–6*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:11–22*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Psalms 78:25*

Pastor: Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

People: **He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:30–44*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth 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 "The Church's One Foundation" LSB #644

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

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

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 comes to us as our Good Shepherd to lead and guide us and feed us with His own precious body and blood in this Sacrament. 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 pw'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, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
By Your own will of mercy for us, Jesus came as our Shepherd-King and was enthroned on a cross that we may be raised to reign with Him who is now seated at Your right hand of power.
Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning King Jesus, who is here, present, to save by His body and blood.
People: **Amen.**