

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Next Sunday

Derek Crawford
Karoline Giroir
Gordon Fitzgerald
Bonnie Dupre
John & Patsy

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 1, 2021

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 Ellen DeSoto in memory of her sister, Lore Tritchler.



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.



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Introit

*With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.
He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven,
and he rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.
Man ate of the bread of the angels;
he sent them food in abundance.
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.
With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.*

Collect of The Day

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Grace’s Mission

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

Divine Service

Setting One

Lutheran Service Book, Page 151

Pre-Service Music

- 1. Opening Hymn # 821
- 2. Confession and Absolution p 151
- 3. Introit Bulletin
- 4. Kyrie p 152
- 5. Hymn of Praise p 155
- 6. Salutation p 156
- 7. Collect of the Day Bulletin
- 8. Old Testament Bulletin
- 9. Epistle Reading Bulletin
- 10. Alleluia Verse p 156
- 11. Glory to you, O... p 157
- 12. Holy Gospel Bulletin
- 13. Praise to you, O... p 157
- 14. The Nicene Creed p 158
- 15. The Word for Children
- 16. Sermon Hymn # 587
- 17. Sermon
- 18. Meditation
- 19. Prayer of the Church
Pastor: Let us pray unto the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy.
- 20. Preface p 160
- 21. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 161
- 22. Prayer of Thanksgiving p 161
- 23. The Words of Our Lord p 162
- 24. The Lord’s Prayer p 162
- 25. Pax Domini p 163
- 26. Agnus Dei p 163
- 27. Communion Hymns # 619 & # 707
Guitar Hymn:
That’s Why We Praise Him Insert
- 28. Thank the Lord p 164
- 29. Post Communion Collect p 166
- 30. Benediction p 166
- 31. Closing Hymn # 918

Postlude

That's Why We Praise Him

Tommy Walker

He came to live, live a perfect life,
He came to be the living word, our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled,
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
'Cause He gave His everything.

He came to live, live again in us,
He came to be our conquering King and friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love,
He came to go prepare a place for us.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
'Cause He gave His everything.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
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This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee and youth group biscuits
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship followed by Prayer & Praise
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee and baked goods follow
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School

For the week of August 1 - 7, 2021

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversary
August 3 Shannon Lester	August 1 Cameron Shroyer
4 Chad Hannusch	
6 Shelby Giroir	

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Billy Webre, Burt Hebert, Doug Villiot, Hunter Moore, Marabelle Leggett, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane & Virginia Cunningham

BATTLING CANCER: Billy Palmer, Cindy Gorham, Georgette Savoie, 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 family 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



Stewardship News

Attendance last Sunday: 36

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$986.00

GF offerings YTD: \$103,748.00

Weekly 2021 Budget: \$3,019.53

2021 Budget YTD: \$90,585.90

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who volunteered this past week to help make our Vacation Bible School so successful. At "Rainforest Explorers" the children sang songs, heard Bible stories, learned Bible verses, made arts and crafts and enjoyed supper together every evening. Our thanks to the many members at Grace that donated supplies, Terrebonne Place, Senior Living for donating meals and to Auntie Annie's and Petersons for donating coupons. Thank you to everyone who supported the mission project for Bags of Hope. We're collecting monetary donations as well as non perishable items that are listed on the bulletin board in the hallway. We will be packing bags for the children in September to be distributed at the local schools.

We had great volunteers and hope that our next VBS will be just as fun.

Lisa Giroir

VBS 2021 Director

CONFIRMATION 2021-2022

Christ commissioned His apostles to baptize and to be *"teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."* Confirmation in the Christian faith is how we "confirm" the second part of this command has been carried out at a very basic level.

Confirmation class for the upcoming year is now being organized. Typically students begin the two-year course in 7th grade with classes starting in September. However, the class is open to younger children if parents believe they are mature enough to handle the material. Of course, the class is also open to older people who for whatever reason have not confirmed.

Pastor Rich makes every effort to schedule the weekly 90-minute classes when convenient. Past classes have usually been at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. While in-person class is preferred, Zoom participation is available. Parents and/or students are asked to contact Pastor Rich ASAP with scheduling preferences so he can nail down the details for this year's class.

Get in touch with Pastor Rich at the church office at (985) 879-1865 ext. 3, his cell phone (985) 226-1043 or via email at pastor@gracehouma.org.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (8/7 at 10:00 a.m. CT), finish the book of Jeremiah on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear conversations about faith and family on Moments with KFUE Radio (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

MARK 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 begin a study this week on the Book of Mark. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – August 2021

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.