

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Today

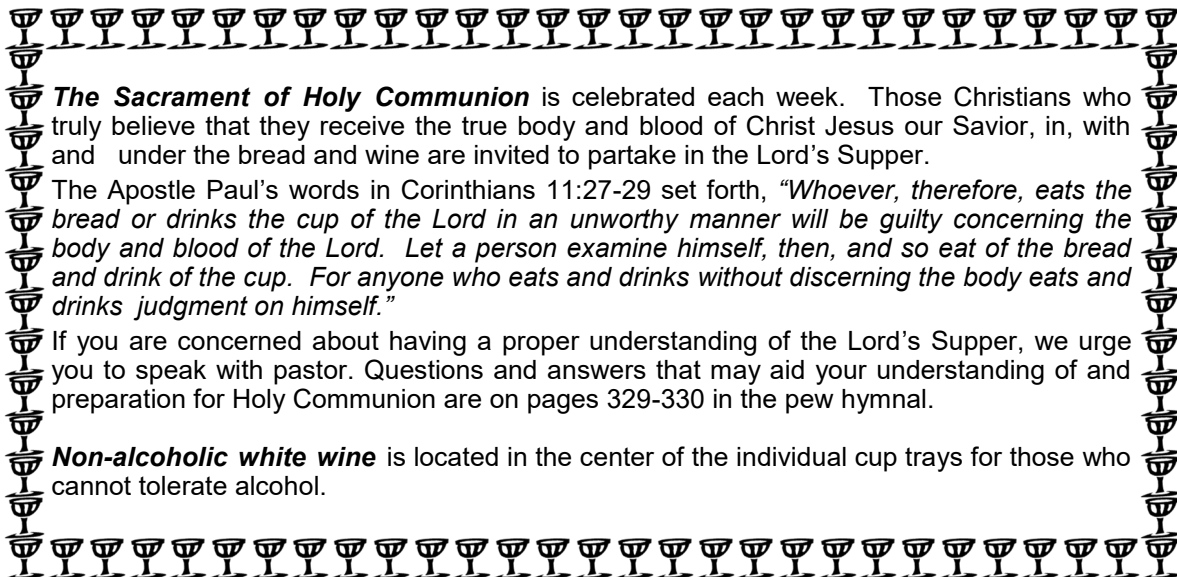
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Offering Stewards - Bonnie Dupre

Next Sunday

John Wegner
Ethan Spolarich
Rich Rudnik
Bonnie Dupre
Worship Leader - Joe Deane

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost **October 10, 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!



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 & Mission Guild baked goods to follow

Sun. 9:00 a.m. **Worship**
Coffee and baked goods follow

10:45 a.m. **Sunday School** for all ages

For the week of October 10 - 16, 2021	
Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries
October 10 Dale Boger 11 Victoria Thalheim 14 Aimee Cima 16 Lisa Ledet	October 15 Seth Cunningham Chandler Theriot 16 Cade Kyzar
In the palm of God's Hands...	
HEALTH CONCERNS: Andrea Dupre, Angelo Michel, Belinda Thibodaux, Burt Hebert, Hunter Moore, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane, PC Cummins, Tina Williams & William Bruce Hillman Jr. BATTLING CANCER: Cindy Gorham, Georgette Savoie, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Karen Curtis, Kevin Smith, Nan Ashley Hebert, Penny Emling & Ursula Breaux CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: 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 & Virginia Cunningham MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Billy Palmer, Bobby Torbert, Gordon Fitzgerald, Harold Lebeouf & 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, 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, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim	
Stewardship News	
Attendance last Sunday: 33	
Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$5,278.00 GF Offerings YTD: \$139,911.10 Weekly 2021 Budgeted Expenses: \$3,019.53 2021 Budgeted Expenses YTD: \$117,761.67	
Grace's Mission	
<i>Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching, and Fellowship</i>	

Pentecost XX **Hebrews 3:18-19**
– “And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.” Unbelief leads to disobedience – that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who participated with Food Bank Sunday. \$55.00 in cash and groceries were donated. Our next collection will be Sunday, November 7, 2021.

“We ask for the ability to welcome and love and embrace and care for all children—our own included. We open our arms to the orphans, whether they are frozen embryos, babies with mental or physical challenges, or those placed for adoption by a young mother. We trust that the life God gives, in whatever stage and condition, is a blessing from Him.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

2022 Board of Directors

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Board Secretary: OPEN	Activities Chair: OPEN
Treasurer: OPEN	Property Chair: OPEN
Financial Secretary: OPEN	Stewardship Chair: OPEN
Mission Outreach Chair: OPEN	

2022 Elders Candidates

OPEN

Now is the time to start thinking about serving as a member of the Board of Directors or elder for 2022. 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.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Prayer, The Augsburg Confession, 2nd Century Bishop Ignatius of Antioch, Luke the Evangelist, Jacob's Family and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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.

**Contentment is not possessing everything
but giving thanks for everything you possess.**

† PREPARATION †

AS WE GATHER

God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. In the formal worship sequence observed in structured Christian communities such as monasteries, a noontime service called Sext, named for noon—the sixth hour of the day, provided a midpoint for a day filled with devotion. The psalmist affirms that every hour is a good hour to bless the Lord, writing: “My tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long” (Psalm 35:28).

† PREPARATION †

HYMN “From God Can Nothing Move Me” LSB #713

Stand

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 123:1, 3a; 124:8; 126:3*

Leader: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
People: **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
People: **The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People: **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 112:3–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord,
People: **who greatly delights in his commandments!**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in his house,

People: **and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;

People: **he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;

People: **who conducts his affairs with justice.**

Leader: For the righteous will never be moved;

People: **he will be remembered forever.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**

Leader: as it was in the beginning,

People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord,

People: **who greatly delights in his commandments!**

KYRIE *(p. 186 in hymnal)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

REFLECTION ON NOONTIME

Leader: The noon hour is a time for God’s people to remember that He is always with them and for them. The psalmist writes: “Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long” (Psalm 25:5). In the hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness,” hymnwriter Jan Struther focuses her noontime stanza on Jesus as a workman, reminding us that the Lord sanctifies our labor as we live to glorify God. Together we sing stanzas 1 and 2 of the hymn.

HYMN “Lord of All Hopefulness” LSB #738, verses 1 & 2

Leader: The noontime hour, also known as the sixth hour, marks the time at which Jesus was crucified to bring us forgiveness of sins. Mark’s Gospel records, “When the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour” (Mark 15:33). It was in that darkness that our Lord completed His saving work. In the traditional noon Collect, we pray for our Lord’s mercy in life and in death. We 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.**

Sit

CLOSING SEQUENCE *Deuteronomy 6:6–7*

Leader: One of the blessings of each hour of the day is that we can surround ourselves with the Word of God. In Deuteronomy, God’s people were told directly, “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” Singing passages of the Bible helps to keep the Word close to our hearts. Together we sing the three Bible passages that comprise the hymn “Seek Ye First.”

HYMN “Seek Ye First” LSB #712

Stand

Leader: Let us commend our walking hours to the care of the Lord as we speak together the Collect for the afternoon:
People: **Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray
You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and
occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever
walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Leader: 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 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” LSB #924

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

People: **Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Leader: Each hour of the day has its own special character. One thing that unites them all is the grace and mercy of God, which attends us all our days. No matter what the weather may be or whatever else may be occurring on a given day, our Lord is always there for us. Praising Him is part of our calling in every hour. The traditional song "Jesus in the Morning" is an expression of that ongoing praise.

HYMN "Lord of All Hopefulness" LSB #738, verses 3 & 4

SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 90:12–17; antiphon v. 1*

People: **Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

Women: *So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

Men: Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on Your servants!

Women: *Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*

Men: Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Women: *Let Your work be shown to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.*

Men: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

People: **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.**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 3:12–19*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Galatians 6:2*

Leader: Alleluia. Bear one another's burdens,

People: **and so fulfill the law of Christ. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17–22*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader: 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

HYMN OF THE DAY "In God We Believe" *Tune: LSB #802*

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

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READING OF A GOSPEL STORY

MEDITATION SONG "His Mercy Is More" *Matt Papa, performed by Mike Cape*

Stand