

**This Week at Grace**

Today 9:00 a.m. **Worship**  
Coffee & Mission Guild baked goods to follow

Tues. 1:00 p.m. **Bible Study**

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 17 - 23, 2021**

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversaries
October 17 Michael Shroyer Sr.	October 17 Billie Bohannon	October 17 Haden & Justine Sasser
18 Cory Giroir	20 Haily Crawford	19 Cindy & Joe Deane
21 Blake Delong		
22 James Hillman		
23 Ross Reaves		

**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 Oswalt, 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

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**Grace's Mission**

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



Our *hearts*  
in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*



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**LWML SUNDAY 2021**

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### Today

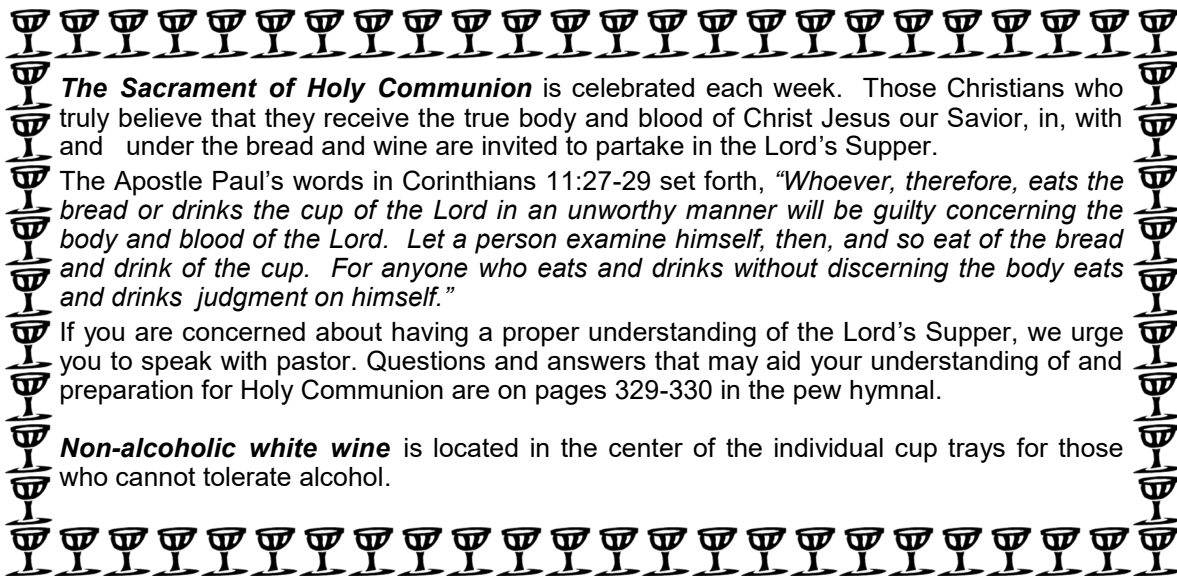
*Service Elder - John Wegner*  
*Scripture Reader - Bonnie Dupre*  
*Offering Stewards - Bonnie Dupre*  
*Altar Guild - Rich Rudnik*

### Next Sunday

*John Wegner*  
*Rich Rudnik*  
*Bonnie Dupre*  
*Rich Rudnik*

**The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost** **October 17, 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.

**Pentecost XXI** Isaiah 55:2 – "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"  
What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places where "moth and rust destroy." Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about the way in which we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

**Stewardship News**  
**Attendance last Sunday: 34**

*Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$3,070.00* *GF Offerings YTD: \$142,981.10*  
*Weekly 2021 Budgeted Expenses: \$3,019.53* *2021 Budgeted Expenses YTD: \$120,078.20*

**2022 Board of Directors**

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**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.

"The things that have come to pass in Jesus come from His self-giving. He becomes a fetus in Mary's womb; He becomes a crying infant, cold and hungry; He becomes a desert wanderer, starving and tormented by demons; He becomes the subject of slander and spitting; He is whipped and pierced; He is laid in the tomb. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. That's where life is found: in the crucified Jesus." *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT, study the Means of Grace on Concord Matters (10/23 at 10:00 a.m. CT), study Ezekiel 22-26 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study various Psalms before beginning Ecclesiastes on Thy Strong next week (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUO Radio app!

**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.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**P:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

## CLOSING HYMN

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Tune: LSB 662

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners,  
Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings  
Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory  
Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

There’s no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master,  
Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom  
Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner  
Brought to hear His voice.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel  
Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners  
May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus,  
We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

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Setting Four, pages 203–212.  
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# 2021 LWML SUNDAY Worship Service

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus’ name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

## Our Hearts in HIS Hand

*Stand*

## OPENING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C:** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P:** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C:** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

## ENTRANCE PSALM

Psalm 86:5–12

**P:** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

**C:** **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

**P:** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

**C:** **In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.**

**P:** There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**C:** **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

P: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.  
C: **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**  
P: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.  
C: **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.**

**KYRIE**

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "The Nails in Your Hands" *Richard Cimino*

The nails in Your hands, the nail in Your feet,  
They tell me how much You love me;  
The thorns on Your brow, they tell me how,  
You bore so much shame to love me.

And when the heavens pass away,  
All Your scars will still remain,  
And forever they will say how much You love me...

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And when the heavens pass away,  
All Your scars will still remain,  
And forever they will say how much You love me...

And I want to say, "Forever my love, Forever my heart,  
Forever my life is Yours."  
"Forever my love, Forever my heart, Forever my life is Yours."

Because you love me...

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Response*  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts,  
Let us not lift our souls to another.  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts,  
Let us not lift our souls to another.  
(Repeat Verse & Response)

*Chorus*  
And God let us be a generation that seeks,  
That seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.  
And God let us be a generation that seeks,  
That seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.

*Bridge*  
Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Give us clean hands  
Let us not lift our soul  
To another Oh God we cry out

*Chorus*  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts,  
Let us not lift our souls to another.  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts,  
Let us not lift our souls to another.

*Chorus*  
And God let us be a generation that seeks,  
That seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.  
And God let us be a generation that seeks,  
That seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.

And God let us be a generation that seeks,  
That seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.

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"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 740

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB, p. 211

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB, p. 209

**C:** 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P:** 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 testament 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."

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB, p. 210

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

"Give Us Clean Hands" *Charlie Hall*

*Verse*

We bow our hearts,  
We bend our knees,  
O Spirit come make us humble;  
We turn our eyes  
From evil things,  
Lord we cast down our idols...

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22–27

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM Psalm 51:1–2, 6, 10–12

**P:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**C:** according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**P:** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C:** and cleanse me from my sin!

**P:** Behold, you desire truth in the inward being,

**C:** and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**P:** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C:** and renew a right spirit within me.

**P:** Cast me not away from your presence,

**C:** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**P:** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C:** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:18–22

Stand

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**P:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that

**C:** Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:28–31

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

After the reading:

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

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*

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

LSB 704

**SERMON** "Love One Another from Pure Hearts" *Dale Meyer*

1 Peter 1:22

## MEDITATION

*Stand*

## LWML PLEDGE

**In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Guide, we pray, our congregation in life and witness. Give us Your grace, so that in a land where strife is too common, we will be a place of peace. In our divided nation, make this Your congregation a gathering place of hearts united in You who extend Your welcome to all. Inspire all the members of Your congregation to love this place where Your name is invoked and Your grace proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For the daily bread that sustains us in life: For food and health, for housing and clothing, for employment, for moderate weather, for justice and peace in our community and nation, that in every time of abundance and time of need, we may know Your peace in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For communicants who come to Your table to eat and drink Your Son's holy body and blood: May they draw near with humble confidence in Your forgiveness and reliance upon Your promise of nurture as we faithfully walk the heavenward way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

LSB, p. 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB, p. 209