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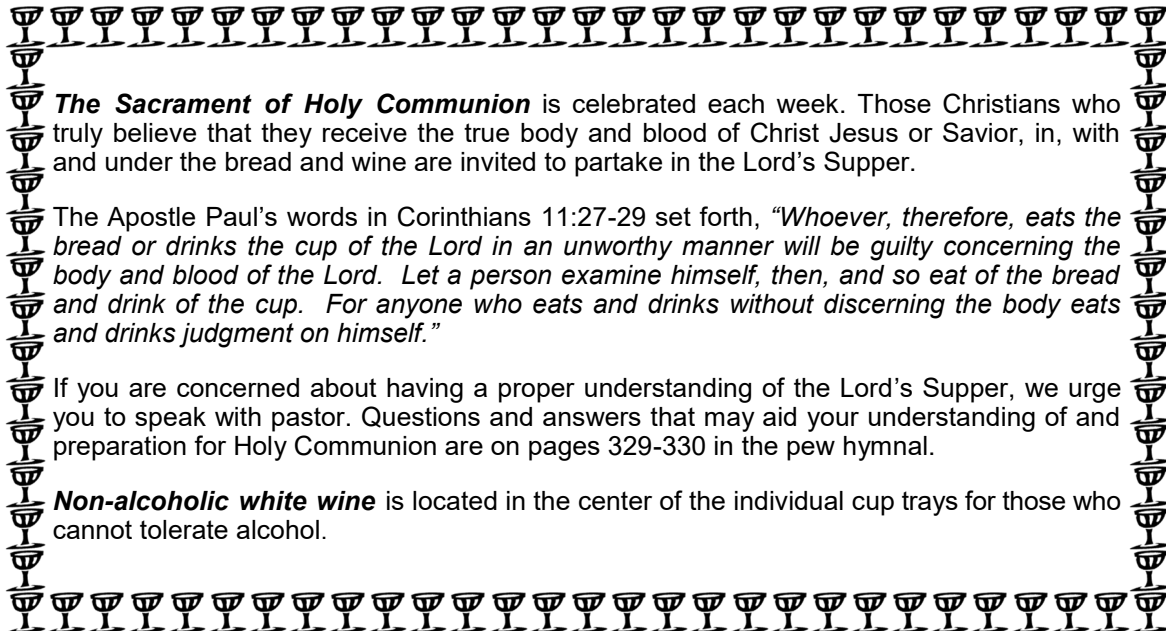
Next Sunday

*Joe Deane
Ethan Spolarich
Bonnie Dupre
Rich & Bridgette Rudnik*

Reformation Day

October 31, 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 or 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.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Knowing the freedom of sins forgiven, send us out from this place as we walk by faith alone and share Your Word with the world Christ died to save; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *John 8:31-32, 36; Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: Jesus said, "If you abide in My word,

People: **you are truly My disciples,**

Pastor: and you will know the truth,

People: **and the truth will set you free.**

Pastor: So if the Son sets you free,

People: **you will be free indeed."**

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 "Thy Strong Word" LSB #578

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In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Andrea Dupre, Angelo Michel, Belinda Thibodaux, Burt Hebert, Hunter Moore, 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



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“I Am Free” *Jon Egan*

Through You, the blind will see
Through You, the mute will sing
Through You, the dead will rise
Through You, all hearts will praise

Through You, the darkness flees
Through You, my heart screams
I am free
Yes, I am free

Chorus – *Congregation sings in parenthesis*

I am free to run (**I am free to run**)
I am free to dance (**I am free to dance**)
I am free to live for You (**I am free to live for You**)
I am free (**I am free**)
Yes, I am free (**I am free**)

Through You, the Kingdom comes
Through You, the battle's won
Through You, I'm not afraid
Through You, the price is paid

Through You, there's victory
Because of You, my heart sings
I am free
Yes, I am free

Chorus

Bridge
Who the Son sets free, is free indeed
Who the Son sets free, is free indeed
Who the Son sets free, is free indeed
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Chorus – *Congregation sings in parenthesis*

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Yes, I am free (**I am free**)

All – **YES, I AM FREE**

REFORMATION DAY

† PREPARATION †

HYMN “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” LSB #904

Stand

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *John 8:31–32*

Pastor: Jesus said, “If you abide in My word,
People: **you are truly My disciples,**

Pastor: and you will know the truth,
People: **and the truth will set you free.”**

Kneel

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 8:36*

Pastor: With humble hearts, let us approach our Father’s throne of grace.

Silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior

Pastor: Together, we pray:
People: **Gracious Father, because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.**

Pastor: Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God, to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father, and to set you free from sin and death. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: “So if the Son sets you free,
People: **you will be free indeed!”**

Stand

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
People: and shall not be put to shame.
 Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;
People: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
People: let the humble hear and be glad.
 Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me;
People: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
 Pastor: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
People: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
 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: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
People: and shall not be put to shame.

KYRIE *(Sung in response to each petition per p.204 in hymnal)*

HYMN OF PRAISE “Faithful God, We Bring to You” *(Tune: LSB #892)*

Faithful God, we bring to You
 Praise and honor that You’re due.
 Father, who in love has giv’n
 All the gifts of earth and heav’n
 That we may through all our days
 Serve You in our words and ways,
 Glory in the heights above;
 Fill our hearts with joy and love.

Holy Son, we praise Your name.
 From Your home in heav’n You came
 Down to earth to seek the lost,
 Giving all, no mind the cost.
 Now You reign above as King
 So to You our voices sing:
 Jesus, You are Lord alone,
 Seated on Your glorious throne.

Spirit of all truth and grace
 Filling ev’ry time and space,
 Counselor, Your comfort give
 That we all by You may live.
 Sent by Father and the Son,
 Through us now Your work begun,
 That at last in heav’n we see
 You, O blessed Trinity.

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AGNUS DEI *(p. 198 in hymnal)*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB #849

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”
Isaac Watts / Wm W How

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
Through ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue.**

(chorus)
**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Oh Alleluia!**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

(chorus)
**All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

(chorus)
**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Oh Alleluia!**

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We are free to know You, free to worship You, and free to abide in Your Word!

Gather us together from every nation, tribe, language, and people to celebrate at the Table of our crucified and risen Savior and receive Him as He comes to us in His body and blood. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 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."

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.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and gracious Lord, to know You is to know true freedom from sin and to live in the transforming power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we, who hold fast to the Word of Your Son, may never return to our captivity but walk daily in the new life we have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE *Luke 12:32*

Pastor: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

People: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth 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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB #657

SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus, You have freed us from the captivity to sin and death, from the delusion of trying to earn and maintain our own righteousness, and from the chains of condemnation and fear. That is why we rejoice in Your Word: If the Son sets you free,

People: **you will be free indeed!**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, only Your mercy and grace enable us to know, find, and live in the freedom of Your eternal Gospel. Send Your Spirit upon Your Church that we continue in the truths of the Reformation, and that, to all the peoples of the world, we proclaim this truth: If the Son sets you free,

People: **you will be free indeed!**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, free us from self-centeredness and pride. Turn our focus toward You first in faith and then toward others in love. Bless all who serve You and others in their homes, in the church, in the workplace, and in our community to rejoice in knowing that if the Son sets you free,

People: **you will be free indeed!**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery for those with infirmities. Grant Your healing, in both soul and body, to those we name before You, [*especially* . . .]. Rejoicing in Your healing touch, grant that all who receive Your Good News boldly say: If the Son sets you free,

People: **you will be free indeed!**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, for these and all other concerns we have, please hear and answer our prayers according to Your gracious will

People: **that we live each day in the freedom we have come to know. Amen.**

† 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, for the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, which is being proclaimed in all the world and has been revealed to us also. On this day He overcame Satan, sin, and death that we may be made righteous in Your sight by grace through faith in Christ alone. 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. 195 in hymnal)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is he,
blessed is He that cometh in the nave of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With joyful hearts, we receive the truth that sets us free.

<p>Reformation Day Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” The Law of God is good – it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stewardship News</i> <i>Attendance last Sunday: 37</i></p> <p><i>Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$2,195.00</i> <i>GF Offerings YTD: \$149,949.00</i> <i>Weekly 2021 Budgeted Expenses: \$3,019.53</i> <i>2021 Budgeted Expenses YTD: \$123,097.73</i></p>		
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	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages		5:00 p.m. Thibodaux Worship
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