

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Today

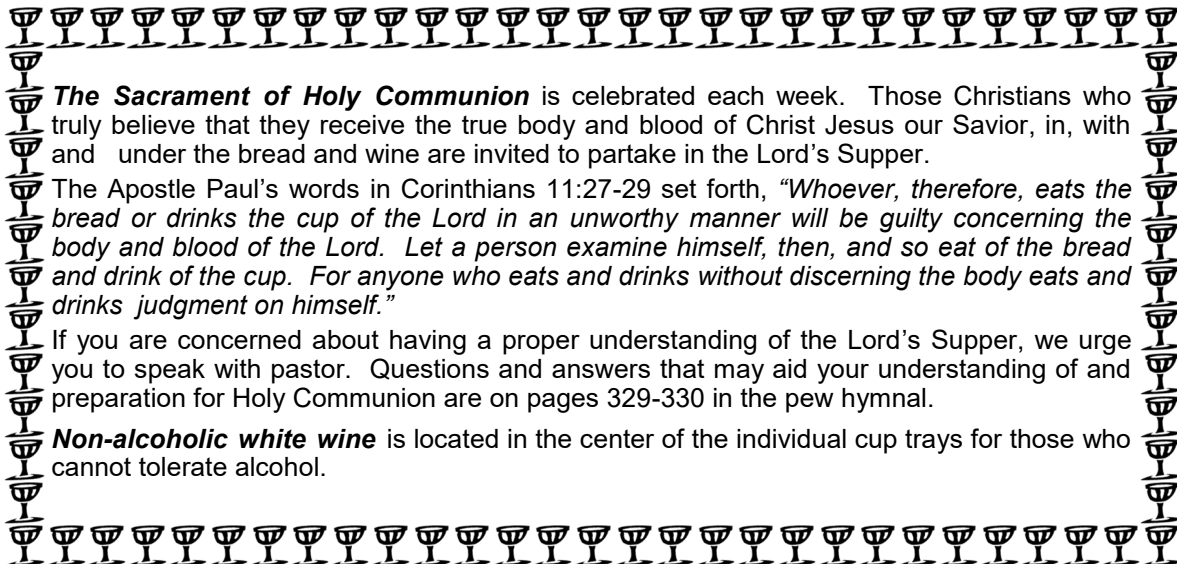
Service Elder - John Wagner
Scripture Reader - Rich Rudnik
Offering Stewards - Bonnie Dupre
Altar Guild - Mary Lou & Donna V.

Next Sunday

John Wagner
Rich Rudnik
Bonnie Dupre
John & Patsy Wegner

Last Sunday Of The Church Year **November 21, 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 & baked goods follow	Thursday	Church Office Closed Thursday & Friday
	10:45 a.m. Greening of the Church	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee and baked goods
Wed.	No Potluck Fellowship or Prayer & Praise		10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all

Happy Thanksgiving!

For the week of November 21 - 27, 2021

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversary
Nov. 21 Henry Stegall	Nov. 22 Pat Wegner	Nov. 25 John & Cindy Bush
25 Donna Von Burgsdorff	24 Jennifer Vogel	26 Richard & Denise Reaves
	David Greene	
	25 Peyton Kraus	
	26 Mary Lou Johnston	

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, 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 Bobby Torbert, Gary Follis, Raymond Labat & Timothy Bilello.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob, Jacey Corbitt & baby Corbitt, Kara Trahan & baby Trahan and Lori Prugh & Calvin David 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, Hannah Norman, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim

Thank You...

Goodbyes are never easy when we must bid farewell to a loved one. My service for Gordon was difficult to plan due to the hurricane's timing. But you, my Grace family came to my rescue and surrounded me with your prayers, your love, and your care. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for providing the luncheon for all the friends who came to celebrate Gordon's life. God is so good every day.
-Jerrie and Family

Grace's Mission

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

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 164 in hymnal)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell ev’ryone 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 THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, our righteousness and our salvation, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood.

People: 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;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” LSB #515

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Stewardship News	
<i>Attendance last Sunday: 40</i>	
<i>Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$4,170.00</i>	<i>GF Offerings YTD: \$156,779.00</i>
<i>Weekly 2021 Budgeted Expenses: \$3,019.53</i>	<i>2021 Budgeted Expenses YTD: \$132,156.32</i>
<u>Important Dates to Note</u>	
Voter Assembly meeting—Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.	
Election of 2022 Board of Directors - Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.	
2022 Final Budget approval - Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.	
All meetings will take place in the Sanctuary.	

HYMN “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” LSB #516

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5; Mark 13:33

Pastor: Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

People: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.

Pastor: Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

People: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Pastor: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

People: Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet, sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God’s beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.

People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God’s beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.

People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God’s beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.

People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God’s beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God’s beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.

People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.
People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.**

Silence for private confession

Pastor: As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b*

Pastor: We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

People: **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;**

Pastor: let me know how fleeting I am!

People: **Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,**

Pastor: and my lifetime is as nothing before You.

People: **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?**

Pastor: My hope is in You.

People: **Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

Pastor: Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

People: **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;**

Pastor: hold not Your peace at my tears!

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.**

Pastor: We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

KYRIE *(p. 204 in hymnal)*

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE "How Great Thou Art" LSB #801, verses 1 and 4

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB #617

"I Will Rise" *C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, L. Giglio, M. Maher*

**There's a peace I've come to know
though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say "It is well"**

**Jesus, has overcome
and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead
And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow; no more pain
I will rise, on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise
I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near
when the darkness breaks to light
and the shadows disappear
and my faith shall be my eyes**

**Jesus, has overcome
and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead
And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow; no more pain
I will rise, on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise
I will rise**

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
Worthy is the Lamb!
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
Worthy is the Lamb!
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb**

**And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow; no more pain
I will rise, on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise
I will rise
I will rise**

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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.**

Sit

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord God,
You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 51:4–6*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Jude 20–25*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Revelation 22:13*

Pastor: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega,

People: **the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24–37*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth 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 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" LSB #663

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, Lord God, King of the universe, for You are the ruler of all things and are enthroned in majesty. As we lift our eyes to the heavens, we are reminded that You came to earth in the person of Your Son, Jesus, who came to give us life to the fullest through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. As we watch and wait for His return, we thank You for Your Spirit, who calls us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, makes us holy, and keeps us in the one true faith. 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 pow'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, the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, for You have had mercy on us and given Yourself so that whoever believes in You will not perish but have life everlasting with You in Your kingdom.

In Your righteous judgment, You condemned Adam and Eve's sin and have rightly judged their rebellious children. Yet, in Your great mercy, You have promised salvation through the sacrifice of Your life on the cross and Your glorious resurrection.

Thank You for the Table You have set for us with the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully enjoy the fruits of His labors and be presented blameless before the presence of Your glory with great joy. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

People: Amen.