

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

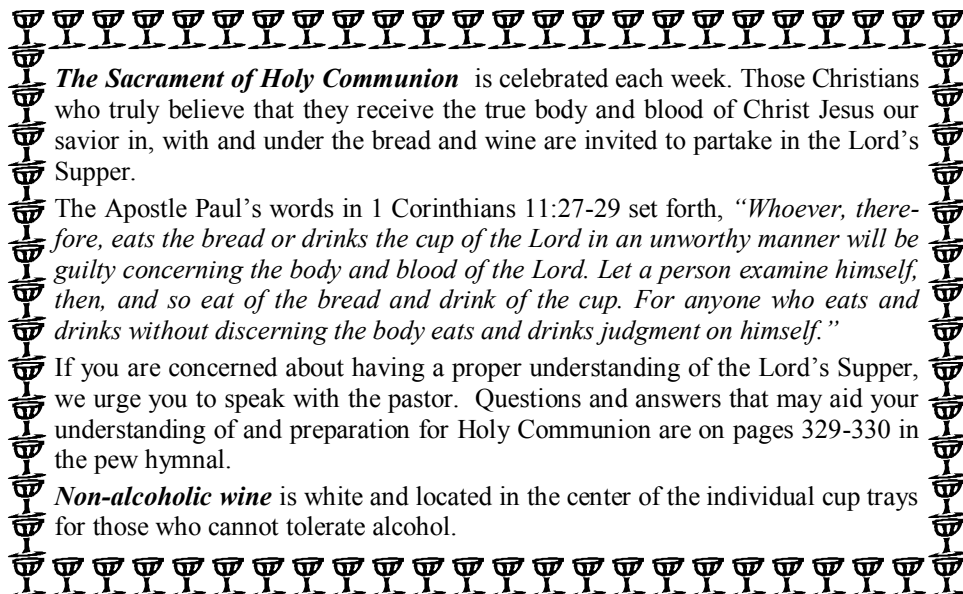
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<p><b>Today</b> Service Elder - Gordon Fitzgerald Scripture Reader - Gordon Fitzgerald Acolyte - Victoria Shroyer Greeters - B. Dupre &amp; C. Shroyer Offering Stewards - C. Deane &amp; G. Meyer Altar Guild - J. Burke &amp; R. DaSilva Ushers - D. Akins, D. Armstrong, &amp; J. Souther</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday</b> Dale Boger Bonnie Dupre Michael Thalheim D. &amp; D. Boger D. Boger &amp; J. Deane M. Beach &amp; P. Cuneo J. Kohls, G. Meyer, &amp; R.. Reaves, Jr.</p>
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**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 Mike & Jeannette Burke in honor of Alec's fifteenth birthday which was celebrated November thirtieth.



**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 1 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 the 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.

## The Second Sunday In Advent December 6, 2009

### Introit

*(The congregation will please respond with the bold portion)*

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

***“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”***

*Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!*

***O Israel, if you would but listen to me!***

*I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.*

***Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.***

*But my people did not listen to my voice;*

***Israel would not submit to me.***

*Oh, that my people would listen to me,*

***that Israel would walk in my ways!***

*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.***

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

***“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”***

### Collect of The Day

*(All please pray together)*

***Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

### *Divine Service*

*First Setting*

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151  
Pre-Service Music*

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| 1. Hymn  | #347                                     |
| 2. Confession and Absolution                                     | p151                                     |
| 3. Introit   | Bulletin                                 |
| 4. Kyrie   | p152                                     |
| 5. Salutation  | p156                                     |
| 6. Collect of The Day  | Bulletin                                 |
| 7. Old Testament Reading   | Bulletin                                 |
| 8. Epistle Reading   | Bulletin                                 |
| 9. Alleluia and Verse  | p156                                     |
| 10. Glory to you, O...   | p157                                     |
| 11. Holy Gospel  | Bulletin                                 |
| 12. Praise to you, O...  | p157                                     |
| 13. The Word for Children  |  |
| 14. Sermon Hymn  | #344                                     |
| 15. Sermon   |  |
| 16. Meditation   | Mike Cape                                |
| 17. Nicene Creed   | p158                                     |
| 18. Prayer of the Church   | p159                                     |
| <i>Pastor: Restore us, O God;</i>                                |  |
| <b><i>People: let your face shine, that we may be saved.</i></b> |  |
| 19. Installation of Congregational Officers                      |  |
| 20. Offering   |  |
| 21. Offertory Song   | #781 verse 1                             |
| 22. Preface  | p160                                     |
| 23. Holy, Holy, Holy...  | p161                                     |
| 24. Prayer of Thanksgiving                                       | p161                                     |
| 25. The Words of Our Lord  | p162                                     |
| 26. The Lord's Prayer  | p162                                     |
| 27. Pax Domini   | p163                                     |
| 28. Agnus Dei  | p163                                     |
| 29. Communion Hymns  | #636 v. 1-4,<br>#354, #636 v. 5-8 & #637 |
| 30. Thank the Lord   | p164                                     |
| 31. Post Communion Collect                                       | p166                                     |
| 32. Benediction  | p166                                     |
| 33. Closing Hymn   | #346                                     |

*Postlude*

### **Advent Midweek Services**

During the Advent season we will be having services on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a potluck fellowship at 6:00 p.m. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior.

### **Greening of the Church**

Thank you to the helping hands who met Friday night to decorate the sanctuary. If you weren't here, you missed a good time, good food and good fellowship.

### **Voters Assembly**

There will be a Voters Assembly **TODAY** after Sunday School in the fellowship hall. We will be approving the general fund 2010 budget and reviewing committee reports from this year's Board of Directors committees. Copies of the 2010 GLC Proposed Budget are available on the table by the sacristy or from the church office.

### **2010 Board of Directors and Elders**

The following have agreed to serve and were elected last Sunday to sit on the 2010 Board of Directors and Elders:

President – Richard Reaves, Sr.  
Vice president – Dave Greve  
Secretary – Gail Akins  
Treasurer – Bonnie Dupre  
Financial Secretary – Cindy Deane  
Stewardship – Bradley Cinnater  
Mission Outreach – Kendra Eschete  
Property – Glenn Meyer  
Social Ministry – Connie Oswalt  
Activities – Linda Meyer  
Christian Education – Donna Boger

Elders: Joe Deane, Dale Boger, John Wegner, Paul Gerken, Ricky Reaves, Jerry Ledet, Richard Thalheim and George Bauman

### **Be "Santa" to Those in Need**

Grace Lutheran Church has claimed four families (ten people) from The Haven, a local women's domestic violence shelter, for Christmas. To protect themselves these families have been forced to leave home for the holidays. Please consider choosing one Haven resident by claiming one of the ten ornament wish-lists on the Christmas Tree in the fellowship hall. As individuals or by forming small groups, you can reach out with Christian love by purchasing presents for an adult or child and inviting them to join us for worship. For more details see Rana DaSilva.

### **In the palm of God's Hands...**

HEALTH CONCERNS: Alan Kornacki, Sr., Arlisa Ferrara, Betty Carpenter, Betty Cummins, Bob Fitzgerald, Brock Tabor, David Mack, Debbie Olivier, Denise Reaves, Dennis Kelley, Eddie Olivier, Gary Baker, Geraldine Lewis, Gladys Dupre, Glen Carpenter, Gloria Barnard, Jean Frey, John Schlichting, Joy Kraus, Kevin Smith, Kristen Brandtly, Lloyd Chiasson, Matthew Taylor, Mina Escobedo, Mitch Bascle, Paden Kohls, Pat Rabun, Percy Songe, Ruth Morris, Sarah Ledet, Stephanie Dahl & Todd Mueller



EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Casie Duplantis

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Carroll Hebert & Mary Minge

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Brandon Darce, Caleb Dufrene, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Matt Babin, Matthew Spolarich, Stephen Darce and Todd Mueller

MISSIONARY FAMILY IN VIETNAM: J.P., Aimee, Celeste & Bella Cima

### **2nd Sunday in Advent**

### **Philippians 1:2-11**

Paul considered the Philippians to be valuable and joyful partners with him in sharing the Gospel. In response to Paul's needs while in prison they practiced good stewardship by providing for his physical needs. Likewise, we practice good stewardship when we share our material blessings with those in need.

"Christmas is an end and a beginning. Jesus' birth marks the end of His nine-month development in Mary's womb. Jesus 'became flesh' - became a human being - at the moment of His holy conception (Luke 1:35). He developed as we all did, except without sin (Hebrews 2:14 - 17, 4:15). Jesus' birth marks the beginning of His being seen and dwelling among us as the Son of the Father 'full of grace and truth.'" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life-[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**

Today's Sunday School lesson is the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25). The children will learn that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us (sinful people) to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. In your family discussions, ask the children to retell the story they learned. Talk about times when you have doubted God's Word and how because of Jesus, God forgives our doubts, granting us faith to believe through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*If we focus only on Christmas, we might lose sight of Christ.*

### District Happenings

Twenty-first Annual Christmas Concert, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church 2624 Burgundy St., New Orleans, LA. 70117. Please join us for a wonderful casual evening of instrumental Christmas carols and music.

### **Biscuit Makers**

December 6 - Jacob & Brandon Cinnater  
December 20 - Connor & Hannah Cuneo

### ***Winter Quarter Sunday School Classes***

This Sunday begins the winter quarter of our Sunday School. Classes for all ages are available. Thank you to the following teachers who will teach again this quarter: Donna Boger, Penny Cuneo, Cindy Deane, Ricky & Rachel Reaves, Kristen Schwausch, Lola Ledet and Pastor Rich. Ann Perryman serves as the substitute teacher. Join us each and every Sunday as we learn more about the Good News.

***Yearning for His learning, His Spirit in us burning!***

### **2010 Board of the Thrivent South LA Chapter**

**President: Ricky Reaves**      **Congregational Service Team**  
**Vice President: Bonnie Dupre**      **Coordinator: Connie Oswalt**  
**Records Director: Ann Perryman**      **Youth Director: Rebekah Spolarich**  
**Financial Director: Donna Boger**      **Events Coordinator: Lynda Kelley**  
**Congregational Coordinators: Cindy Bush, Marilyn Beach**  
**& Linda Meyer**

### **ECC PAPER PRODUCTS DONATIONS**

Please consider a donation of one or more of the following items: Baby wipes, paper towels, kitchen-size paper cups, bath-size paper cups, Kleenex and napkins.  
Thank you for leaving your donations in the blue box in the narthex.

### **MEMBER BOXES**

Please remember to check your member box while at church. If you don't see your name on the list, please contact Donna or Gordon by calling or emailing the church office at [secretary@gracehouma.org](mailto:secretary@gracehouma.org).

### **Poinsettia Order Form**

Even as we observe Advent, we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. One such preparation is ordering poinsettia plants to beautify our sanctuary as our expression of joy and to the glory of God. Cost is \$10.00 a plant and these may be picked up after services on Christmas Day, December 25th. Order forms are on the table in the narthex.

### **This Week at Grace**

Today	9:00 AM	Worship/Food Bank Sunday Coffee and ECC Biscuits follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:45 AM	Voters Assembly in fellowship hall
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship
	7:00 PM	Advent Midweek Service
Thursday	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Mite Box collection Coffee & MG Baked Goods follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:45 AM	Board of Directors Meeting

### ***For the week of December 6 - 12, 2009*** ***BIRTHDAYS***

December	7	.....	Harleigh Dahl
	9	.....	Josh Daigle
	12	.....	Penny Cuneo

### **FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

**Today** is "Food Bank Sunday" and we are collecting food & monetary donations for the Food Bank. You may leave items in the baskets in the narthex or designate your donation "Food Bank" on an envelope for the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Devotionals are in...**

"Our Daily Bread" for December, January and February along with Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots Advent Devotions are on the table in the narthex and the round table by the sacristy.

Lutheran Hour Ministries has Advent devotions online at [www.adventdevotions.net](http://www.adventdevotions.net)

Just a reminder...there will be a Board of Directors Meeting next Sunday, December 13th after Sunday School in the conference room.

*Social Ministry is asking for monetary donations for Christmas Food Baskets for needy families. Deadline for donations are next Sunday, December 13, 2009. God bless, Connie Oswalt*

### ***Grace's Mission***

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