

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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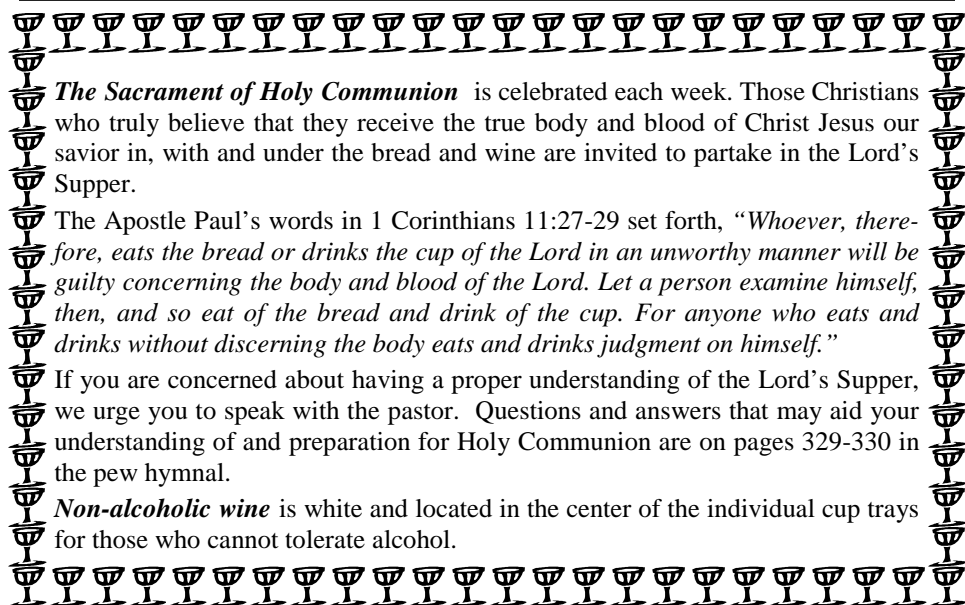
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Pastor - Richard D. Rudnik                      President - Richard A. Thalheim, Jr.  
Church Secretary - Donna Boger                      ECC Director - Sofie Arceneaux  
Accompanist(s) - Mila Estupinan & Mike Cape

<p><b>Today</b></p> <p>Service Elder - Jerry Ledet Scripture Reader - William Muenchinger Acolyte - Karly Kyzar Greeters - D. &amp; G. Armstrong Offering Stewards - D. Boger &amp; G. Meyer Altar Guild - M. Beach &amp; P. Cuneo Ushers - D. Akins, D. Armstrong, G. Fitzgerald &amp; J. Souther</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday</b></p> <p>Jerry Ledet Gordon Fitzgerald Michael Thalheim G. &amp; J. Fitzgerald A. &amp; J. Kraus M. Johnston &amp; A. Perryman G. Bauman &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 DeAnn Barrios in celebration of her brothers Lyle & Joey Souther whose birthdays are on March 20th & 24th.



**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 Fourth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2009

### Introit

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

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

***The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***

*Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.*

*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:*

***that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.***

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;*

***he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.***

*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 LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

***The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***

### Collect of The Day

*(All please pray together)*

***Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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                          | #873                  |
| 2. Confession and Absolution     | p151                  |
| 3. Introit                       | Bulletin              |
| 4. Kyrie                         | p152                  |
| 5. Salutation                    | p156                  |
| 6. Collect                       | Bulletin              |
| 7. Old Testament Reading         | Bulletin              |
| 8. Epistle                       | Bulletin              |
| 9. Lenten Verse                  | p157                  |
| 10. Glory to you, O...           | p157                  |
| 11. Holy Gospel                  | Bulletin              |
| 12. Praise to you, O...          | p157                  |
| 13. The Word for Children        |                       |
| 14. Sermon Hymn                  | #847                  |
| 15. Sermon                       |                       |
| 16. Meditation                   | Mike Cape             |
| 17. Nicene Creed                 | p158                  |
| 18. Prayer of the Church         | p159                  |
| Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord; |                       |
| <b>People: Lord have mercy.</b>  |                       |
| 19. Offering                     |                       |
| 20. Offertory Song               | #781 verse 1          |
| 21. Preface                      | p160                  |
| 22. Holy, Holy, Holy...          | p161                  |
| 23. Prayer of Thanksgiving       | p161                  |
| 24. The Words of Our Lord        | p162                  |
| 25. The Lord's Prayer            | p162                  |
| 26. Pax Domini                   | p163                  |
| 27. Agnus Dei                    | p163                  |
| 28. Communion Hymns              | #560, #571,<br>& #628 |
| 29. Nunc Dimittis                | p165                  |
| 30. Post Communion Collect       | p166                  |
| 31. Benediction                  | p166                  |
| 32. Closing Hymn                 | #918                  |

Postlude

**LWML/Mission Guild News**

Today is the Quarterly LWML Meeting in the fellowship hall immediately after service. Get your coffee and munchies and join us ladies. The LWML Spring Rally will be this afternoon at Epiphany Lutheran Church in New Orleans from 3pm till 5pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Blessings, Joelle Gerken

**LENTEN DINNER SCHEDULE**

March 25 Zone 1  
April 1 Zone 6

**Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by service at 7:00 p.m.  
A word of thanks to the elders and their zones who have provided meals for the congregation these past four weeks and the next two weeks to come.**

***Easter Fest is just around the corner!***

Saturday, April 4th, 10-11:30am we will hold our annual Easter Fest. It's not too late to donate candy (no chocolate, please), stickers and/or trinkets to fill the eggs for the hunt. A basket is in the office for donations. Volunteers are needed to fill the eggs, help the children with their craft, supervise the egg hunt and to give moral support to the Christian Ed committee. Please see Donna or call the church office if you are interested in helping. Invite the children in your family and neighborhood to join us. See you there!

**LCMS SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONVENTION  
DELEGATE OPPORTUNITY**

The convention of the LCMS--Southern District is happening June 18-20 of this year. Grace Lutheran Church is allowed one voting delegate. If you are interested in representing GLC in this manner, please contact the church office. To qualify, you must also be able to attend the regional election meeting in New Orleans at 1 p.m. on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may also attend the convention as an advisory or guest delegate. Registration for all delegates must be made by April 15 and the GLC Board of Directors will be naming the voting delegate at the April 12 meeting so be sure to make your wish to attend known soon.

**Beginning Communion Class**

Parents, do you believe your child is mature enough to examine themselves and begin to properly receive Holy Communion? Children in fifth grade and above who desire to begin partaking of the Lord's Supper are invited to attend confirmation class on Wednesdays April 8, 15 and 22 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. If the child, parents and Pastor are then in accord that the child can commune properly, first communion will be made on Sunday, April 26. For more information or to confirm your child's attendance, please contact the church office or email [pastor@gracehouma.org](mailto:pastor@gracehouma.org).

**This Week at Grace**

Today 9:00 AM Worship  
Coffee and Fall Fest muffins follow  
LWML/Mission Guild meeting  
10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
11:45 AM Voters Assembly in fellowship hall  
3:00 - 5:00 PM LWML Spring Rally - Epiphany Lutheran - NOLA  
Wednesday 9:30 AM Bible Study  
4:30 PM Confirmation  
6:00 PM Dinner (provided by elders & zones)  
7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Service  
Friday 7:00 PM Music With A Message  
Sunday 9:00 AM Worship  
Coffee & biscuits follow (donations to go towards VBS)  
10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

**For the week of March 22-28, 2009  
BIRTHDAYS**

March 22 ..... Donna Pugh  
March 24 ..... Joey Souther  
March 28 ..... Megan Benton  
Robert Blakely

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

March 22 ..... Percy Songe  
March 23 ..... Riley Dupre  
Laura Schmitt  
March 24 ..... Brenden Menzer  
March 25 ..... Ellen DeSoto  
March 27 ..... Steven Kinsella  
March 28 ..... Marilyn Beach

There will be a ***Special Voters Assembly today*** immediately following Sunday School in the fellowship hall. Items to be discussed on the agenda are an amendment to the 2009 budget to increase pastor's transportation allowance, the new telephone system and important funding decisions regarding hurricane repairs to the roof and stained glass window. The agenda is posted on the bulletin boards, the church office window and is in member boxes.

**Grace's Mission**

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

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

HEALTH CONCERNS: Alex Carrisalez, Glenn Carpenter, James Henley, Paul Gerlach, Donald Matherne, Mitch Basco, Payden Kohls, Dennis Kelley, Peggy Adams, Joy Rodrigue, Brooke Shalazar, Tracy Rhodes, Cynthia Fitch, David Braden, Connie Oswalt, Kathy Partain, Hunter Duplantis, Gladys Dupre, Nileen Nemeth, Pat Scherf, Katie Baker, Helen Comeaux, Donnie Bergeron, Geraldine Lewis, Betty Cummins, Shirley Keen, Darin Crawford, Wanda Williams, John Schlichting, Melissa Norris, Kristen Brantley, Denise Reaves, Amber Runco, Pat Rabun, David Mack, Jean Frey, Ken Porche, Lloyd Chiasson, Pam Young, Norman Johansen, Jr., Betty Carpenter, Elroy Ledet, Betsy Michel, Percy Songe & Joy Kraus



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Evelyn Orgeron, Kurt LeBlanc, Elsie Radl, Norman & Jon Johansen

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Jennifer Porche & Laura Schmitt

NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Rebekah & Ethan Matthew Spolarich

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of George Mix, Helen Chiasson, Crystal Mays, Storm Douglas, Christine Taylor, Georgie Cooper, Faye Tieken, Houston Bailey, Bob Cervenka & Dr. Buford Autin

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

MISSIONARY FAMILY IN VIET NAM: J.P., Aimee & Celeste Cima

#### 4th Sunday in Lent

#### Ephesians 2:1-10

This text is so special to us Christian stewards because it reminds us that we are set free from trying to do good works to gain salvation. Rather we practice our stewardship as evidence that Christ is alive in us.

*“The Widow’s Mite”* serves as the focus of the Sunday School lesson for today. Just as the widow gave all she had to God, trusting Him to provide and care for her, so Jesus gave His all for us, who fail to trust in God for all things. Consider discussing, *“How was the widow’s offering different from the others? How has God given us His greatest treasure?”*

“When we care for rather than kill the elderly, ill, or handicapped, we are the hands of God. That’s what Lutherans for Life is all about - helping Christians connect, through either our words or actions, biblical truth to life issues. When that happens, lives are changed.” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lenten Devotions** from Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) are available on the narthex table along with *Portals of Prayer and Our Daily Bread*. Take one for yourself and share one with a friend.

Concordia Publishing House will soon be releasing the Lutheran Study Bible—an English Standard Version Bible with added information and footnotes from a distinctively Lutheran perspective. CPH is currently offering discounts for pre-orders. For more information go to [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) or call them at 1-800-325-3040.

The Lutheran Hour radio program can be heard Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on station WWL located at 870 AM and at 8:00 a.m. on station WWWW 1350 AM. It can also be heard at 4:30 p.m. if you are able to receive station KLSP out of Angola located at 91.7 FM. You can also get the podcast by going to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

SMARTEST LISTENERS IN RADIO...Listen to in-depth discussions on subjects like Sexting, Scripture Alone, Good Works, The Dalai Lama, Preaching Christ and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

#### Early Childhood Center News

We are currently enrolling for the Fall and Summer. If you know someone who would be interested in our program, please give them the website, [www.gracehouma.org](http://www.gracehouma.org) or have them contact Sofie at 879-1865.

We are looking for a Teacher’s Aide Position for the Summer Fun Program. The hours are 11:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. If you know someone who would be interested and is at least 18 years old, please have them contact Sofie at school or by email [glcecc@bellsouth.net](mailto:glcecc@bellsouth.net). Summer Fun will run June 1-31. (Off July 3)

We are still in need of paper products such as napkins, paper towels and 5oz Dixie cups. We appreciate all you donations!

We would also like to thank those of you who donated desserts for the Grandparent’s Luncheon. It was success and everyone enjoyed themselves. The children performed four songs and had lunch with their grandparents/families. A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for donating the meal provided by Honey Baked Ham. Everything was delicious!

The Gryphon Gala XXXII will be held Saturday, March 28 at The Landmark Hotel in Metairie at 5 p.m. This is Lutheran High School’s primary fundraiser and features a silent auction, live auction and dinner. Auction items include a 2009 Mazda 3i Touring, an ATV, a golf cart and more. For more information call Nicole Blackwell Alleman at (504) 362-6309 or go to <http://www.lutheranhighschool.net/ggala.html>. Tickets are \$60 per person.