

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

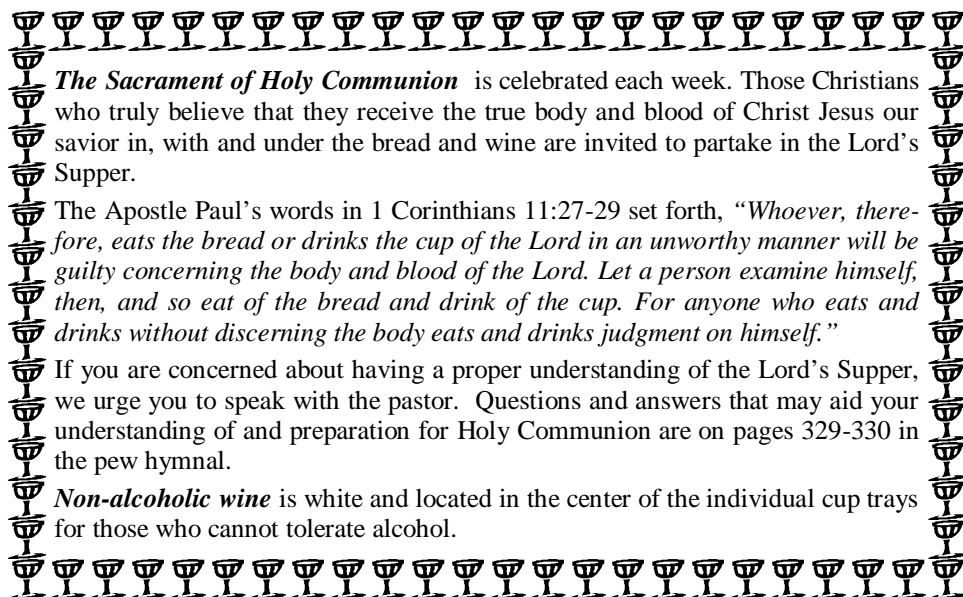
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 Accompanist(s) - Mila Estupinan & Mike Cape

<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Service Elder - Ricky Reaves	Ricky Reaves
Scripture Reader - Joe Deane	William Muenchinger
Acolyte - Ross Reaves	Victoria Shroyer
Greeters - G. & J. Fitzgerald	M. Johnston
Offering Stewards - A. & J. Kraus	B. & M. Beach
Altar Guild - R. DaSilva & C. Pellegrin	M. Beach & P. Cuneo
Ushers - George Bauman, D. & K. Boger	D. Armstrong, J. Daigle, J. Kohls & G. Meyer

**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 Bret & Penny Cuneo in celebration of their seventeenth wedding anniversary which they celebrated yesterday and by Richard & Denise Reaves in honor of their grandson, Ethan Matthew Spolarich's baptism today.



**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 Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 24, 2009**

**Introit**

(The congregation will please respond with the bold portion)

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**  
 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
**whom shall I fear?**  
 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.**  
 For my father and mother have forsaken me,  
**but the LORD will take me in.**  
 Wait for the LORD;  
**Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

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.**  
 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**

**Collect of The Day**

(All please pray together)

**O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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                         | #593                  |
| 2. Holy Baptism                 | p268                  |
| 3. Confession and Absolution    | p151                  |
| 4. Introit                      | Bulletin              |
| 5. Kyrie                        | p152                  |
| 6. This is the Feast            | p155                  |
| 7. Salutation                   | p156                  |
| 8. Collect of The Day           | Bulletin              |
| 9. First Reading                | Bulletin              |
| 10. Epistle                     | Bulletin              |
| 11. Alleluia and Verse          | p156                  |
| 12. Glory to you, O...          | p157                  |
| 13. Holy Gospel                 | Bulletin              |
| 14. Praise to you, O...         | p157                  |
| 15. The Word for Children       |                       |
| 16. Sermon Hymn                 | #529                  |
| 17. Sermon                      |                       |
| 18. Meditation                  | Mike Cape             |
| 19. Nicene Creed                | p158                  |
| 20. Prayer of the Church        | p159                  |
| Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy;    |                       |
| <b>People: hear our prayer.</b> |                       |
| 21. Offering                    |                       |
| 22. Offertory Song              | #781 verse 1          |
| 23. Preface                     | p160                  |
| 24. Holy, Holy, Holy...         | p161                  |
| 25. Prayer of Thanksgiving      | p161                  |
| 26. The Words of Our Lord       | p162                  |
| 27. The Lord's Prayer           | p162                  |
| 28. Pax Domini                  | p163                  |
| 29. Agnus Dei                   | p163                  |
| 30. Communion Hymns             | #628, #495,<br>& #568 |
| 31. Thank the Lord              | p164                  |
| 32. Post Communion Collect      | p166                  |
| 33. Benediction                 | p166                  |
| 34. Closing Hymn                | #493                  |

**Angel Food Ministries**

Flyers with the June menu are available on the community bulletin board past the church office on the left and table by the sacristy. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Oswalt at 226-2520.

**Summer Sunday School**

The Christian Education committee is getting ready for summer Sunday School. The materials have been received and we are in the process of adding teachers and helpers. If this is something you'd be interested in, please contact Donna Boger or Pastor Rich.

Thank you to our spring quarter teachers: Ricky & Rachel Reaves, Penny Cuneo, Cindy Deane, Donna Boger, Lola Ledet and Pastor Rich.

*"Yearning for His learning, His spirit in us burning!"*

**We need you!** Through the dedication of our members and friends who volunteer at VBS, we minister to 50 children each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you aren't part of VBS yet, why not sign up today? If you can help some evenings, just one evening, every evening, or in advance, we have many levels of involvement to suit your schedule and interests. There is a sign up sheet on the Christian Ed bulletin board by the fellowship hall.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**SUNDAY, JULY 12 -  
THURSDAY, JULY 16**  
6 - 8:45 PM  
3 - 5th graders

**Registration forms in the narthex**

**This Week at Grace**

Today	9:00 AM	Worship	
			Coffee and Fall Festival muffins follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages	
Monday			OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study	
	4:30 PM	Confirmation	
	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship	
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship	
			Coffee and biscuits follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages	

**For the week of May 24-30, 2009  
BIRTHDAYS**

May	24	.....	Jared Moise
May	26	.....	Kristan Plaisance
May	28	.....	Cody Pugh
May	29	.....	John Wegner
May	30	.....	Julie Davenport Vern Hall

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

May	30	.....	Jacob Cinnater Taylor Davenport
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A March 31 fire destroyed St. John Lutheran Church in Geneseo, Illinois and the brothers and sisters there are in need of aid to rebuild. Grace Lutheran Church took up a collection for them at worship last week. If you wish to send further aid to this rural congregation you may do so through the Grace's church office or send your check directly to St. John's at:

Saint John Lutheran Church  
8948 N 1900th Ave  
Geneseo, IL 61254-8941

**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: Al Kornacki, Sr., Amber Runco, Audrey Buquet, Betsy Michel, Betty Carpenter, Byron Caro, Connie Oswald, Constance Blanchard, David Braden, David Mack, Denise Reaves, Genevieve Brunette, Geraldine Lewis, Gary Baker, Glen Carpenter, Helen Comeaux, Helen Radau, Henry & Marilyn Pepper, Iva Kohls, Jack Hansen, James Henley, Jean Frey, John Schlichting, Joy Kraus, Kelly Falgout, Kristen Brandtly, Rev. Kurtis Schulze, Lloyd Chiasson, Lonnie Meyer, Mandy Theriot, Mary Ann Wagner, Matthew Taylor, Mitch Bascle, Nelda Comeaux, Norman Johansen, Norman Wolfinger, Pat Rabun, Paul Gerlach, Payden Kohls, Percy Songe, Randy Smedstad, Robert Veatch, Wanda Williams & Winfred Powell



PRAISE & THANKSGIVING: Peggy Adams & Jack Hansen (home safe)

NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Stephanie & Archie Benton, Jennifer & Zayli Poche

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Laura Schmitt

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Helen Moreau, Mary Louise Schmidt, Ken Porche

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

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

### 7th Sunday of Easter

1 John 5:9-15

**Christian stewards have courage in God's presence because we are sure that He hears us if we ask for anything that is according to His will. God's love is shown in giving; our love is also shown in giving.**

Today, the Sunday School students study the account "Paul Sails for Rome." As Christ was with Paul and His companions, so He is with me, holding me up, keeping me with Him in the ship of the Church, and casting all my sins into the depths of the sea. Parents could ask, "Who and what did God use to keep Paul safe? How does God keep us safely with Himself?"

"As many as an estimated nine out of ten children with Down Syndrome are aborted in the womb, sought out by increasingly sophisticated prenatal tests and eliminated as too flawed, too burdensome, too different to live. This is the ugly eugenic underbelly of American life, even as we congratulate ourselves on our tolerance and diversity." *Rich Lowry, columnist* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life-[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**

### Grace's Graduates

Congratulations to the following members who graduated this past month: Jesse McDonald (Vandebilt High School), Cha'e Pugh (H. L. Bourgeois High School), and Kristen Schwausch (Terrebonne High School).

Mila Estupinan's daughter, Alexandra Sasha Anikina graduated from Nicholl's State University. We know God has great plans for you all!

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. A sampler of this Bible is on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Rich's office.

### Interested in Membership at Grace Lutheran Church?

A six-week membership class will be held Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 7 through August 11. This class is designed to familiarize people with the basic beliefs of the Lutheran faith with a focus on those points where we differ from other mainline Christian denominations. Those who complete the class and wish to join will then be accepted into official membership at Sunday worship. Those who are already members of GLC are encouraged to attend if they so desire. Please contact Pastor Rich at [richrudnik@hotmail.com](mailto:richrudnik@hotmail.com) or call the church office at (985) 879-1865 if you are interested in attending.

Thrivent is sponsoring a **Join Hands Day activity to benefit Grace's Early Childhood Center Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** Thrivent is purchasing a new storage shed for the ECC to replace the one destroyed by Hurricane Gustav. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the shed and do a number of cleaning and repair jobs around the ECC. We should be done by noon. Lunch will be provided and a Thrivent chapter leadership meeting will take place while we eat. Thrivent members are encouraged to sign up on the list on the Thrivent bulletin board near the bathrooms in the church. Non-Thrivent members are encouraged to sign up and then see Richard Reaves about becoming a member of Thrivent.

### Christian Education

Pastor Rich has a number of Bible study and devotional aids available for personal or group use. Please feel free to stop by his office and see what strikes your fancy. Grace Lutheran Church also has a large number of books and other resources available in the back office to enhance your study of God's Word.