

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Service Elder - Jerry Ledet	Dennis Kelley
Scripture Reader - Gordon Fitzgerald	Bonnie Dupre
Acolyte - Michael Thalheim	Ross Reaves
Greeters - G. & J. Fitzgerald	Mary Lou Johnston
Offering Stewards - A. & J. Kraus	B. & M. Beach
Altar Guild - M. Johnston & A. Perryman	J. Burke, R. DaSilva, & M. LaCour
Ushers - G. Bauman & R. Reaves, Jr.	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 the Wegner family in celebration of their great-granddaughter Alaina's fourth birthday and grandson Caleb's eighteenth birthday on March sixteenth.



**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 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 29, 2009**

**Introit**

*(The congregation will please respond with the bold print.)*

*Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,*

***From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!***

*I love the LORD, because he has heard*

***my voice and my pleas for mercy.***

*Because he inclined his ear to me,*

***therefore I will call on him as long as I live.***

*The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;*

***I suffered distress and anguish.***

*Then I called on the name of the LORD:*

***"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"***

*For you have delivered my soul from death,*

***my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.***

*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.***

*Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,*

***From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!***

**Collect of The Day**

*(All pray together)*

***Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Sung)***

**Divine Service**

*Third Setting*

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 184*  
Pre-Service Music

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hymn                         | #435                  |
| 2. Confession and Absolution    | p 184                 |
| 3. Introit                      | Bulletin              |
| 4. Glory be to the Father...    | p186                  |
| 5. Kyrie                        | p186                  |
| 6. Salutation                   | p189                  |
| 7. Collect                      | Bulletin              |
| 8. Old Testament Reading        | Bulletin              |
| 9. Epistle                      | Bulletin              |
| 10. Holy Gospel                 | (Response p190)       |
| 11. Apostles' Creed             | p192                  |
| 12. The Word for Children       |                       |
| 13. Sermon Hymn                 | #430                  |
| 14. Sermon                      |                       |
| 15. Meditation                  | Mike Cape             |
| 16. Offertory                   | p192                  |
| 17. Offering                    | p193                  |
| 18. Prayer of the Church        | p193                  |
| Pastor: Lord in Your mercy;     |                       |
| <b>People: hear our prayer.</b> |                       |
| 19. Preface                     | p194                  |
| 20. Holy, Holy, Holy...         | p195                  |
| 21. The Lord's Prayer (ALL)     | p196                  |
| 22. The Words of Our Lord       | p197                  |
| 23. Pax Domini (Amen sung)      | p197                  |
| 24. Agnus Dei                   | p198                  |
| 25. Communion                   |                       |
| 26. Distribution Hymns          | #811, #743,<br>& #685 |
| 27. Nunc Dimittis               | p199                  |
| 28. Thanksgiving                | p200                  |
| 29. Post Communion Collect      | p201                  |
| 30. Salutation                  | p201                  |
| 31. Benediction                 | p202                  |
| 32. Closing Hymn                | #857                  |

Postlude

**Good Friday Crawfish Boil**

Our local chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring our Good Friday Crawfish Boil, April 10, 3-6pm. This is open to all members and interested parties. Come and join us for a good time followed by a short meeting. **Please RSVP by calling the church office so we know how much crawfish to order.**

**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 soon so be sure to make your wish to attend known.

**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 and 15 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).

**Prayer Listings in Bulletin**

March 31 marks the end of the quarter and we are attempting to clean up the prayer request list in the bulletin. If you wish a request to remain in the bulletin, please let the office know via email to [grace-lut@bellsouth.net](mailto:grace-lut@bellsouth.net) or by dropping a note at the church office or by calling (985) 879-1865. On behalf of all those who benefit from your faithful prayers, thank you and thanks be to God.

**This Week at Grace**

Today	9:00 AM	Worship
		Coffee and VBS biscuits follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:45 AM	Voters Assembly follows in fellowship hall
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:00 PM	Dinner (provided by elders & zones)
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Service
Thursday	4:30 PM	ECC Board Meeting
Friday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting - Kendra Eschete's home (call church office for directions)
Saturday	10-11:30 AM	Easter Fest
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Food Bank Sunday Coffee & Social Ministry biscuits follow

**For the week of March 29 – April 4, 2009  
BIRTHDAYS**

March	30	.....	Raymond Godail
March	31	.....	Trey Harding
April	1	..	Joy Kraus

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

			Katrina Guidry
March	30	.....	Lola Ledet
April	1	.....	Zhain Shroyer
			Marlie Dusenberry
April	2	.....	Robert Naquin

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

March	30	.....	Eric & Cindy Smedstad
April	2	.....	Chad & Rachel Moore

**LENTEN DINNER SCHEDULE**

April 1 Zone 6

**Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by service at 7:00 p.m.**

**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: Genevieve Brunette, Audrey Buquet, 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, Lloyd Chiasson, Norman Johansen, Jr., Betty Carpenter, Elroy Ledet, Betsy Michel, Percy Songe & Joy Kraus

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Elsie Radl, Evelyn Orgeron, Kurt LeBlanc, 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 Ken Porche, George Mix, Helen Chiasson, Crystal Mays, Storm Douglas, Christine Taylor, 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



### 5th Sunday in Lent

Hebrews 5:1-10

This passage of Scripture reminds us Christian stewards that we are at the very same time saints and sinners. As such we thank God for declaring us saved through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are equipped to better manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

*The Sunday School lesson for today focuses on "Jesus and Zacchaeus." Like Zacchaeus, we are among the lost whom the Son of Man seeks and forgives. We are called to forgive those who sin against us, no matter how Zacchaeus-like they may be in their sins. Parents might ask, "How does Jesus seek you? How has God forgiven you?"*

"When I saw the embryo, I suddenly realized there was such a small difference between it and my daughters. I thought, we can't keep destroying embryos for our research. There must be another way." *Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, professor at the Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences at Kyoto University, in "Risk Taking Is in His Genes," New York Times. This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### LWML/MISSION GUILD NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated Mardi Gras beads. They are very much appreciated. All are invited to the Easter Brunch April 12 following worship. A sign up sheet for dishes is on the table in the narthex.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 5 -12

Morning Worship/Food Bank Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Social Ministry biscuits follows

Sunday School for all ages 10:45 a.m.

No Dinner or Service Wednesday

Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
with Communion 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Crawfish Boil  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

followed by

Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m.

Easter Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.

followed by Easter Brunch

No Sunday School

THE RADIO VOICE OF THE LUTHERAN FAITH FOR THE 21ST CENTURY...Issues, Etc. is a LIVE radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Topics include: Rush Limbaugh's Worldview, The Impact of Christianity on Civilization, The Active & Passive Obedience of Christ, The Importance of Fatherhood, The Church and more. 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!

### EASTER LILIES

Easter lily order forms are on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$10 a plant and these may be picked up after service Easter Sunday. Please place a form and money in the offering plate or on the secretary's desk in the church office. Thank you, Altar Guild