

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Acolyte - Karly Kyzar
Greeters - M. Johnston
Offering Stewards - J. & C. Deane
Altar Guild - M. Beach & P. Cuneo
**Ushers - D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther**

Next Sunday

Dennis Kelley
Mona LaCour
Adeline Perryman
D. & G. Akins
B. & M. Beach
M. Johnston & A. Perryman
J. Kohls, G. Meyer & R. Reaves, Jr.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2009

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 Connie Oswalt in loving memory of her husband Curtis' birthday November eleventh.

As We Gather

With the ending of the Church Year we hear the great promise we confess confidently every Sunday: "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." The prophet Daniel describes the great hope that, after this time of trial and tribulation that is our lives in this world, God will fulfill His promise of resurrection and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. God created man out of the dust and breathed into him the breath of life in the first place. All of humanity returns to the dust of death because of sin. Jesus Christ came and took our dusty death into Himself for us. Rising from the dead Christ is the Lord who will raise us also and all believers to live with Him forever.

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 or 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 wine** is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

AGNUS DEI is sung as per page 163 in the hymnal.

People: 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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Blessed Assurance" #24, "Give Thanks" #65, "What Is This Bread?" #239 & "Enter In" #49
(The Best of the Best Songbook)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE is sung as per page 164 in pew hymnal.

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone 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: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: For the bright promise of the resurrection of all flesh,
People: Thanks and praise be to You, O Lord.

Pastor: For the all-sufficient offering of Jesus that brings us to heaven,
People: Thanks and praise be to You, O Lord.

Pastor: For the fellowship of the Church that reaches to all eternity,
People: Thanks and praise be to You, O Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

CLOSING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (#72 The Best of the Best Songbook)

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *is sung as per page 161 in the hymnal.*

People: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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. *Revelation 22:20*

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

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the + Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

+ PREPARATION +

Pre-Service Music

Stand

OPENING HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (#162 *The Best of the Best*)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Remember that you are dust,

People: and to dust you shall return. *Genesis 3:19*

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to His children,

People: so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Pastor: For He knows our frame;

People: He remembers that we are dust. *Psalms 103:13-14*

(Kneel in silence for reflection)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Almighty God, we confess that it is our sin, our sin alone, that causes all manner of separation from one another, but especially from You. Though it is inherited from our first parents we ourselves have added our own disobedience, preferring our ways over Your Word. In Your everlasting mercy and grace forgive us and give us newness of life, life recreated by the redemption of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Stand

INTROIT

The one who endures to the end
will be saved.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation that this is God,
our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

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 one who endures to the end
will be saved.

HYMN OF PRAISE "More Precious than Silver" (#161 *Best of the Best*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Daniel 12:1–3

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10:11–25

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE *is spoken together*

Alleluia. The one who endures to the end will be saved. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:1–13

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.

NICENE CREED (as found on back page of pew hymnal)

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "You Are My Own" (# 245 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)

SERMON

MEDITATION *by Mike Cape*

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy;

People: hear our prayer.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (#234 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Twentieth-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost **Hebrews 10:11-25**

This Epistle reading encourages us to spur each other on toward love and good deeds while meeting together regularly, especially in worship, for mutual encouragement as we look forward to our Lord's coming again in power and glory to gather His saints and bring us all into the everlasting bliss of heaven.

The account of "The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus was with and saved the three men in the fiery furnace, so our Savior is with us and saves us in His Word and Sacraments, sustaining us when we suffer for His name. *Questions for discussion include, "Who appeared in the fiery furnace with the three men? How has God rescued us from the fires of hell?"*

"Sarah, and all children with Down [syndrome], are human persons. But we live in a culture that is rapidly losing its capacity to recognize human personhood where it is to be found. We will have reason to fear that, in our technical sophistications and narcissistic obsession with the unimpeded pursuit of very personal preference, there is very little separating us from a new barbarism." *Father Thomas Berg, L.C., executive director of the Westchester Institute for Ethics and the Human Person, from his articles "Eliminating Down Babies"* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans for Life - www.lutheransforlife.org**

Thrivent Officers Needed

Election of the 2010 leaders of the South Louisiana Thrivent Chapter will take place at the quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, November 22 at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood Company, 6131 West Park Avenue. All Thrivent members are invited. Several current officers are not allowed to serve again, so volunteers are desperately needed to take the reigns of the chapter. Thrivent supports both Fall Fest and the ECC in a big way. Please consider becoming an officer. Call or email Pastor Rich for more information

Early Childhood Center

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the ECC. We recently purchased a train table and train for each class. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to put something into the classroom that the children will enjoy for years to come! The school is 6 years old and we are having to replace old toys with new toys. We use every dollar that you donate to make sure that the children are getting the educational toys they need to succeed and have fun in our program. Thanks again for helping with this task!

District Happenings

Next Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **LINC New Orleans** is hosting "The Ultimate Block Party" at Michaul's Cajun Restaurant, 840 St. Charles Ave. This is a fundraising dinner highlighting New Orleans neighborhoods. Cost is \$50.00 per person. Call Kevin Kieschnick at (504) 287-7978 for more information.

2010 Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for next year is up and ready to be filled out. Altar flowers are \$23.00 and checks should be made out to "Grace Lutheran Church" with "altar flowers" in the memo line.

This Week at Grace

<p>Today 9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits follow in fellowship hall</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11:45 a.m. Fall Festival Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Houma Pastors Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. ECC Thanksgiving Program & Dinner</p>	<p>Thursday 6-8 p.m. New Member Class</p> <p>Friday PIPELINER ARTICLES DUE</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Fall Fest muffins follow 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Meeting at New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Co., West Park Ave. (election of 2010 officers)</p>
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For the week of November 15 - 21, 2009

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversary
<p>November 17 Alan Kornacki 18 Alyce Harding 19 Aubri Benton Christen Clark 20 Gwen Armstrong</p>	<p>November 17 Maria Veatch 18 Brandon Corbitt Audra Kraus Michael & Victoria Thalheim 19 Alyce Harding 20 Gwen Armstrong 21 Gladys Dupre</p>	<p>November 21 Adam & Laura Schmidt</p>

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Alan Kornacki, Sr., Arlisa Ferrara, Betty Carpenter, Betty Cummins, Brock Tabor, Carroll Hebert, 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, Linda Dupre, Lloyd Chiasson, Matthew Taylor, Mitch Bascle, Paden Kohls, Pat Rabun, Percy Songe, Ruth Morris, Stephanie Dahl, Todd Mueller & Wanda Williams

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING: Ethan Spolarich, Pamela Navarre and baby, Butch Henderson, Cameron Erhart (Kendra Eschete's new grandson) & Iva Kohls

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Casie Duplantis

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Betsy Michel, Ernest Voison, Harris Ducote & Pat Murphy

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



Early Childhood Center Thanksgiving Program & Dinner

We are having our Thanksgiving Program on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to buy a ticket for the program, please contact Donna. The price is \$5 per ticket for a Jambalaya Dinner and Dessert with the ECC Children performing! If you know you can't make the program, but would like to donate towards the program, please contact Sofie or Donna. This is a fundraiser for the ECC and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matches our total sale of tickets/donations.

Desserts are needed for the ECC Thanksgiving Dinner. Please let Mona or Donna know if you are able to bring one. Homemade and/or store bought goodies are fine.