

**This Week at Grace**

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee & ECC biscuits follow in fellowship hall	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Potluck fellowship</b> <b>6:45 p.m. Prayer &amp; Praise</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages</b> Pipeliner Articles Due	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee & Fall Fest muffins follow
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 - 8:00p.m. New Member Class</b> <b>6:30 p.m. ECC Parent Meeting</b>		<b>10:45 a.m. Sunday School</b> for all ages

**For the week of July 19 - 25, 2009**

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Wedding Anniversary</b>
<b>July 20</b> Sondra Corbitt Debbie Hansen 22 Dave Akins	<b>July 23</b> Shayne Bergeron, Jr. Brandon Cinnater 24 Brenda Smith	<b>July 25</b> Percy & Susan Songe

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

HEALTH CONCERNS: Anna Sonntag, Audrey Buquet, Bennie Little, Connie Oswalt, David Mack, Denise Reaves, Eddie Olivier, Evelyn Theriot, Geraldine Lewis, Gary Baker, Genny Brunette, Gladys Dupre, Glen Carpenter, Heidi Guidry, Iva Kohls, Jack Hansen, Jean Frey, John Schlichting, Joy Kraus, Joy Rodrigue, Joy Stegall, Kristen Brandtly, Lloyd Chiasson, Lynda Kelley, Matthew Taylor, Mila Estupinan, Pat Rabun, Percy Songe, Randy & Sarah Smedstad, Todd Mueller, & Wanda Williams

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Casie Duplantis, Laura Schmitt & Pamela Navarre

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Inez Smith

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



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

Jesus shed His precious blood to establish peace between God and us and then graciously sends His Holy Spirit so that we can love and serve Him as our Savior and Lord. May our lives as God's stewards always give evidence that the Holy Spirit is alive within us!

**Sunday School students** will study the story of "Joash Repairs the Temple." Because the temple was the place of God's faithful dealings with His people, Joash, his workers, and their donors dealt faithfully in repairing it. *Consider discussing, "Who helped manage the money in the temple? Who helps us manage our financial resources?"*

**Grace's Mission**

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

***Good-bye and God bless!***

Our ECC Terrific Twos teacher, Christyne Fayard, will not be returning in the fall. She has been with the ECC for four years and has been a blessing to all of us who have come to know her and especially to the children under her care. The ECC Board has decided to collect money to purchase a gift certificate from Lee's Education Supply to present Christyne as she prepares to teach third grade at Coteau - Bayou Blue Elementary School in August. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in a pew envelope marked "Christyne Fayard" and place in

**Early Childhood Center News**

We are having our Fall Parent Orientation on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. We have openings in the Terrific Two's classroom for the fall school year. We have limited space in the Preschool/PreK class. If you know someone who would be interested in our school, please have them contact Sofie at glcecc@bellsouth.net. If you would like to donate paper products, we are in need of paper towels and 5 oz. Dixie cups.

**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

**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 21 through August 25. 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.

**Feeling Conventional?**

The 2010 LCMS National Convention starts July 10 in Houston, Texas. Grace Lutheran Church may nominate one layperson from the congregation or from our circuit to run for election as a delegate or alternate delegate. A layperson is also needed to serve as an elector at a single-meeting circuit forum which elects this delegate as well as the pastoral delegate and alternate. If you wish to serve in either or both of these roles, please contact the church office as soon as possible. The tentative date of the circuit forum is August 23.

**"G.A.D.G.E.T.'S GARAGE - where God Is Always Doing Great Exciting Things!"**

Rachel Reaves wishes to thank everyone who donated their time and money in order to make this year's VBS so successful. We averaged 50 children each evening. This year's project was collecting food and monetary donations for our local Food Bank. Notice the display on your way to the fellowship hall. We appreciate everyone's generosity! A wrap-up meeting is being planned and will be announced in the next couple of weeks. We'd like everyone who participated in VBS to join us!

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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**Today**  
**Service Elder - Joe Deane**  
**Scripture Reader - Gordon Fitzgerald**  
**Acolyte - Victoria Shroyer**  
**Greeters - G. & J. Fitzgerald**  
**Offering Stewards - D. Boger & G. Meyer**  
**Altar Guild - M. LaCour & C. Oswalt**  
**Ushers - J. Kohls, G. Meyer & R. Reaves, Jr.**

**Next Sunday**  
**Joe Deane**  
**Bonnie Dupre**  
**Michael Thalheim**  
**Mary Lou Johnston**  
**A. & J. Kraus**  
**M. Beach & P. Cuneo**  
**D. & K. Boger & R. LaCour**

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** **July 19, 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 Judy Gibson in honor of her mother, Audrey Buquet's birthday.

## As We Gather

Throughout the Sundays in Pentecost we focus on our nurture and growth by God's grace. God not only supplies what we need for our bodies and for this life, but the spiritual provisions for our souls. Today Jesus demonstrates this two-fold provision when He teaches a crowd about the Kingdom of God and feeds thousands in a miracle of loaves and fish. In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Give us today our daily bread." Today we see how Jesus answers all our needs as a shepherd cares for His sheep. This is not only our hope, but it is our confidence through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.

Pastor: Recalling all Your mercies and grace, and how You have supplied our every need of body and soul, for this life and even for salvation, we pray You to keep us faithful until that day when our Savior will call us to Himself, that we may be one flock in His presence forevermore. **People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, 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.**

**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** "What What Is This Bread?" #239, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #225, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #235 & "Feed Us Now" #53 (*The Best of the Best Songbook*)

Stand

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious Savior, once You multiplied a few loaves and fish to feed thousands, demonstrating Your faithful care of Your people. Open our eyes to Your mercies today, that we may with like heart rejoice in Your daily provision for our bodies and in Your gift of eternal salvation; for You live and reign---Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: 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 lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26* **People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "I Am the Bread of Life" (#100 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)

## 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.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, for all things come from You and all things belong to You. You made us in Your image and gave us life and joy. We were not content with Your gifts and sought our own glory. What began with desire, brought upon us guilt, death, and despair. You sought us out as a Shepherd who longs for His lost sheep and delivered up Your only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. By His death and resurrection, Your Son laid down His life for us, His sheep, and brought us back into Your family. In His name and as His people by baptism and faith, we come to You today, that once again He may grant us the blessing of His body and blood in and with this bread and cup, as His Word has promised:

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## + PREPARATION +

*Pre-Service Music*

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN** “As the Deer” (#12 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus looked out upon the people and had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. *Mark 6:34*

**People: We are all like sheep who have gone astray and in our lost condition we became victims of death. *Isaiah 53:6***

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us kneel and confess to God that we have sinned and gone astray from His Word and His keeping.

*(Silence for Reflection)*

Pastor: Merciful Father,

**People: we confess that we are sinful from birth, that we have wandered away from You, and that we cannot free ourselves. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against You and against each other. We lament our lost condition and beg Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins, release from us the weight of guilt, and set us on the path of new life in Christ. Teach us to delight in Your will and to follow Your voice all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Stand*

**INTROIT** Psalm 147:7-11, 16 (*The congregation will please respond with the bold print*)

You open Your hand;

**You satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

**make melody to our God on the lyre!**

He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth;

**He makes grass grow on the hills.**

He gives to the beasts their food,

**and to the young ravens that cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

**nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,**

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

**in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

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.**

You open Your hand;

**You satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

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

## **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**All: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, 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.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 2:11-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**HYMN** "All Hail, King Jesus" (#4 *Best of the Best Songbook*)

**GOSPEL** Mark 6:30-44

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth 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.**

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" (#20 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)

## **SERMON**

**MEDITATION** *by Mike Cape*

*Stand*

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

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Sit*