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Altar Guild - K. Eschete & M. LaCour
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Next Sunday

John Wegner
Joe Deane
Victoria Shroyer
E. DeSoto & J. Frey
D. Boger & G. Meyer
M. Beach & P. Cuneo
J. Kohls, G. Meyer,
& R. Reaves, Jr.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany **January 17, 2010**

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 Richard & Jeannie Thalheim in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary to be celebrated January 19, 2010.

As We Gather

Epiphany is about growing revelation—Jesus showing Himself as the Son of God in the waters of the Jordan River and in His first miracle. In this way the light shines upon Jesus, identifying Him to us as the Son of God and our Savior. In many ways Jesus displays His glory and love (from the surprising miracle of water into wine to preaching, teaching, and healing). We too are called by God to shine with the light of Christ in our daily lives and in the various places where we live and work. God bestows upon His people His Spirit and the gifts that proceed from the Spirit that we might serve Him by shining with the light of Christ where ever we go.

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #225, "The Lamb" #210, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #235 & "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" #221 (*The Best of the Best Song Book*)

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord of Light, by the light of Christ we have seen Your glory and have confidence in Your mercy given in the body and blood of Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be lights that reflect Jesus Christ to all people. Fill us with the joy of Your presence as once You brought gladness to a wedding at Cana of Galilee of old; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who promised, the Son who came to save, and the Spirit who sends us out in love—bless you now and always.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

CLOSING HYMN "Then I Will Praise You, My Savior, Again" (#216 *The Best of the Best Song Book*)

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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for You made all things for Your glory and still preserve them. When we abandoned You to pursue our own glory, we brought sin and death upon us - yet You did not abandon us to our chosen fate. You intervened with hope through the prophets and the promise of redemption through Your own Son. He was incarnate by the Holy Spirit through the virgin Mary and accomplished salvation for us by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Assembled in His name, we await the gift of Himself in bread and wine, as His Word promises:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: Recalling the innocent suffering and life-giving death of Jesus for our salvation, we offer You praise and thanksgiving—not as we ought but as we are able. Keep us in Christ that we may not depart from Him who is the Way and be ever ready to receive Him when He comes again in His glory, to bring us and all the faithful to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and with the words He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

+ PREPARATION +

Pre-Service Music

Stand

OPENING HYMN "Shout to the Lord" (#198 *The Best of the Best Song Book*)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. *Psalm 117:2*

People: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

Pastor: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. *Psalm 36:7*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Kneel in silence for reflection and examination)

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

People: we confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by our failure to do good and by the evil we have done. We have sinned and cannot free ourselves. Show us Your mercy, O Lord, and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose obedient life and life-giving death has redeemed us. Restore us by Your Spirit that we may live holy and righteous lives, worthy of those who bear Your name by baptism and faith. Amen.

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

People: Amen.

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

People: And also with you.

Stand

INTROIT

The LORD brought me to the banqueting house,
and His banner over me was love.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
**Your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast You save, O LORD.**

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light do we see light.

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 brought me to the banqueting house,
and His banner over me was love.

SALUTATION and COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

All: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 62:1–5

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1–11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (# 238 *The Best of the Best Song Book*)

SERMON

MEDITATION by Mike Cape

Stand

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

(Silence for prayer and meditation)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Sit

+ SACRAMENT +

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (#234 *The Best of the Best Song Bo*)

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

**Cancer Benefit
for
Debbie and Eddie Olivier**

*Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Amelia Community Center,
1109 Lake Palourde Bypass Rd.*

Debbie Olivier, the sister of Kim Cape, along with her husband Eddie both have been diagnosed with cancer within four months of each other. Debbie was diagnosed with anal cancer in October shortly after her husband Eddie was given the news he had esophageal cancer. They are both undertaking chemo therapy and Debbie has to take additional radiation treatments which has required her to take leave of her job with the St. Mary Parish School Board. Eddie has had to go from full time to part time at Courtesy Motors and while Courtesy has been very gracious in trying to help him by allowing him to work when he can, they will be closing up shop soon and Eddie's job will come to an end. He has previously worked for Frank's Motors in Morgan City.

This benefit lunch for Debbie and Eddie is being planned by family members including Kim and Mike Cape who you can see for details. Plate lunches of Jambalaya and white beans will be served in addition to other activities such as a silent auction, bake sale and other fund raising events. There will also be live music by Mike's band, OneWayToHeaven, featuring Christian music followed by the Cross Over Band featuring 70's music and then Tommy G & Stormy Weather with swamp pop. There are advance lunch tickets for sale at \$6.00 each or if you would like to help in any way please contact Kim or Mike.

If you need more information on making donations or purchasing tickets please contact Kim @ 985-226-5726 or Mike @ 985-856-5568.

Thank you for keeping Eddie and Debbie in prayer.

Youth Group New Year Info

Just a reminder that the youth group will be meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. They'll be hosting a "Chili Cook Off" on Sunday, February 28th after Sunday School. Tickets for this event will be available the end of January.

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

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits follow in fellowship hall	Wednesday	PIPELINER ARTICLES DUE
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	Thursday	5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting	Friday	7:00 a.m. Altar Guild Tea
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Fall Fest muffins follow
	6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise		10:45 a.m. Sunday School

For the week of January 17 - 23, 2010

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversary
January 17 Lesley Boudreaux Pat Wegner 18 Casie Duplantis 22 Derek Crawford Hayden Harding	January 22 Mason Davenport	January 19 Richard & Jeannie Thalheim 22 Michael & Jeannette Burke

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Abbie Schmitt, Audrey Buquet, David Mack, Debbie & Eddie Olivier, Emmett Pillault, Gary Baker, Geraldine Lewis, Gladys Dupre, John Schlichting, Kevin Smith, Kristen Brandtly, Lois Fitzgerald, Lloyd Chiasson, Lynden Duplantis, Matthew Taylor, Mitch Bascle, Paden Kohls, Percy Songe, Stephanie Dahl & Vicki Stieb

NEW MOTHER & BABY: Casie & Lynden Alivia Duplantis

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Mary Boger & Joy Kraus

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



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1Corinthians 12:1-11

As God's stewards we are not all the same with the same gifts. Rather, each of us has been blessed with different gifts so that we may work together as parts of one body - the body of Christ. Our stewardship involves using our time, spiritual gifts and financial resources to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Today in Sunday School the children learn the story of Jesus' first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11). Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means - water, bread, and wine - to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children and talk about how we are like the disciples. At times, we also doubt Him and His Word. Emphasize that in His Word and Sacraments, Jesus shows us that He is our Savior, conquering our doubts with these visible means. We hear Jesus in His Word and see Him in His Sacraments.