

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Altar Guild - M. Johnston & A. Perryman
**Ushers - D. & K. Boger, J. Deane,
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Next Sunday

Ricky Reaves
Joe Deane
Karly Kyzar
G. & J. Fitzgerald
R. DaSilva & B. Kinsella
J. Burke
**D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
& G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther**

The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 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 John & Patsy Wegner for blessings received.

As We Gather

We are on a journey through time and space on this earth until we reach the promised land of heaven. Our Lord walked this way, and He did it as our Savior. Today we see Him fighting for us in spiritual warfare, victorious over the temptations of the devil. Paul reminds us in the Epistle that the Word (the strong defense Jesus used) is near us, even on our lips. With God accompanying them on their wilderness journey, the Israelites were promised that one day they would bring the firstfruits of the harvest in the Promised Land. We can confidently anticipate that joy each time we gather around Word and Sacrament.

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.

Youth Group New Year Info

The Youth Group is hosting a "Chili Cook Off" next Sunday, February 28th after Sunday School. Tickets are available from any youth group member or see Denise Reaves for more information.

LWML/Mission Guild Service Events

You are invited to join us Saturday, February 27th at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Manor for BINGO. A group will be meeting in the church parking lot at 1:45 p.m. and carpooling. We're looking forward to a fun afternoon with the residents of Heritage Manor. All are welcomed!

New Orleans Zone Rally & Workshop...

will be held Sunday, March 7th at First English Lutheran Church 3701 Cleary Ave., Metairie, LA 70002 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Contact Joelle Gerken at 693-3222 if you're interested in attending. An In-Gathering is being collected for the residents of Holy Angel Senior Care Center in New Orleans. Items needed (for men and women) are: socks, Dove soap, toothpaste & toothbrush, powder, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, slippers, Kleenex, hair comb & brush and lap blankets. Please leave your donation in the marked box in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

CABBAGE BALL ANYONE?!!

We've been invited to join in a mixed cabbage ball tournament at Atonement Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 6th from 9 am - till ? on the grounds of Atonement in Metairie. We're looking to get a team together to join in the fun and we need to respond by February 28th. Teams may be made up of adults & teens, guys & gals. Lunch will be provided by the Men's Club. Contact Pastor Rich or Denise Reaves for more information.

Lenten Service Schedule

Lunch Time Lenten Service
Wednesdays: 12:15 p.m.

A short service followed by meditation time until 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Meditation Time
7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Wednesday Dates:
February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24
(Wednesday of Holy Week is excluded)

Could you not watch one hour?
(Mark 14:37b)

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	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages & Youth Group Meeting	Thursday	5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
	12:00 p.m. "Luther" movie in youth room	Saturday	2:30 p.m. Mission Guild Bingo at Heritage Manor
Monday	PIPELINER ARTICLES ARE DUE	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Fall Fest muffins follow
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:15 p.m. Lunch Time Lenten Service 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Meditation Time		10:45 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Youth Chili Cook Off

For the week of February 21-27, 2010

	Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversary
February	23 Richard LaCour 24 Carmen Cunningham 25 Kyle Boger 26 Gail Akins Kim Cape Ellen DeSoto 27 Cindy Bush Pat Rabun	February 23 Hayden Triche 26 Alec Cunningham	February 22 Louis & Katrina Guidry 23 Jerald & Mary Lou Johnston

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Abbie Schmitt, Chuck Scott, Claudette Smith, David Mack, Debbie & Eddie Olivier, Elward Williams Jr., Emmett Pillault, Gary Baker, Geraldine Lewis, Gladys Dupre, Kevin Smith, Kristen Brandtly, Lilly Chabert, Lloyd Chiasson, Mary Swanson, Matthew Taylor, Mitch Bascle, Nikki Hebert, Paden Kohls, Percy Songe, Pixie Trosclair, Pook Lusco, Stephanie Dahl, Thadeus Billiot & Vicki Stieb

NEW MOTHER & BABY: Casie & Lynden Alivia Duplantis

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Audrey Buquet, Carey Paul Smith, Jr., John Schlichting, Mary Boger & Joy Kraus

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Brandon Darce, Caleb Dufrene, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Mark St. Romain, Matt Babin, Matthew Spolarich, Stephen Darce and Todd Mueller

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



Today in Sunday School the children will study the temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1 - 13). Like us, Jesus was tempted by Satan to sin. Yet, for us, He overcame all temptation because we cannot. In your family discussions, consider how we are tempted to rely on ourselves and trust in our powers. Provide examples. Assure your children that God lovingly provides all that we need for this life and eternity, doing all things for us and ordering our days and live in His peace.

PIPELINER ARTICLES ARE DUE TOMORROW. PLEASE EMAIL THESE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR GORDON AT fitz@kwikkopy.com

+ PREPARATION +

Pre-Service Music

Stand

OPENING HYMN "Come and Behold Him" (#35 *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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Today we remember how our Lord was victorious over Satan's temptations in the wilderness. We admit that we have not followed in our Savior's footsteps. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident of the mercy that flows from His final victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil in our stead.

Kneel in silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have failed to recognize that we do not live by bread alone. Too often we have served our own interests and desires. Indeed, we have even put You, O Lord, to the test. We have sinned against You, Lord, in our words, thoughts, and actions. For the sake of Jesus and His death and resurrection, forgive, restore, and renew us so that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father received the sacrifice of our Lord and raised Him from death on the third day. His Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may trust Him to give us all we need. Scripture promises that "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." *Romans 8:9*

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.

Stand

INTROIT

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place -

the Most High, who is my refuge -

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

KYRIE Response is sung as per the tune of LSB 433

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea.
Lord, have mercy on us as we call to Thee.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for the salvation Christ won for us let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea.
Lord, have mercy on us as we call to Thee.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all who trust in the cross of Christ let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea.
Lord, have mercy on us as we call to Thee.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise for their Savior's sacrificial love let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea.
Lord, have mercy on us as we call to Thee.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord God. You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

People: Guide the people of Your Church that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE Romans 10:8b - 13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Stand

VERSE Hebrews 12:2; Ephesians 6:11

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4: 1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. The devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him,

People: It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."

Pastor: And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, "To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours." And Jesus answered him,

People: It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."

Pastor: And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,' and 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him,

People: It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

Pastor: And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

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 "There Is a Redeemer" (#211 *The Best of the Best Song Book*)

SERMON

MEDITATION by Mike Cape

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O Lord, You came among us to live in this world of sin and death. You were tempted as we are tempted, yet You did not succumb as we have done and still do. Hear us now as we pray for ourselves and for all people everywhere, as they have need.

(Silence for prayer and meditation)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN "We Are an Offering" (#231 *The Best of the Best Song Book*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: behold, now we bring the first of the fruit of the ground--the best of our abilities, the priority of our time, and a promised portion of our resources that You, O Lord, have given us. Receive them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Deuteronomy 26:10a, adapted

+ SERVICE OF THE 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, Lord our God, for You did not leave us to ourselves in this world of sin, but sent Your Son to be our Savior. He it was who, born as one of us from a virgin and yet true God, overcame the cunning of the devil, endured the humiliation of His Passion, and rose on the third day. He has paved the way for us into Your heavenly banquet and provided this Sacrament of His body and blood, a foretaste of the feast to come. Grant that we may faithfully receive Him under bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and our eternal salvation. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory in Your kingdom on earth and in heaven.

People: Amen.

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. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You remind us of Your holy incarnation, Your life of total service, the sacrificial gift of Yourself on our behalf, and Your glorious resurrection and ascension. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" #169, "What is This Bread?" #239, "You Are My All in All" #243 & "Lamb of God" #139 (*The Best of the Best Song Book*)

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *is sung as per page 199 in pew hymnal.*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. *Psalms 118:1*

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have graciously strengthened us through this Sacrament. Grant that we may thereby resist all the temptations of the evil one and remain constant until faith gives way to sight; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" (#205 *The Best of the Best Song Book*)