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Altar Guild - A. & A. Perryman
Ushers - D. Armstrong, J. Kohls,
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Next Sunday

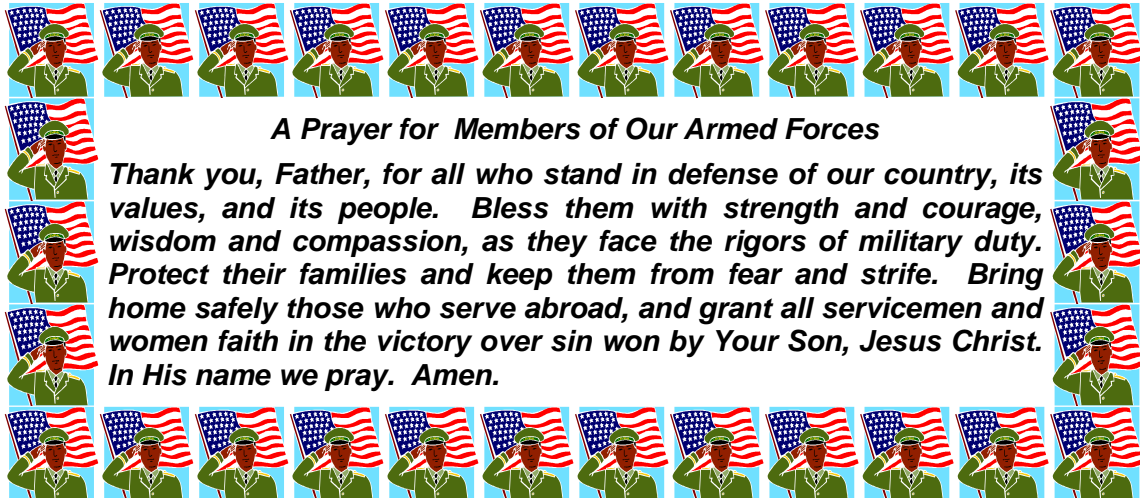
Joey Souther
Jeannie Thalheim
Victoria Shroyer
B. Dupre & C. Shroyer
C. Deane & G. Meyer
M. Johnston & K. Schwausch
J. Deane & R. LaCour,
& G. Meyer

Day Of Pentecost/Armed Forces Sunday

June 12, 2011

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 Charlene Shroyer in honor of Victoria's birthday on June 11th, Zhain's birthday on 13th and Michael Jr.'s birthday on June 15th.



A Prayer for Members of Our Armed Forces

Thank you, Father, for all who stand in defense of our country, its values, and its people. Bless them with strength and courage, wisdom and compassion, as they face the rigors of military duty. Protect their families and keep them from fear and strife. Bring home safely those who serve abroad, and grant all servicemen and women faith in the victory over sin won by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship	Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship
	10:15 a.m. Coffee & Mission Guild		6:45 p.m. Praise & Worship
	Baked Goods follow	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship/Confirmation
	Youth Group Meeting		10:15 a.m. Coffee & Youth Biscuits follow
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages		10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting		

For the week of June 12 - 18, 2011

Birthdays	Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries
June 13 Jack Hansen	June 15 Michael Shroyer, Jr.	June 14 Diana Navarre
Kara Kraus	Nicolas Tucker	16 Lori Boger
Ryan Naquin	17 Seth Benton	Wedding Anniversaries
Zhain Shroyer	Taylor Benton	June 12 Alvin & Jessica Neil
Brock Tabor		Tommy & Pat Rabun
14 Larry Cavalier		
Caiden Taylor		

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Angela Aquino, Anita Harper, Ann Perryman, Annie Reeves, Ashlee Maraist, Barbara Hillman, Betty Carpenter, Bonnie Dupre, Brownie & Christine Campbell, Cameron Kosman, David Mack, Dennis & Lynda Kelley, Donna St. Amant, Edith Leonhardt, George Swindel, Glenn Meyer, Jean Frey, Jenn Revier, Jerry Barnard, Jim & Iva Kohls, Joelle Gerken, Joy Stegall, Kristan Plaisance, Laura Naquin, Lily Duke, Lisa Ledet, Mary Dawson, Miriam Mix, Mitch Basco, Nancy Ogle, Nikki Hebert, Nita Kyzar, Pat Rabun, Sandy Waalk, Stanley Montz, Tina Stropolo, & Vanessa Dupre



ELDERLY: Gertrud Weidmann & Stella Gilbert

GENERAL: Salem in Gretna

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Pastor Rich & Bridgette Rudnik

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Elaine Cofield, Ginny Hames, Vicki Fabrizio & Wilton Baudoin

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

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

Thank you to the elders and Armed Forces veterans who will lead our worship service this morning. May God bless you all.

Grace's Mission

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

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

On that first Pentecost the disciples of our Lord were filled with a breath of fresh air from the Holy Spirit. This empowered those disciples to be bold stewards of the good news of salvation in Jesus. Part of our stewardship is doing all we can to share the good news of Jesus so that others may hear the message and the Holy Spirit can continue to work faith in the hearts of many new believers.

Fall Festival 2011

This month's Fall Festival Meeting has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, June 22 at 7:15 p.m.** (after Prayer & Praise) in the fellowship hall. A volunteer sign up chart is in the fellowship hall. There is something every member of GLC can do the day of the festival. Thanks for letting us count on YOU! This year's festival is Saturday, October 29.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE DVDs AVAILABLE

Sunday services are recorded and put on DVD. If you or someone you know would like to receive these, please contact the church office. Extra DVDs are placed on top of the congregational mailbox cabinet and are free for the taking. DVDs are usually available for pick up by Tuesday.

Vacation Bible School

At this time, the Christian Education Committee is seeking an individual or a couple to serve as VBS Director(s) for 2011. This outreach program is during the summer, usually in July. If you believe that this is a role you would like to assume, please talk with me or Pastor Rich, and of course, pray about it. I'll be praying too - that hearts are opened to His ongoing call to us to serve, and to serve BIG!

Jeannie Thalheim, Christian Education Chmn.

AIRFARE FOR CIMA FAMILY

Grace's Sunday school has been supporting the missionary efforts of Rev. J.P. Cima and his family in Viet Nam for three years. This July the Cimas will be visiting Grace and personally sharing their experiences with us. It would be a great help to them if we can help pay the airfare for this family of four. Consider making a special offering by sending a check to GLC with "Cima airfare" marked in the memo line. We are hoping to raise half of the \$2400 cost, splitting this with the church in Virginia they are leaving.

Prayer for Christian Missionaries

Almighty Jesus, Lord of the harvest, the fields are plentiful, but the workers are few. Send forth Your Spirit of truth into the hearts of Your people, that we would be moved to shout Your name from the mountaintops and valley floors. Guard those who have left home and nation to work the distant fields. Guard them against persecution, keep them in the true Word, and prosper their work, through Your holy name. Amen.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

+ PREPARATION +

Stand

HYMN "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB #913

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ! Let us humbly approach God and confess our sins to Him, asking Him to forgive us in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Kneel In silent reflection and confession)

Leader: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins,
People: O LORD, who could stand?

Leader: But with You there is forgiveness;
People: therefore You are feared.

All: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Leader: Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You. For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

All: Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

Leader: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done; I ponder the work of Your hands. I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

All: Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust.

Leader: Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to You for refuge! Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

All: For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in Your steadfast love You will cut off my enemies, and You will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am Your servant.

Leader: People of God, In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. He gives power to become children of God to those who believe in Him, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

Stand

INTROIT

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily lifts us up;

People: God is our salvation.

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

People: sing praises to the Lord,

Leader: to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

People: behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Leader: Ascribe power to God,

People: whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary

People: the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

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.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily lifts us up;

People: God is our salvation.

COLLECT PRAYER

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

PENTECOST

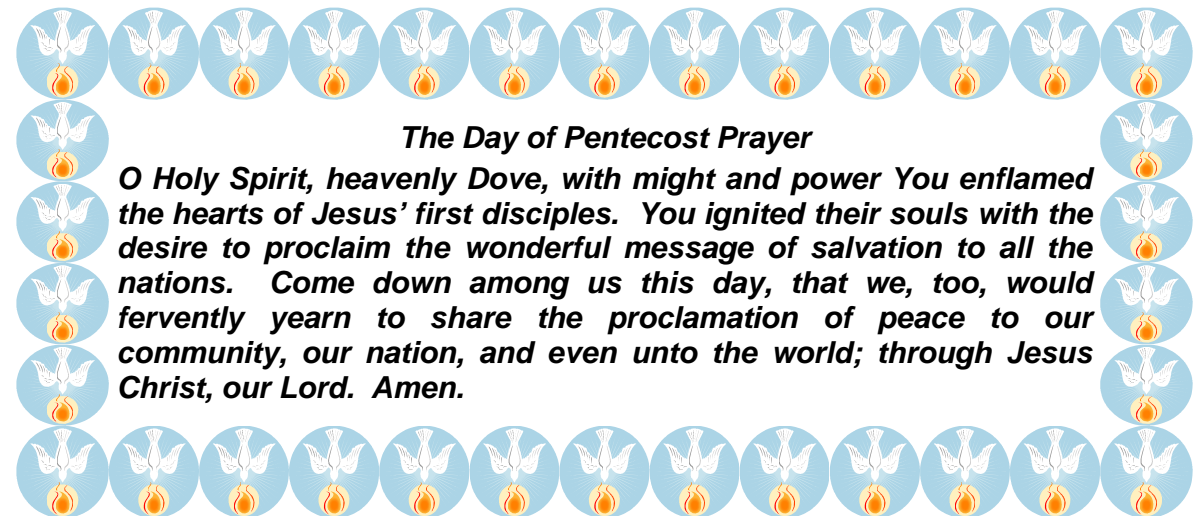
We celebrate the Day of Pentecost as the birthday of the Christian Church. This celebration takes place 50 days after Easter (the word Pentecost means 50th day). Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit was poured out in a powerful way on Jesus' disciples. The "tongues of fire" that were seen above the heads of the disciples were a sign of God's presence, just as God used fire as a sign of His presence in the Old Testament. He spoke to Moses from a burning bush (*Exodus 3:2*), then He lighted the way for the Israelites as a pillar of fire at night as they fled Egypt for the Promised Land (*Exodus 13:21-22*). This is why we celebrate Pentecost with the color red.

Other customs have been used to help us focus on Pentecost. During the Middle Ages, roses were dropped from the rafters to simulate the tongues of fire. Trumpets were used to simulate the sound of the rushing wind. A live dove was set free inside the church, or a carved one was lowered down from the roof to remind us of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The season of Pentecost is the longest season in the Church Year and lasts until the end of November when we celebrate Advent to begin the Church Year and get ready for Christmas. During the season of Pentecost, we place a special focus on applying Christ's life and teachings to our lives.

Today's Armed Forces Sunday sermon, "Never Alone," reminds us that because God's Holy Spirit has been gifted to those who believe, we are never without God's presence.

To gain more insight into the Holy Spirit, take a look at these verses: Genesis 1:1-3; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:49; Acts 2:16-21; Acts 2:39; Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 12; Galatians 5:22-23; Hebrews 2:4.



The Day of Pentecost Prayer

O Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with might and power You enflamed the hearts of Jesus' first disciples. You ignited their souls with the desire to proclaim the wonderful message of salvation to all the nations. Come down among us this day, that we, too, would fervently yearn to share the proclamation of peace to our community, our nation, and even unto the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Gracious Lord, grant wisdom, strength and courage to our chaplains as they serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. For our Veteran's Administration Hospital chaplains, we ask You to grant patience and determination as they seek to care for the sick and injured.

People: O God, throughout our nation's history, we have relied on Your divine protection. The faces of those who have worn our nation's uniform have changed. Yet their mission, their purpose, and their sense of duty remain unchanged. Let Your changeless Gospel shine in the dark corners of our world that peace may prevail, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS and BLESSING

Leader: Let us bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" LSB #650

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who participated with Food Bank Sunday last week. \$90.00 in cash and groceries were donated. Our next collection will be Sunday, July 3, 2011.

Project Learn LaTerre is having its "Great Gator Race" fund raiser on Saturday, June 18th. The members of Grace have been asked to bake some goodies for this event. Contact Gordon at fitz@kwikkopy.com or call him at 879-1913 or 855-3197 for more information. Project Learn LaTerre is one of our Fall Festival charities.

Leader: Let us pray together;

People: Lord God, on this day centuries ago, You sent Your Spirit to open the eyes and hearts of humanity. The Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, sanctified us, and continues to keep us in the true faith. Lead us by Your Spirit, as we bear witness to the wonders of Holy Scripture and our own lives; 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 Genesis 11:1-9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2:1-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

People: Alleluia. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(The Gospel is read.)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLES CREED *(as found in back cover of pew hymnal)*

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY "Fight the Good Fight" LSB #664

SERMON

MEDITATION *by Mike Cape*

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY "God Bless Our Native Land" LSB #965

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Leader: St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter 13, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer."

Understanding that always we must obey God rather than man, we give thanks to Him for the government He has placed over us for our good, and show our honor for what God has done as we recite our national pledge;

People: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CATECHESIS (*The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning from Luther's Small Catechism*)

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Leader: What does this mean?

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Leader: We are empowered by the Holy Spirit!

People: Let us live for Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: God's love has flooded our hearts through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Let us pray for ourselves and for the Church everywhere, that we may persevere in grace, and for all people, that we may share with them the joy we have in the unity of Christ.

All: We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit:

People: Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort. We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: Gracious God and Father, we pray for all in need of help and healing, especially_____ According to Your will, heal them from all their diseases.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the faithful and true Witness. We lift up to You the prayers of our missionaries, especially J.P. and Aimee Cima. Guide them as they take Your message to the ends of the earth.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: You are the Lord of the Church and Creator of the universe. Hear our prayers for Your Church and our world, as we bring our individual needs and petitions before You silently now. (pause) Guide us waking and guard us sleeping.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Leader: Heavenly Father, we cannot adequately express our gratitude to our military men and women whose selfless service and sacrifice continue to provide safety and security to our nation. We can, however ask for Your divine protection as they face adversity in places of conflict.

People: Lord God, protect these men and women from all harm and danger. Guard their families from worry, fear and anxiety in times of separation.

Leader: Eternal God, as veterans return to their homes, many bear physical, emotional and spiritual wounds and scars. We ask You for special care and healing for these, Your servants.

People: Loving and gracious Lord, You are the source of healing and strength. Mend the wounds of all those who have been injured in body, mind or spirit. May they be sustained in the knowledge of Your Gospel, the forgiveness of sins through Your Son, our Savior.