

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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**Today**

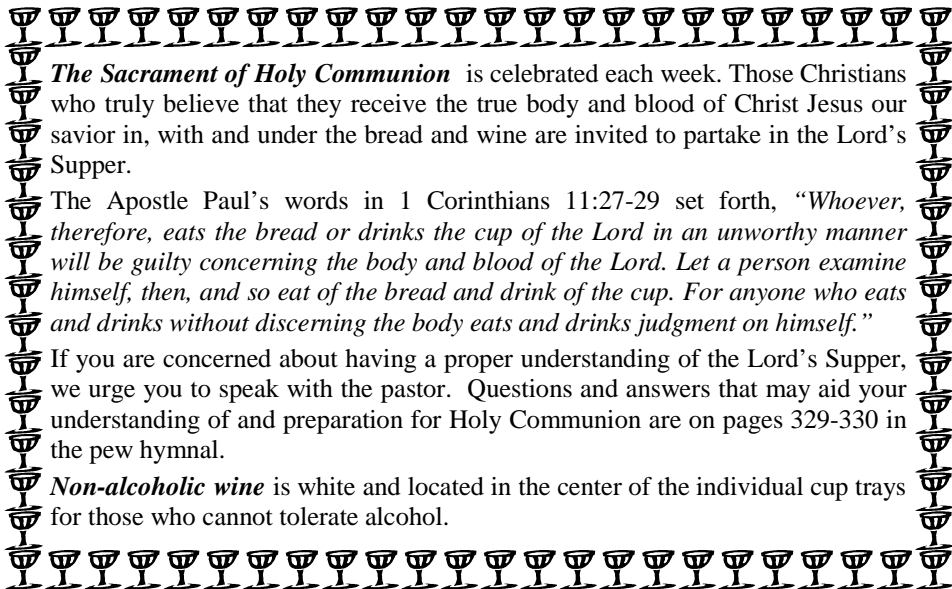
Service Elder - Joe Deane  
 Scripture Reader - Bonnie Dupre  
 Acolyte - Hannah Cuneo  
 Greeters - D. & G. Armstrong  
 Offering Stewards - D. Boger & G. Meyer  
 Altar Guild - A. & A. Perryman      M. Johnston, K. Schwausch & L. Souther  
 Ushers - D. Akins, D. Armstrong,  
     G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther

**Next Sunday**

Dale Boger  
 Joe Deane  
 Victoria Shroyer  
 G. & J. Fitzgerald  
 B. & M. Beach  
 J. Kohls, G. Meyer,  
 R. Reaves, Jr. & M. Thalheim

**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 the Kinsella family with thanksgiving for blessings during this season; the birth of Jesus, the first birthdays of granddaughters Lainey Emma-Grace & Breiyah Faith, Tom & Brigitte's wedding anniversary and Brigitte's birthday.



**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 our savior in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 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 the 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.

**The Second Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2011**

**Introit**

*Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like  
a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
it took deep root and filled the land.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!  
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.*

*Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

**Collect of The Day**

*Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your  
only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled  
to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Divine Service  
Setting One**

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151*

*Pre-Service Music*

- 1. Opening Hymn #354
- 2. Confession and Absolution p151
- 3. Introit Bulletin
- 4. Kyrie p152
- 5. Gloria in Excelsis p154
- 6. Salutation p156
- 7. Collect of The Day Bulletin
- 8. First Reading Bulletin
- 9. Epistle Reading Bulletin
- 10. Alleluia Verse p156
- 11. Glory to you, O... p157
- 12. Holy Gospel Bulletin
- 13. Praise to you, O... p157
- 14. Nicene Creed p158
- 15. The Word for Children
- 16. Sermon Hymn #347
- 17. Sermon
- 18. Meditation
- 19. Prayer of the Church p159  
Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**
- 20. Offering
- 21. Offertory Song #851 v. 1 & 2
- 22. Preface p160
- 23. Holy, Holy, Holy... p161
- 24. Prayer of Thanksgiving p161
- 25. The Words of Our Lord p162
- 26. The Lord's Prayer p162
- 27. Pax Domini p163
- 28. Agnus Dei p163
- 29. Communion Hymns #621, #510,  
#352 & #511
- 30. Thank the Lord p164
- 31. Post Communion Collect p166
- 32. Benediction p166
- 33. Closing Hymn #917

*Postlude*

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

HEALTH CONCERNS: Betty Carpenter, Catherine Lepeure, Cherie Delaney, Clarence Falgout, David Mack, Donna St. Amant, Glenn Meyer, Jerry Barnard, Jim & Iva Kohls, Joelle Gerken, John Bagert, John LeBlanc, Kettie Britton, Kohen Treser & family, Lynda Kelley, Mary Velasquez, Michael Dupre, Mike Brunette, Penny Simmons, Reynold Pitre, Rudy Escobedo, Sandy Waalk, Shirley Keen, Stephanie Dahl, Vanessa Dupre & Wylin Williams



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Butch Henderson, Penny Cuneo & Richard LaCour

ELDERLY: Barbara Hillman, Gertrud Weidmann & Stella Gilbert

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Kristan Plaisance & Rebekah Spolarich

NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Alyce & Jonah Eschete; Wendy & Jacob Hardin; Laura & Madison Schmitt; Christy & Gabriel Thomas

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Alan Brandel, Anita Harper, Bill Sullivan, Chris Smith, Cody Davenport, Colton Riley Doyle, Herman Woodside, Jean Frey, Joyce Shugart, Myrtle Cannon & Tyreik Gregoire

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

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

Second Sunday in Advent 2 Peter 3:8-14

Watch and wait with joyful expectation! St. Peter reminded the people of his day and us as well that the Lord will come again to receive His people into a new heaven and a new earth where we will live in peace and righteousness forever. May God's Spirit bless us so that we may live lives worthy of our high calling as stewards of all that God has given us to manage for His purposes.

***Greening of the Church***

*Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our sanctuary and other areas of the church building. If you missed helping with the greening, keep an eye out for when we'll be "degreening" in January!*

**Biscuit Maker**

December 4 - Ross & Annie Reaves  
December 18 - Seth Cunningham

***Grace's Mission***

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

***This Week at Grace***

Today	9:00 AM	Worship/Food Bank
	10:15 AM	Coffee and Youth Biscuits follow Youth Group Dessert Sampling
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Advent Supper - Board of Directors
	7:00 PM	Midweek Worship
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Mite Boxes
	10:15 AM	Coffee and Mission Guild Baked Goods follow Fall Fest Charities Check Presentation
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class Voters Assembly - 2012 Budget (sanctuary)

***For the week of December 4 - 10, 2011***

***BIRTHDAYS***

<i>December</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Jared Triche</i>
	<i>5</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Lillian Miller</i>
	<i>7</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Harleigh Dahl</i>
	<i>9</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Josh Daigle</i>
			<i>Michele Wallace</i>

***BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY***

<i>December</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Conrad Kopari</i>
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***FOOD BANK SUNDAY***

***Today*** is "Food Bank Sunday" and we are collecting food & monetary donations for the Food Bank. You may leave items in the baskets in the narthex or designate your donation "Food Bank" on an envelope for the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!

***Early Childhood Center***

Our ECC has a Wish List Tree for each class with items that they would like to purchase for the classrooms. If you would like to purchase something from the trees, please place the check made payable to GLCECC or cash for the item in an envelope with the tag and put in the ECC Box in the office. We will purchase all items that are picked off the trees. The price of the item will be on the tag. The trees are located on the cubbies in the hall by the Terrific Twos Class.

**God wants you to spend time and treasure building His kingdom, not your own.**

**Voters Assembly to approve 2012 Budget  
Next Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.  
This meeting will take place in the sanctuary  
after St. Matthew's worship service.**

#### **Fall Festival 2011 Check Presentation**

Proceeds from this year's festival will be given out during fellowship time next Sunday to The Bunkhouse Homeless Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, Terrebonne Churches United Food Bank and Project Learn LaTerre (Family Literacy Program).

We are pleased to announce that each charity will receive \$4000.00 - including matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This amount is wonderful considering this year's crowd was smaller and the inclement weather. God is so good!

Thank you again to everyone who helped with this year's Fall Festival!



"Of all of the Greek words used for child, brephos connotes a baby or very small child. That's the word attributed to Elizabeth: 'The brephos leaped in my womb for joy.' We see the same word in the next chapter: 'Ye shall find the brephos wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And in 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul uses the same word: 'From a brephos thou hast known the holy Scriptures...' The same word is used for a child in the womb, a child newly born, and a child sometime after birth." *Co. John Eidsmoe, Lutherans For Life board of directors -*  
**A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

*Today's Sunday School lesson is the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist Luke (1:5-25). The children will learn that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. In His Word, God calls us (sinful people) to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. In your family discussions, ask the children to retell the story they learned. Talk about times when you have doubted God's Word and how because of Jesus, God forgives our doubts, granting us faith to believe through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

#### **Advent Suppers & Worship Schedule**

Advent suppers will be hosted by different groups in the church and begin at 6:00 p.m. Followed by worship service at 7:00 p.m.

December 7 - Board of Directors  
December 14 - Thrivent  
December 21 - LWML/ Mission Guild

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Saturday, December 24th 6:00 p.m.  
(note time change from 7:00 p.m.)  
Christmas Day Worship Service  
Sunday, December 25th 9:00 a.m.**

#### **BLOOD DONORS NEEDED**

If you are interested in donating blood, and are at least 17 years old and 110 lbs, please call the TGMC Blood Donor Center at 985-873-4025 or come by the Center located in TGMC's Medical Annex Building behind the hospital on Belanger Street (across from the parking garage).

Hours of Operation: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Extended hours on Tuesday 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (by appointment only)

For more information call the TGMC Blood Donor Center – 985-873-4025 or 985-873-4026.

#### **Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal Time**

Now is the time to renew or start a new subscription to the "Lutheran Witness". The cost is \$13.00 for a year's subscription. The church receives a free monthly copy. You may make out a check to GLC with "Lutheran Witness" noted in the memo line and place this in the offering plate. **Subscriptions must be turned in by Sunday, December 11, 2011.** See Donna for more information.

#### **Devotionals are in...**


"Our Daily Bread" for December, January and February along with Lutheran Hour Ministries and Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots Advent Devotions are on the table in the narthex and the round table by the sacristy.

Thank you to Gordon & Jerrie Fitzgerald, owners of Kwik Kopy for printing the Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent devotionals.

#### **Christmas Food Baskets**

The joyful Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth is approaching. GLC will again be sharing the love of Christ through the giving of food baskets in December. Please stop by the lighted Christmas tree poster in the narthex. On it you will find Christmas cards with a shopping list for a Christmas basket inside. Please take a card, write your name in the space on the tree behind it, purchase the non-perishable food items on the list and bring them to the tables by the door in the fellowship hall. The items will then be delivered along with a turkey purchased by Thrivent to needy families on December 17.

If you have any questions or would like to be part of the assembly and delivery teams, please contact Connie Oswald at (985) 226-2520. Thank you!



## A Time of Giving

GLC's Youth Group Service Project of the Christmas Season is collecting needed items for The Haven (the battered women's shelter of Houma) a non profit agency. Please bring an item and place it in the basket in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### Suggested items:

Diapers \* Baby wipes \* Lotion \* Deodorant \* Soap \* Toothpaste \* Shampoo \* Conditioner \* Hair spray \* Multi-cultural hair products \* Hair brushes \* Hair combs \* Feminine products \* Socks \* Women's undergarments \* Blankets \* Sheets \* Bath towels \* Dish cloths \* Paper towels \* Bathroom tissue \* Dish wash liquid detergent \* Bathroom cleaner \* Floor cleaner \* All purpose cleaner \* Laundry detergent \* Garbage bags \* Blue ink pens \* Note pads \* Journals \* Crayons \* Coloring books \* Family oriented board games

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