

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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## Today

*Service Elder - Joe Deane*  
*Scripture Reader - Bonnie Dupre*  
*Acolyte - Hannah Cuneo*  
*Greeters - B. Dupre & C. Shroyer*  
*Offering Stewards - D. Boger & G. Meyer*  
*Altar Guild - K. Eschete & A. Perryman*  
*Ushers - D. Akins, D. Armstrong,*  
*G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther*

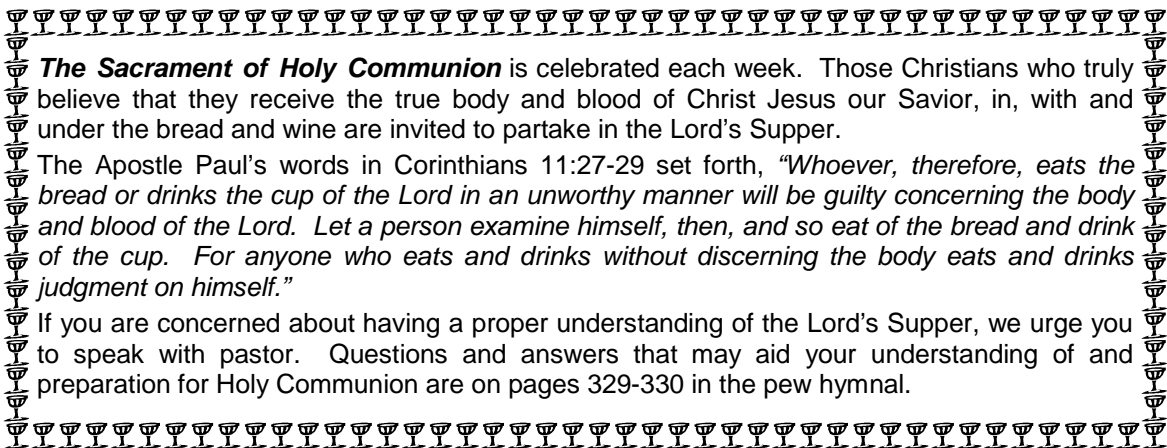
## Next Sunday

*Dale Boger*  
*Joe Deane*  
*Victoria Shroyer*  
*D. & D. Boger*  
*R. DaSilva & B. Kinsella*  
*D. Reaves & E. DeSoto*  
*J. Kohls, G. Meyer,*  
*R. Reaves, Jr. & M. Thalheim*

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 24, 2011</b>
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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 Labat family in honor of Roy's birthday which was celebrated April seventeenth and by the Corbitt family in honor of Gabrielle's birthday which was celebrated April twenty-second.



**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 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.

## THANKSGIVING

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

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

Pastor: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, for in Him You kept all Your promises through all the ages and did not "let Your holy One see corruption" (*Psalm 16:10*), but raised Him on the third day. Strengthened by this sacrament, grant that we may become Your messengers, proclaiming that Christ has risen, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## EASTER RESPONSE

Pastor: Christ is risen, alleluia!

**People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

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## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you in favor and + give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN "He's Risen, He's Risen" #480 LSB

         	<p><i>The Easter Lilies are placed to the glory of God by:</i>  <i>Dennis &amp; Gwen Armstrong - in memory of Doris &amp; Edless Adams</i>  <i>and Billie &amp; Carl Armstrong</i></p> <p><i>The Boger family - in memory of loved ones &amp; as an expression of joy</i>  <i>Ray &amp; Lynn Cinnater - in memory of Oliver &amp; Laura Cinnater</i>  <i>Bonnie Dupre - in memory of Gladys &amp; Olden Dupre</i></p> <p><i>The Meyer family - in memory of Ginny &amp; Joe Brunette &amp; Lena Hernandez</i>  <i>The Perryman family - in memory of loved ones and thanksgiving for friends</i>  <i>Laura Naquin - as an expression of joy</i>  <i>Rich Rudnik - in memory of Charles &amp; Anna B. Rudnik</i>  <i>Bruce Weber - as an expression of joy</i></p>	         
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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Out of Your infinite love You poured out on Him the punishment due us, and in Your almighty power raised Him from death to glorious life, the first fruits of those who sleep. For the joyful life we have now and shall enjoy fully in eternity, we give You thanks and ask Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us through Christ's body and blood in the conviction that because He lives, we shall live also; nothing shall separate us from Your love. To You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise and honor now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## 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, in giving us Your body and blood in this sacrament You enable us to remember Your life and Passion, Your death and rest in the tomb, Your glorious resurrection and ascension, and Your coming return. 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. *John 20:19*

**People: Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI (as per p.163 in front of the hymnal)

**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

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" #475 LSB

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" #466 LSB

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #469 LSB

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #465

*Stand*

## + PREPARATION +

*Pre-Service Music*

*The congregation remains seated.*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

### EASTER GOSPEL, PART 1: Matthew 28:1-6a

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*As the cross passes by, the congregation stands.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #457 LSB

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: On this day God the Father raised His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, from death. He thereby showed His acceptance of our Savior's sacrifice for our sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (*Romans 6:23*). He takes the burden of our sins from us and offers us everlasting joy in return. Let us therefore freely confess our sins to Him who bore them to the cross in the assurance by His resurrection that they will not come between us and our gracious God.

*Stand in silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: Most gracious heavenly Father,

**People: we come to You burdened by the sins for which Your Son died. We are ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds; in all humility we ask for Your mercy. You have raised our Lord Jesus from death and promised us eternal life because of the faith Your Holy Spirit has worked in our hearts. For the sake of Your Son's innocent suffering and death and His glorious resurrection, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we will forever rejoice in the perfect and unending life purchased for us by Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: On this most holy festival day, on which our Lord conquered death and the grave, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I joyfully forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Sons and Daughters of the King” verses 1, 2, 3, & 9 of #470 LSB

*Stand*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We praise Thee, O God; We magnify Thy holy Name; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory and for Thy love showered upon us this holy day. Accept our praises as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Thy dear Son, and guide us on from this happy festival to eternal gladness, and from this holy solemnity to the light of joy of life eternal; through the victory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 31:1-6

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 16** *is prayed together in unison as printed toward the front of the hymnal.*

**EPISTLE** Colossians 3:1-4

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” #477 LSB, *Stand for last verse*

**EASTER GOSPEL, PART 2** Matthew 28:5-10

**EASTER RESPONSE**

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

**People: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness**

**of life!** *Romans 6:3-4*

Pastor: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Sit*

**HYMN** “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!” #474 LSB

**SERMON**

**MEDITATION** *by Mike Cape*

*Stand*

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: In Your mercy,

**People: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** “Take My Life and Let It Be” verses 1, 4 & 6 #783 LSB

**+ 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** *(as per p. 161 in front of hymnal)*

**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.**

**This Week at Grace**

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Easter Brunch follows in Fellowship Hall- all welcome! No Sunday School today	Thursday 6:30 p.m. FPU Class
Monday	OFFICE & ECC CLOSED	Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship/Food Bank Gideon's Presentation Coffee and Youth Biscuits follow
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. FPU Class	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship 6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise	12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

**For the week of April 24 - 30 2011**

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Baptismal Anniversaries</b>	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>
April 27 Todd Cunningham 28 Keagan Neil Sarah Olivier 29 Jacob Cinnater Stella Gilbert	April 25 Gabriel Olivier Haize Shroyer 26 Rebekah Spolarich 29 Trey Harding 30 Timothy Cavalier Roy Labat Mitch Tabor	April 28 Mark & Becky Bourdreaux Anthony & Kelly Kyzar

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

HEALTH CONCERNS: Anita Harper, Ann Perryman, Betty Carpenter, Brownie & Christine Campbell, Cameron Kosman, David Mack, Dennis & Lynda Kelley, Gertrud Weidmann, Glenn Meyer, Jean Frey, Jerry Barnard, Jim & Iva Kohls, Joy Stegall, Judy Gibson, Larry Hendrick, Lisa Ledet, Mary Deane, Miriam Mix, Mitch Basco, Nancy Ogle, Nikki Hebert, Nita Kyzar, Pat Rabun, Sandy Waalk, Stanley Montz & Vanessa Dupre

ELDERLY: Stella Gilbert

EXPECTANT MOTHER & BABY: Kristan Plaisance

GENERAL: Atonement Lutheran Church's pastoral call & Salem in Gretna

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Elaine Cofield, Eddie Olivier, Ginny Brunette, John Bergeron & Vicki Fabrizio

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

**FOOD BANK GIVING SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is "Food Bank Sunday" and we will be collecting monetary donations and groceries for the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

***Easter Brunch***

*Please join us after worship service in the fellowship hall for our annual Easter Brunch hosted by the ladies of LWML/Mission Guild.*

**Easter Sunday**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**The resurrection of Jesus changes everything for us! That change includes not only our resurrection from the grave on the last day, but also our resurrection to setting our hearts on things above, not on earthly things. Therefore, each new day in Christ is another opportunity to live for Him and be a blessing to others.**

*Thank you, thank you, thank you...to the many people who assisted with the services and activities during the Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter. We would like to recognize the following: the altar guild members who faithfully set up and clean up communion, assisted with the Maundy Thursday service, ordered and placed the Easter lilies in the chancel area; the elders, ushers, acolytes, readers, greeters, offering stewards and youth group who served; our accompanists Mila Estupinan and Mike Cape who enhanced our worship; our local Thrivent chapter for sponsoring the Good Friday crawfish boil and to all the workers who helped make this so enjoyable; to the LWML/Mission Guild members who coordinated and set up the Easter Brunch and to all who brought dishes to share; and the Sunday School teachers who prepared a craft for the children. What a blessing you all are to our church family!*

**Early Childhood Center News**

We are still taking registrations for the Summer and Fall Programs. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please have them contact Sofie or give our website information.

We would like to thank all of you who have donated to our program this year. We are so fortunate to have a congregation that supports our Early Childhood Center. We would not be able to continue spreading the "Good News" without your help.

We are always in need of: Paper Towels, 5 oz Dixie Cups, Napkins, and Baby Wipes.

**Biscuit Makers**

May 1 - Addie Perryman  
May 15 - Ross & Annie Reaves  
May 29 - Seth Cunningham

**A Visit with The Gideons**

It's been nearly 100 years since The Gideons International placed the first Bible in a hotel room in Montana. Today, the Gideons are organized in more than 180 countries around the globe and through God's grace and to His Glory, more than 1.3 billion Bibles and New Testaments have been placed by The Gideons, and the work continues...

***Join us in the fellowship hall next Sunday after worship for a presentation from The Gideons International during our Sunday School opening.***

**Grace's Mission**

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