

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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Today

Service Elder - Joe Deane
 Scripture Reader - Bonnie Dupre
 Acolyte - Victoria Thalheim
 Greeters - B. Dupre & C. Shroyer
 Offering Stewards - B. & M. Beach
 Altar Guild - J. Burke & K. Eschete
 Ushers - D. Boger, R. LaCour,
 & 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 Mike and Jeannette Burke in honor of their wedding anniversary which they celebrate today.

Next Sunday

Joe Deane
 Ricky Reaves
 Brandon Cinnater
 D. & D. Boger
 D. Boger & G. Meyer
 A. & A. Perryman
 D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
 G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 2012**

Introit

*From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 the name of the LORD is to be praised!
 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
 praise the name of the LORD!
 Blessed be the name of the LORD
 from this time forth and forevermore!
 The LORD is high above all nations,
 and his glory above the heavens!
 He raises the poor from the dust
 and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
 to make them sit with princes,
 with the princes of 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.
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Collect of The Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Divine Service

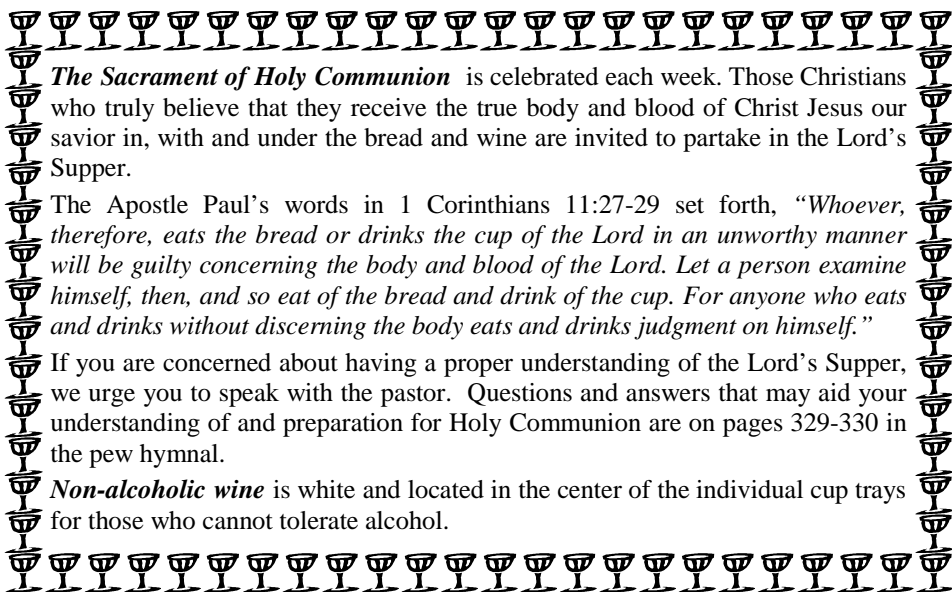
Setting One

Lutheran Service Book, Page 151

Pre-Service Music

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| 1. Opening Hymn | #685 |
| 2. Confession and Absolution | p151 |
| 3. Introit | Bulletin |
| 4. Kyrie | p152 |
| 5. This Is the Feast | p155 |
| 6. Salutation | p156 |
| 7. Collect of The Day | Bulletin |
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| 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 | #688 |
| 17. Sermon | |
| 18. Meditation | Mike Cape |
| 19. Prayer of the Church | p159 |
| Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer. | |
| 20. Offering | |
| 21. Offertory Song | #409 v. 1 |
| 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 |
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| 29. Communion Hymns | #623, #810,
#614 & #730 |
| 30. Thank the Lord | p164 |
| 31. Post Communion Collect | p166 |
| 32. Benediction | p166 |
| 33. Closing Hymn | #856 |

Postlude



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.

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Abbie Schmitt, Andy Kraus, Anthony Cherry, Betty Carpenter, Cherie Delaney, Dave Akins, David Mack, Donald Hebert, Donna St. Amant, Edna Marie Sevin, Erma Winston, Glenn Meyer, Heidi Guidry, Jewel Deane, Jim & Iva Kohls, Joelle Gerken, Karoline Giroir, Lynda Kelley, Mary Deane, Mike Brunette, Richard Reaves, Sr., Ruth Mack, Sandy Waalk, Stephanie Dahl, Vanessa Dupre & Wylin Williams

ELDERLY: Barbara Hillman, Gertrud Weidmann & Stella Gilbert

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Kristan Plaisance & Rebekah Spolarich

MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Catherine Lepeure & Wayne Doyle

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



Third Sunday after the Epiphany I Corinthians 7:29-35
Whether we are married or single, young or old, we are God's children through Christ and we are empowered to show our devotion to God by all that we say and do. That is really at the heart of Christian stewardship.

In Sunday School today we will learn the story "Jesus Calls Matthew." We sinners rejoice, for we, too, have been called from our own pigsty of sin to dine with Jesus around His table, and to be a friend of the friend of sinners. Consider discussing, "How did Jesus call Matthew to be one of His followers? How and why does Jesus call us to follow Him?"

"It is settled law,' [columnist Paul] Greenburg said, quoting defenders of legal abortion. 'Another generation,' though he reminded us, 'was told *Dred v. Sandford* was settled law.' But, Greenberg protested, 'no good cause is forever lost.' Because, he added, 'no cause is forever won in this world. It's the nature of politics.' It's the nature of life" From a column by Kathryn Jean Lopez, editor-at-large, National Review Online - **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org**

We're trying something "new" with our next quarterly LWML/ Mission Guild meeting date and time. We'll be meeting Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll try this new day and time and see what happens. Change is good - even for Lutherans!

**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
	10:15 AM	Coffee and Fall Festival Baked Goods follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Coffee and Youth Group Biscuits follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Youth Group Chili Cook Off

For the week of January 22 - 28, 2012

BIRTHDAYS

January	22	.....	Derek Crawford Hayden Harding
	25	.....	Kayla Garner Ann Perryman
	27	.....	Brenden Menzer
	28	.....	Keri Dupre

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

January	22	.....	Brittany Bauman
	23	.....	Karoline & Bailee Giroir
	24	.....	Stephen Boeta
	26	.....	Billy Sam McDonald Pastor Rich
	28	Jerrie Fitzgerald

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

January	22	Michael & Jeannette Burke
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Biscuit Makers

January 29 - Billie Bohannon
February 5 - Charles Wallace
February 19 - Haily Crawford

**The Good News of Christ is too good
to keep to yourself.**

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Members - Have your 2011 Choice Dollars been designated to your preferred congregation, school, camp, college, or district? There's still time to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars until March 31, 2012 by calling **800-847-4836** and say "Thrivent Choice" and then say "Choice Dollars", then press 1 and a representative will work with you to help direct Choice Dollars to your preferred benefactor. You can also direct Dollars by going online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Early Childhood Center News

The ECC has experienced some stressful finances of late. Four children departed in the closing months of 2011 for family reasons and the revenue loss nearly caused the ECC to fail to make payroll this month. God has blessed us with a few newly enrolled children, but we are still off our budget for our fiscal year. If you have considered making a financial gift to the school, to do so now would be a great blessing. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We are non-profit, so the money we make goes toward payroll and necessary expenses. We are given a great opportunity to serve families and spread the Good News! Thank you for everything you do to make the ECC a true blessing!

MEMBER BOXES

Please remember to check your member box while at church. If you don't see your name on the list, please contact Donna or Gordon by calling or emailing the church office at secretary@gracehouma.org.

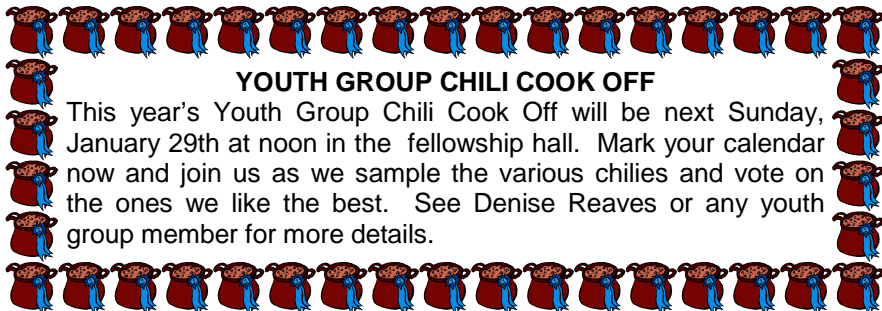
Devotionals are in...

"Our Daily Bread" December 2011 - February 2012 and "Portals of Prayer" January - March 2012 are on the table in the narthex and the round table by the sacristy.

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.



YOUTH GROUP CHILI COOK OFF

This year's Youth Group Chili Cook Off will be next Sunday, January 29th at noon in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendar now and join us as we sample the various chilies and vote on the ones we like the best. See Denise Reaves or any youth group member for more details.

A Word of Thanks!

I am continually giving thanks to God for calling me to be pastor at Grace Lutheran Church. During this past year I have been especially blessed in many ways. Thank you to everybody at Grace who has continued to lift me up with your prayers, kind words and help with all Grace has done throughout 2011. Thank you also for the kind congregational Christmas gift. It always catches me off guard to receive your Christmas gift because I feel you continually bless me throughout the year. May God bless us all in 2012 according to His good and gracious will.

Thankfully yours,
Pastor Richard D. Rudnik

Dear friends at Grace,

I wanted to thank you for the lovely gift I received this Christmas! It gives me great pleasure to play for you in the House of the Lord, and to be a part of praise and worship every Sunday morning. I enjoy sharing my gift with you - the musical talent God blessed me with at birth, and I pray that you and your families receive many gifts from our Heavenly Father always.

I thank you once more for your generosity and wish you love, joy and peace in Jesus Christ.

God bless you!
Mila

To the Congregation of GLC,

Over the years you have given me words of encouragement and support and for me to say "Thank You" just doesn't seem to be enough to convey my gratitude and appreciation. The opportunities that you continue to give me to sing and play are indeed a great blessing as is your fellowship and kind words. All I can say is that I am extremely blessed and thank God for being a part of GLC. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you into 2012 and beyond. "Yea Jesus!!"

Grace and Peace,
Mike

A sincere thank you from our LWML to the ladies and elders Joe and Paul who accompanied us to Heritage Manor last month to play Bingo and sing Christmas carols. Also, thanks to Lola Ledet for donating her "treasures" that were given out as Christmas gifts. Each resident that attended was very happy to have received a present!

UNDER AGE COFFEE DRINKERS

It has come to our attention that we have some "under age" coffee drinkers at Grace. If you allow your child to drink coffee, please supervise them as they add sweeteners and creamers to help reduce the over use of these products. Thank you for working with us with this matter.

The Russians are coming (to Salem Lutheran Church, Gretna)!

On Friday, January 27, Salem Lutheran Church, Gretna, Louisiana will host three guests from our sister church body in Siberia: the Rev. [Vsevolod Lytkin](#) (bishop of the [Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church](#)), the Rev. Dmitri Dotsenko (pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Novokuznetsk), Miss Natasha Sheludiakova (church musician of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Novosibirsk), accompanied by the Rev. Daniel S. Johnson (pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marshalltown, Iowa and president of the [Siberian Lutheran Mission Society](#)).

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Rev. Kurt Schultz, President of the LCMS Southern District will preside,
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LCMS Southern District.

Reception

A light reception will be held in honor of this event directly following

We are excited about the future ministry of Grace under the leadership of our new pastor. We desire that you join with us as we welcome him to our church and to the community.

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