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Today

Next Sunday

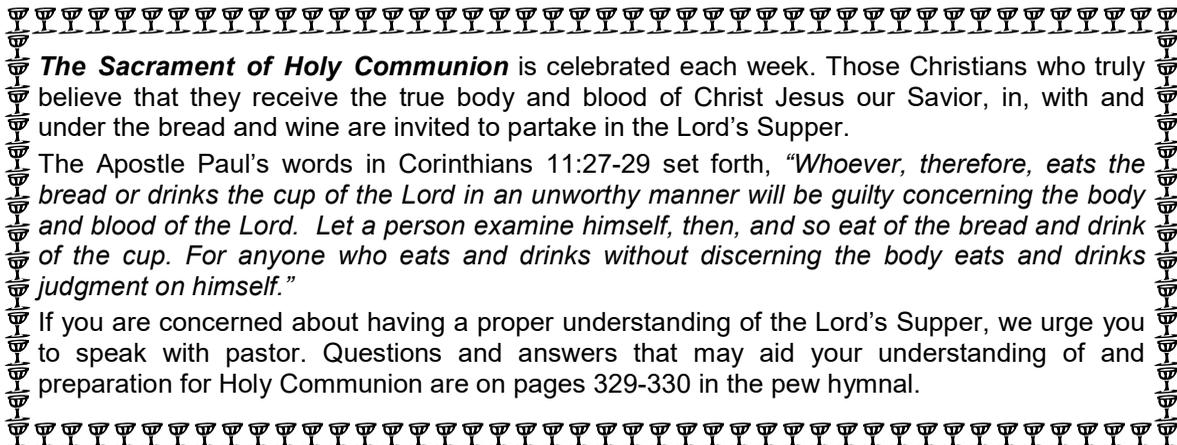
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Acolyte - Raymond Godail
Greeters - Youth Group
Offering Stewards - Rana & Barbara
Altar Guild - M. Beach & J. Fitzgerald
Ushers - Youth Group

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Lisa Giroir
Brigitte & Jeannie
J. & P. Wegner
D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
J. Souther & G. Fitzgerald

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	January 21, 2018
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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 Rachel Moore in celebration of Maegan's birthday on January 19th and Hunter's birthday on January 29th.



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.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits follow
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages & Youth Group mtg.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Thursday		PIPELINER ARTICLES ARE DUE
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fall Festival Bake Goods follow
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages

For the week January 21 - 27, 2018		
Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversaries
January 22 Derek Crawford Hayden Harding	January 23 Bailee Giroir Karoline Giroir	January 22 Michael & Jeanette Burke
25 Kayla Garner Ann Perryman	26 Billy Sam McDonald Richard Rudnik	
26 Tom Kinsella		

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Ann Perryman, Connie Oswalt, Denise Reaves, Hanna Byers, Jerrie Fitzgerald, Janice Johansen, Jerry & Lola Ledet, John Lewis, Joy Stegall, Randy Wiemer, Richard LaCour, Susan Duet & Tad Doolittle.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Allen & Betty Carpenter, Edna Marie Sevin, Iva Kohls, Laura Naquin, Linda Meyer, Myra Thalheim, Paul Gerken & Ruble Pitre,

EXPECTANT/NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Katie & Allison Von Burgsdorff

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Billy McDonald, Judy Landry, Mike Strauser, Myrtle Dupre, & Norman Falgout.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Allen Trahan, Chandler Crawford, Dave McClellan, Doug Mandel, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Nigel Koorie, Ronnie Joe Ojeda, Timothy DeSoto, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, & Victoria Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alec Cunningham, Connor Cuneo, Hannah Cuneo, Jacob Cinnater, Jared Moise, Kara Kraus, Karly Kyzar, Matthew Gros, Michael Thalheim, Ross Reaves, & Satin Ursery



BISCUIT MAKERS

February 4 - Brandon & Jacob Cinnater
18 - Victoria Thalheim & Adriana Vitrano

Thank you to GLC's Youth Group for serving as our acolyte, scripture reader, greeters and ushers this morning and for the biscuits during our fellowship time.

Epiphany III

Mark 1:14-15

– Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith – where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

Stewardship News
Attendance last Sunday: 45

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$1,044.01
Weekly 2018 Budget: \$3,089.69

GF offerings YTD: \$3,537.01
2018 Budget YTD: \$6,179.38

Volunteers Needed

Looking for coffee drinkers who are willing to volunteer to clean up the coffee pots and pick up supplies after Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you would like to help out, please see Bonnie Dupre.

"Every life has value because every life is someone created by God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and someone He either has called or wants to call into an eternal relationship with Him. It doesn't have to be complicated! Amen." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

ECC Registration

Summer and Fall Early Registration for GLC members and returning ECC families is from January 29, 2018 to February 9, 2018. Regular registration will begin February 19, 2018. The ECC will be closed February 12-16 for the Mardi Gras Holidays. The new paperwork can be found on our website by mid-January. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please give them our information.

It's January again and time to fertilize the ailing oak trees in front of the church. If you are interested in helping drill holes in the dirt and fill them with fertilizer, please contact Pastor Rich at pastor@gracehouma.org.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN

"O God of God, O Light of Light" LSB #810

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 62:1–2, 5–6, 8*

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

Brief silence

Pastor: from Him

People: **comes my salvation.**

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation,

People: **my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

Pastor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

Brief silence

Pastor: for my hope

People: **is from Him.**

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation,

People: **my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

People: **God is a refuge for us.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 145:9*

Pastor: God, whose Word establishes reality,

People: **we admit that we have turned from the face-to-face relationship of love with You for which we have been created. Sin infects us through and through. Yet, we trust in Jesus alone whose life, death, and resurrection bring Your healing power to bear on our grave condition. Hear us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: "The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made." Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



INTROIT *Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the LORD is to be praised!
 Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
People: praise the name of the LORD!
 Pastor: Blessed be the name of the LORD
People: from this time forth and forevermore!
 Pastor: The LORD is high above all nations,
People: and his glory above the heavens!
 Pastor: He raises the poor from the dust
People: and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
 Pastor: to make them sit with princes,
People: with the princes of his people.
 Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: and to the Holy Spirit;
 Pastor: as it was in the beginning,
People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the LORD is to be praised!

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, who sent Jonah with a message of repentance for the people of Nineveh,
People: have mercy on us.
 Pastor: O Christ, who calls our marriages a picture of You as Bridegroom and the Church,
 Your Bride.
People: have mercy on us.
 Pastor: O Lord, who proclaimed the present reign of God, inviting all people to repent and
 believe Your Gospel,
People: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” LSB #409

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 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.
People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to
 come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true
 faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may,
 together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His
 kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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 upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*
People: Amen.

HYMN “Listen, God Is Calling” LSB #833

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Mission Outreach
Grace is seeking volunteers who would be willing to give rides to church to people with no vehicle or who can't drive at night. Pastor Rich often comes across folks who don't come worship due to lack of transportation. If you're willing to help out, please drop a note or email to Pastor so he can add you to the driver list. Men are needed to give rides to men, and women for rides to women. You are not obligating yourself by being on the list. Pastor will contact you if a need arises in your area and ask if you are available.
FALL FESTIVAL
Time to start thinking...Fall Festival! Our first Fall Festival meeting was held on January 4 at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for possible charites that our festival could benefit this year. Our 19th Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018. We are also looking to add more prizes to our raffle. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 6pm. We look forward to another wonderful festival! God bless, Lisa Giroir, 2018 Fall Festival chairperson.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

People: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*p. 163 in 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

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB #685
“When to Our World the Savior Came” LSB #551
“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” LSB #750

Guitar Song Glorious Day (see insert) - John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*p. 164 in hymnal*)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;
People: repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14–20*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place” LSB #838

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 161 in 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: