

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Next Sunday

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Rich Rudnik*

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

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 in celebration of Jerald and Mary Lou Johnston's wedding anniversary on Wednesday, February 23rd.

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.
Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Baked Goods 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Thursday	Pipeliners Articles Due
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee and Baked Goods follow 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

For the week February 20-26, 2022

Birthday February 21 Isabella Collins Wendy Domangue 22 Achillies Carey 23 Richard LaCour 24 Carmen Cunningham Hudson Spolarich 26 Ellen DeSoto Gail Akins Kim Cape Mary Lapeyrouse	Baptismal Anniversary February 24 Darin Crawford 26 Alec Cunningham Bruce Weber	Wedding Anniversary February 23 Jerald & Mary Lou Johnston
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In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Liz Baker, Mike Wallace & Shirley Mitchell
BATTLING CANCER: Cindy Gorham, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Karen Curtis, Mari Tabor, Nan Ashley Hebert, Penny Emling & Ursula Breaux
CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswald, Edna Marie Sevin, Helen Hoover, Hunter Moore, Jackie Webb, Joe Deane, Kim Cape, Lisa Ledet, Mary Ann Keller, Mary Deane, Rene Rolland, Richard LaCour, Sue Ackett & Virginia Cunningham
MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Georgette Savoie, Jean Angelbeck & Joe Deane Jr.
SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Andrew Winn, Haily Crawford, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Natalie Turcott, Nigel Koorie, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, Victoria Shroyer & Zhain Shroyer
COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adriana Vitrano, Annie Reaves, Armand Erhart, Blayne Barras, Brandon Cinnater, Brooks Thomas, Emma Thomas, Donovan Domangue, Fielden Baker, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Cuneo, Hannah Norman, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Karly Kyzar, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim



Grace's Mission

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

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 164 in hymnal)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone 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.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have been fed and nourished with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to treasure the epiphany of our Lord and see in Him the fullness of Your divine presence. Grant us Your abiding peace each day of our lives as we await Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, our hope and comfort, we pray.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SEQUENCE

Pastor: The season of Epiphany is the time of growing brightness in the Church as the glory of Jesus is revealed in word and in deed, leading us to the Mount of Transfiguration, where the dazzling glory of our Lord is to be seen. That Epiphany glory continues to shine in the Church, in which we experience the kingdom of God here and now. American hymnwriter Timothy Dwight, president of Yale University in the early 1800s, celebrated the love of God for the Church through the words of a hymn that has been sung for more than two hundred years. To us in Christ, God has given “the brightest glories earth can yield and brighter bliss of heaven.” We sing:

HYMN “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” LSB #651, verses 1, 3, 5,

BENEDICAMUS

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

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

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.
People: Amen.

HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” LSB #923

HYMN “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” LSB #814

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
People: O LORD, be my helper.

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
People: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Pastor: The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
**People: which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.
People: Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We deserve Your punishment, now and for eternity. Merciful God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
People: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

Pastor: Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
People: be not envious of wrongdoers!
Pastor: For they will soon fade like the grass
People: and wither like the green herb.
Pastor: Trust in the LORD, and do good;
People: dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Pastor: Delight yourself in the LORD,
People: and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD;
People: trust in him, and he will act.
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: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
People: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE *(p. 155 in hymnal)*

Refrain:
**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God (Refrain)**

**Power, riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)**

**Sing with all the people of
God and join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)**

SALUTATION

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

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” LSB #620

“Love The Lord Your God” (with guitar) *Lincoln Brewster*

**Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength**

**With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength**

**I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength**

**With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength**

**(I will love You) I WILL LOVE YOU
(I will praise You) I WILL PRAISE YOU
(I will serve You) I WILL SERVE YOU
I WILL TRUST YOU LORD**

**With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength**

**I will love the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
I will love the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 covenant 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 *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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:

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You taught us to love our enemies and to be merciful as You are merciful. By Your Holy Spirit, grant us the gifts of love and peace without which we cannot live before You; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 45:3–15*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 103:1–13*

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

Women: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,*

Men: *who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,*

Women: *who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*

Men: *who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

People: **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Women: *He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.*

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Men: *He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.*

Women: *He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

Men: *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;*

Women: *as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.*

People: **As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

**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.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Luke 6:36*

Pastor: Alleluia. Be merciful,

People: **even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 6:27–38*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth 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 “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker” LSB #820

SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition...

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

† **SACRAMENT** †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God. You call us to be Your people who find forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in Christ. Grant that we may have a right sense of the joy of His presence in all the seasons of our lives. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord here given as the bread of life and cup of salvation, which are a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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, almighty Lord, for calling us as Your people and displaying Your abiding care for us. In many ways, through carrying out Your plan through both good and challenging times, You have blessed us with Your presence and have filled our cups to overflowing. Gathered as Your family at Your gracious invitation, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in ongoing and forgiving love for one another as we await Your coming in Your glorious kingdom at the end of time. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

People: **Amen.**