

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Next Sunday

John Wegner
Belinda Thibodaux
Lisa Giroir
Mary Lou & Lorie

First Sunday after Christmas	December 29, 2024
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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 Bonnie Dupre and Charlene Shroyer in loving memory of all our family & friends who are gone.

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.

Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

Pastor: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

People: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Pastor: The Lord has made known his salvation;

People: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

People: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Collect of the Day

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

GRACE'S MISSION

*BUILDING ONE BODY IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP,
WITNESS, STEWARDSHIP, SERVICE, LOVE, TEACHING AND FELLOWSHIP.*

Divine Service

Fourth Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 203

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 389
2. Confession and Absolution p. 203
3. Introit Bulletin
4. Kyrie p. 204
5. Gloria In Excelsis p. 204
6. Salutation p. 205
7. Collect of the Day Bulletin
8. Old Testament Bulletin
9. Epistle Reading Bulletin
10. Alleluia and Verse p. 205
11. **Glory to You, O Lord.** p. 206
12. Holy Gospel Bulletin
13. **Praise to You, O Christ** p. 206
14. Apostles' Creed p. 207
15. The Word for Children
16. Sermon Hymn # 519
17. Sermon
18. Meditation
19. Prayer of the Church p. 207
Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy;
People: hear our prayer.
20. Preface p. 208
21. Sanctus p. 208
22. Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 209
23. The Lord's Prayer p. 209
24. The Words of Our Lord p. 209
25. Pax Domini p. 209
26. Agnus Dei p. 210
27. Communion
28. Distribution Hymn # 361
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Distribution Hymn # 364
29. Nunc Dimittis p. 211
30. Post Communion Collect p. 212
31. Benediction p. 212
32. Closing Hymn # 897

Postlude

Offering boxes are on each side of the doors exiting the sanctuary.

Better Is One Day - Matt Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty;
My soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**One thing I ask, and would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask, and would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.**

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God,
Your Spirit's water for my soul;
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me,
Lord draw me near to You, Lord draw me near to You.**

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat)

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This is the House of God.

Let us be thoughtful and reverent.

Before the Service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the Service, speak to one another.

This Week at Grace

Pastor Rich will be on vacation from 12/26 until 01/02

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School <u>Cancelled</u>
Monday	6:00 p.m. Bible Study <u>Cancelled</u>
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study <u>Cancelled</u>
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship <u>Cancelled</u> Prayer & Praise <u>Cancelled</u>

For the week December 29, 2024–January 4, 2025

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversary	Wedding Anniversary
12/30 Brigitte Kinsella	12/30 Brynleigh Brown	12/29 Mitchell & Marianna
Haize Shroyer		Tabor
12/31 Nani George		
01/03 Barbara Jakob		
Rebekah Spolarich		

In the palm of God’s Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Michael St. Amant

BATTLING CANCER: Annick George Matherne, Eldon Authement, Isla Granger, Jenny Ford, Lance Griffin, Laura Robson, Michael Hamilton and Noah Donnes.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Donna Elke and Jacqui Kaplan.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Ellen DeSoto, Frank Alessio, Gloria Ashley, Jackie Webb, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, Joe Deane, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Lyle Souther, Marilyn Beach, Mary Jane Schouest, Mike Wallace, Patsy Wegner, Rhonda Roan, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Betty Melancon, Cindy Dean, Rev. David Green and Sue Ackett.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Allyssa Andrews & Owen.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:

Avery St. Amant, Chandler Crawford, Haily Crawford, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O’neill, Julia Shroyer, Justin Scherf, Katie Cahill, Kyle Turcott, Lei’Lyn Hebert, Noah Scheufens and Todd Mueller.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Donovan Domangue, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Norman, Jacob Harding, Nicholas Scott, Peyton Kraus, Shelby Giroir and Victoria Thalheim.

