

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Bonnie Dupre
Lisa Giroir
Jerrie & Stacie

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025

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 Donna Boger's birthday this coming Friday.

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

Divine Service

Setting One

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Pre-Service Music

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Postlude

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

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

People: his understanding is beyond measure.

Pastor: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

People: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Pastor: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

People: Praise your God, O Zion!

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 Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Collect of The Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

Old Testament

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance, until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

"Let Everything That Has Breath"

Matt Redman

Chorus:

**Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord
Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord**

Verse 1:

**Praise You in the morning, Praise You in the evening
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old
Praise You when I'm laughing, Praise You when I'm
grieving
Praise You every season of the soul
If we could see how much You're worth
Your power, Your might, Your endless love
Then surely we would never cease to praise You**

Chorus:

**Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord
Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord**

Verse 2:

**Praise You in the heavens, Joining with the angels
Praising You forever and a day
Praise You on the earth now, Joining with creation
Calling all the nations to Your praise
If they could see how much You're worth
Your power, Your might, Your endless love
Then surely they would never cease to praise You**

Chorus:

**Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord
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BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure *all* doors are locked *and* closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Coffee & baked goods
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Degreening of the Church

For the week January 5-11, 2024

Birthdays

01/10 Donna Boger

Baptismal Anniversaries

01/06 Kristen Gouaux

Wedding Anniversary

01/07 Billy & Donna

Von Burgsdorff

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.

