

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Next Sunday

John Wegner
Dale Boger/Nicholas Scott
Lisa Giroir
John & Rana

The Baptism of Our Lord	January 12, 2025
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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 in celebration of Patsy Wegner'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 white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

Introit

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
People: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Pastor: I will tell of the decree:
People: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
People: and the ends of the earth your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron
People: and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
People: be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the Lord with fear,
People: and rejoice with trembling,

Pastor: for his wrath is quickly kindled.
People: Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

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: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
People: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Collect of The Day

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Sung)

Grace's Mission

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

Divine Service

Third Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 184

Pre-Service Music

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2. Confession and Absolution p 184
3. Introit Bulletin
4. Glory be to the Father... p 186
5. Kyrie p 186
6. Gloria in Excelsis p 187
7. Salutation p 189
8. Collect of the Day Bulletin
9. Old Testament Bulletin
10. Epistle Reading Bulletin
11. Alleluia Verse p 190
12. Glory be to... p 190
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14. Praise be to... p 191
15. Apostles' Creed p 192
16. The Word for Children
17. Sermon Hymn # 407
18. Sermon
19. Meditation
20. Offertory* p 192
21. Installation of Officers
22. Prayer of the Church p 193
Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.
23. Preface p 194
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27. Pax Domini(Amen sung) p 197
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29. Communion
30. Distribution Hymn # 600
Guitar Hymn:
That's Why We Praise Him Insert
Distribution Hymn # 596
31. Nunc Dimittis p 199
32. Thanksgiving p 200
33. Post Communion Collect p 201
34. Salutation & Benedicamus p 201
35. Benediction p 202
36. Closing Hymn # 399

Postlude

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

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 3:15–22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

That's Why We Praise Him

Tommy Walker

He came to live, live a perfect life,
He came to be the living word, our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled,
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
'Cause He gave His everything.

He came to live, live again in us,
He came to be our conquering King and friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love,
He came to go prepare a place for us.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
'Cause He gave His everything.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
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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 & LWML baked goods
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 p.m.	Board Of Director's Meeting
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

For the week January 12-18, 2025

Birthday
01/17 Patsy Wegner

Baptismal Anniversaries
01/14 Kaeden Shroyer
01/15 Donna Von Burgsdorff
01/16 Bonnie Dupre

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Brigitte Kinsella, Rana DaSilva and Richard Hauser.

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, Jacqui Kaplan and Michael St. Amant.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswald, 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, 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.

