

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Today**

*Service Elder - Joey Souther*  
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## **Next Sunday**

*John Wegner*  
*Mona LaCour*  
*Lisa Giroir*  
*Pastor Rich & Bridgette*

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
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January 19, 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 the 40th wedding anniversary of Richard & Jeannie Thalheim.

**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.

† PREPARATION †

**HYMN**           *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LSB #394*

*Stand*

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:**       **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**   *Psalm 117:2; 36:7*

Pastor:           Great is His steadfast love toward us,

**People:**       **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Pastor:           How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**People:**       **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Pastor:           Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor:           Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:**       **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor:           Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**       **Amen.**

Pastor:           He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:**       **And also with you.**

† WORD †

**INTROIT**      *Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4*

Pastor:      [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,  
**People:**      **and his banner over me was love.**

Pastor:      Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
**People:**      **your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Pastor:      Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
**People:**      **your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.**

Pastor:      How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
**People:**      **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Pastor:      They feast on the abundance of your house,  
**People:**      **and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Pastor:      For with you is the fountain of life;  
**People:**      **in your light do we see light.**

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] brought me to the banqueting house,  
**People:**      **and his banner over me was love.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      *“Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB #789*

**SALUTATION**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor:      Let us pray.  
**People:**      **Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 62:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,

until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE** *John 2:11*

Pastor: Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory.

**People: And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 2:1-11*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

<sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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**    *"Come, Join in Cana's Feast" LSB #408*

## **SERMON**

## **MEDITATION**

*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:**        Let us pray to the Lord;

**People:**        **Lord, have mercy.**

**OFFERTORY**    *"Lord of All Good" LSB #786 verse 1*

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

## † 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, 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**     *“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB #940, verses 1 & 5*

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav’n above adore Thee.  
Infinite The vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,**

**Undivided God we claim Thee.  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

### **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**   *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**                    *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB #633 verses 1 & 4*

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

*Sit*

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”                    LSB #533*

*“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”                    LSB #395*

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**                    *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” LSB #821, verse 1*

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.”**

*Stand*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**                    *Psalm 118:1*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

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**      *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.**

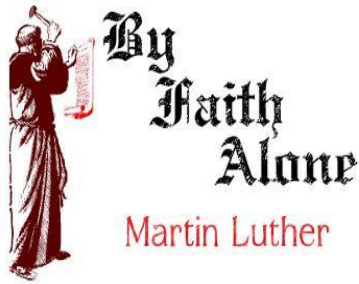
### **HYMN**      *"Oh, Blest the House" LSB #862*

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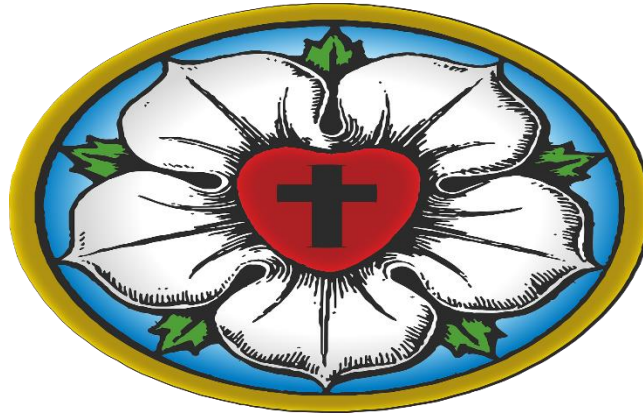
Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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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.***

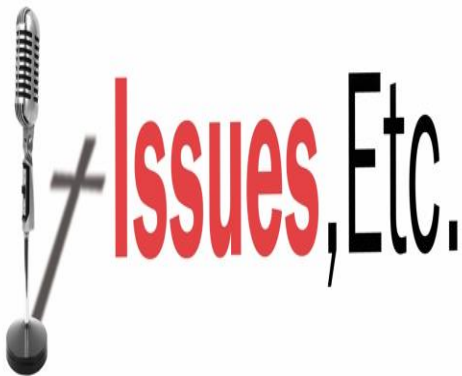


*Grace's Mission*  
*Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service,*  
*Love, Teaching and Fellowship*



#### **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.**



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## This Week at Grace

**Today**      9:00 a.m. Worship  
                    Coffee & Youth Biscuits  
                    10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

**Monday**     6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Tuesday**    1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
                    4:00 p.m. New Member Class

**Wednesday** 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
                    6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship  
                    6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise

## **For the week January 19 - 25, 2025**

### **Birthdays**

01/19 Angela Crawford

01/22 Derek Crawford

### **Baptismal Anniversaries**

01/23 Bailee Giroir

Karoline Giroir

### **Wedding Anniversary**

01/19 Richard & Jeannie

Thalheim

## **In the palm of God's Hands...**

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Elijah Thalheim, Ike McDavitt, 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: Brigitte Kinsella, Donna Elke, Jacqui Kaplan, Kim Cape, and Michael St. Amant.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Elaine Waswick, Ellen DeSoto, Frank Alessio, Gloria Ashley, Jackie Webb, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, Joe Deane, John Wegner, 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.

