

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Next Sunday

John Wegner
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Lisa Giroir
Mary Lou & Lorie

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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January 26, 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 for the birthday of Cynthia Ratliff last Sunday.

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 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13

Pastor: You will arise and have pity on Zion;

People: it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Pastor: Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

People: so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

Pastor: that he looked down from his holy height;

People: from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

Pastor: to hear the groans of the prisoners,

People: to set free those who were doomed to die,

Pastor: that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,

People: and in Jerusalem his praise,

Pastor: when peoples gather together,

People: and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

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: You will arise and have pity on Zion;

People: it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through 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.

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.

Divine Service

Fourth Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 203

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 333
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 # 839
17. Sermon
18. Meditation
19. Prayer of the Church p. 207
Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy;
People: hear our prayer.
20. Preface p. 208
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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 # 398
Guitar Hymn:
How Can I Keep From Singing Insert
- Distribution Hymn # 349
29. Nunc Dimittis p. 211
30. Post Communion Collect p. 212
31. Benediction p. 212
32. Closing Hymn # 849

Postlude

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

Old Testament

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing,

helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

Chris Tomlin & Matt Redman

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come, I am holding on
To the rock I cling.

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise!
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise!
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, when I call to You in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know,
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise!
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart

I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

***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

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & LWML 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 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 26, 2025–February 1, 2025

Birthday
01/26 Tom Kinsella

Baptismal Anniversaries
01/26 Pastor Rich Rudnik
01/28 Jerrie Fitzgerald
02/01 Donna Boger
Lisa Giroir

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 and Laura Robson.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Brigitte Kinsella, Donna Elke,
Jacqui Kaplan and Kim Cape.

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.

