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Altar Guild –Pastor Rich & Bridgette

Next Sunday

John Wegner

Mona LaCour

Lisa Giroir

Mary Lou & Lorie

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
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February 23, 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 Richard LaCour's 80th birthday today.

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 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

Pastor: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
People: **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

Pastor: Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
People: **be not envious of wrongdoers!**

Pastor: For they will soon fade like the grass
People: **and wither like the green herb.**

Pastor: Trust in the Lord, and do good;
People: **dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Pastor: Delight yourself in the Lord,
People: **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Pastor: Commit your way to the Lord;
People: **trust in him, and he will act.**

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: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
People: **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Today we praise God as we receive new members Frank Alessio and his daughter Debra Shevlin of Thibodaux and Cynthia Ratliff of Chauvin. Please welcome them and introduce yourself.

Divine Service

Fourth Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 203

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 544
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 # 820
17. Sermon
18. Meditation
19. Reception of New Members
20. Prayer of the Church p. 207
Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy;
People: hear our prayer.
21. Preface p. 208
22. Sanctus p. 208
23. Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 209
24. The Lord's Prayer p. 209
25. The Words of Our Lord p. 209
26. Pax Domini p. 209
27. Agnus Dei p. 210
28. Communion
29. Distribution Hymn # 483
Guitar Hymn: I Will Rise Insert
Distribution Hymn # 741
30. Nunc Dimittis p. 211
31. Post Communion Collect p. 212
32. Benediction p. 212
33. Closing Hymn # 706

Postlude

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

Old Testament

Genesis 45:3–15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Gospel

Luke 6:27–38

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

"I Will Rise" C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, L. Giglio, M. Maher

**There's a peace I've come to know
though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say "It is well"**

**Jesus, has overcome
and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead
And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow; no more pain
I will rise, on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise
I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near
when the darkness breaks to light
and the shadows disappear
and my faith shall be my eyes**

**Jesus, has overcome
and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead
And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow; no more pain
I will rise, on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise
I will rise**

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
Worthy is the Lamb!
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
Worthy is the Lamb!
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb**

**And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow; no more pain
I will rise, on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise
I will rise
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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
Wednesday	4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship 6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise

For the week February 23, 2025–March 1, 2025

Birthday

02/23 Richard LaCour
02/24 Carmen Cunningham
Hudson Spolarich
02/26 Ellen DeSoto
Gail Akins
Kim Cape
Mary Lapeyrouse
02/27 Cindy Bush

Baptismal Anniversaries

02/24 Darin Crawford
02/26 Alec Cunningham
Bruce Weber

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Cynthia Ratliff, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Ike McDavitt, Joe Deane and Richard Hauser.

BATTLING CANCER: Annick George Matherne, Beau Bourgeois, Eldon Authement, Helen Duplantis, Isla Granger, Jenny Ford, Lance Griffin, Laura Robson and Michael Hamilton.

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

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Elaine Waswick, Ellen DeSoto, Frank Alessio, Gloria Ashley, Jackie Webb, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, John Wegner, Lyle Souther, Marilyn Beach, Mary Jane Schouest, Mike Wallace, Patsy Wegner, Rana DaSilva, 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.

