

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Today**

*Service Elder -John Wegner*  
*Scripture Reader - Pastor Rich*  
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*Altar Guild -Mary Lou & Lorie*

## **Next Sunday**

*Joey Souther*  
*Mona LaCour*  
*Lisa Giroir*  
*Jerrie & Stacie*

<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>March 30, 2025</b>
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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 in thanksgiving and to the glory of God for the missionary work of the Cima family.

**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 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**People: and cleanse me from my sin!**

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,

**People: and my sin is ever before me.**

Pastor: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

**People: so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

**People: and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Pastor: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

**People: and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

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: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

## Collect of The Day

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Sung)**

## Cima Missionary Visit

**J.P. Cima, whose missionary work first in Vietnam and now in Cambodia has long been supported by Grace, will be visiting us Sunday, July 20. J.P. will preach during the worship service and provide a Sunday school slideshow highlighting his and Aimee's work overseas. Please plan on being there.**

## Divine Service

*Third Setting*

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 184*

## Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 608
  2. Confession and Absolution p 184
  3. Introit Bulletin
  4. Kyrie p 186
  5. Salutation p 189
  6. Collect of the Day Bulletin
  7. Old Testament Bulletin
  8. Epistle Reading Bulletin
  9. Holy Gospel Bulletin
  10. Praise be to... p 191
  11. Apostles' Creed p 192
  12. The Word for Children
  13. Sermon Hymn # 571
  14. Sermon
  15. Meditation
  16. Offertory\* p 192
  17. The Litany p 288-289
- Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**
18. Preface p 194
  19. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 195
  20. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) p 196
  21. The Words of Our Lord p 197
  22. Pax Domini (Amen sung) p 197
  23. Agnus Dei p 198
  24. Communion
  25. Distribution Hymn # 609
- Guitar Hymn: Revelation Song Insert
26. Distribution Hymn # 422
  27. Nunc Dimittis p 199
  28. Thanksgiving p 200
  29. Post Communion Collect p 201
  30. Salutation & Benedicamus p 201
  31. Benediction p 202
  32. Closing Hymn # 612

## Postlude

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

## **Old Testament**

### **Isaiah 12:1–6**

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

## **Epistle**

### **2 Corinthians 5:16–21**

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

## "Revelation Song"

*Jennie Lee Riddle*

**Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on  
Heaven's Mercy Seat**

*(repeat)*

*(chorus)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing:  
Praise to the King of Kings!  
You are my everything,  
And I will adore You! Yeah!**

**Clothed in rainbows, of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To You the only Wise King, Yeah**

*(chorus)*

**Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your Name  
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water  
Such a marvelous mystery Yeah!**

*(chorus sung twice to end)*

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**Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place June 16 through  
June 20 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Debra Shevlin has graciously  
volunteered to be our director and is seeking volunteers to help  
out in any way. We will be serving a supper, then doing crafts,  
Bible Challenge, and Storytelling stations. Folks are needed at  
all of these areas as well as chaperoning the groups of children.  
If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby of the  
church or call/email the church office. (985) 709-0234/  
[secretary@gracehouma.org](mailto:secretary@gracehouma.org).**

**This Week at Grace**

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>Coffee &amp; Youth Biscuits with Gravy</b>
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Potluck Fellowship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Midweek Lenten Worship Service</b>

**For the week March 30– April 5, 2025**

**Birthday**

**03/30 Raymond Godail**

**04/01 J.P. Cima**

**04/03 Bart Domangue**

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

**04/01 Lola Ledet**

**Zhain Shroyer**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

**03/30 Derek & Carolina**

**Crawford**

**04/02 Chad & Rachel  
Moore**

**04/04 Michael & Toni  
St. Amant**

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

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham, Cynthia Ratliff, Don Effler, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Ike McDavitt, Jim Loupe, Josephine Hebert, Linda Effler, Todd Cunningham and Trista Effler.

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: Andrew Beasley, Brigitte Kinsella, Carl Folse, Charles Reid, Donna Elke, Jacqui Kaplan, Joe Deane and Marla Churchill.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswald, DeAnn Barrios, Ellen DeSoto, Frank Alessio, Gloria Ashley, Jackie Webb, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Lyle Souther, Marilyn Beach, Mary Jane Schouest, Mike Wallace, Rana DaSilva, Rhonda Roan, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Elaine Waswick, Patsy Wegner and Richard Hauser.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: LeiLyn and baby Hebert and Karoline and baby Cormier.

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, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Peyton Kraus, Shelby Giroir and Victoria Thalheim.

