

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Today**

*Service Elder - John Wegner*  
*Scripture Reader - Mona LaCour*  
*Offering Stewards - Lisa Giroir*  
*Altar Guild - Jerrie & Stacie*

## **Next Sunday**

*Joey Souther*  
*Shelby Giroir*  
*Lisa Giroir*  
*John & Rana*

<b>Fifth Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>April 6, 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 to the glory of God in celebration of Karoline Giroir's 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 wine** is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

## Introit

*Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: Salvation belongs to the Lord;

**People: your blessing be on your people!**

Pastor: But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,

**People: my glory, and the lifter of my head.**

Pastor: I cried aloud to the Lord,

**People: and he answered me from his holy hill.**

Pastor: I lay down and slept;

**People: I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.**

Pastor: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

**People: who have set themselves against me all around.**

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: Salvation belongs to the Lord;

**People: your blessing be on your people!**

## Collect of The Day

**Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Cima Missionary Visit

**J.D. 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.D. 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

*Setting One*

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151*

### Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 909
  2. Confession and Absolution p 151
  3. Introit Bulletin
  4. Kyrie p 152
  5. Salutation p 156
  6. Collect of the Day Bulletin
  7. Old Testament Bulletin
  8. Epistle Reading Bulletin
  9. Glory to you, O... p 157
  10. Holy Gospel Bulletin
  11. Praise to you, O... p 157
  12. The Nicene Creed p 158
  13. The Word for Children
  14. Sermon Hymn # 430
  15. Sermon
  16. Meditation
  17. Prayer of the Church p.159  
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**
  18. Offertory\* #955
  19. Preface p 160
  20. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 161
  21. Prayer of Thanksgiving p 161
  22. The Words of Our Lord p 162
  23. The Lord's Prayer p 162
  24. Pax Domini p 163
  25. Agnus Dei p 163
  26. Communion Hymn # 431
- Guitar Hymn:  
Let Everything That Has Breath Insert  
Communion Hymn # 422
27. Thank the Lord p 164
  28. Post Communion Collect p 166
  29. Benediction p 166
  30. Closing Hymn # 575

### Postlude

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

## **Old Testament**

### **Isaiah 43:16–21**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
    nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.”

## **Epistle**

### **Philippians 3:8–14**

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 20:9–20**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

"Let Everything That Has Breath"

*Matt Redman*

*Chorus:*

**Let everything that, everything that  
Everything that has breath praise the Lord  
Let everything that, everything that  
Everything that has breath praise the Lord**

*Verse 1:*

**Praise You in the morning, Praise You in the evening  
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old  
Praise You when I'm laughing, Praise You when I'm grieving  
Praise You every season of the soul  
If we could see how much You're worth  
Your power, Your might, Your endless love  
Then surely we would never cease to praise You**

*Chorus:*

**Let everything that, everything that  
Everything that has breath praise the Lord  
Let everything that, everything that  
Everything that has breath praise the Lord**

*Verse 2:*

**Praise You in the heavens, Joining with the angels  
Praising You forever and a day  
Praise You on the earth now, Joining with creation  
Calling all the nations to Your praise  
If they could see how much You're worth  
Your power, Your might, Your endless love  
Then surely they would never cease to praise You**

*Chorus:*

**Let everything that, everything that  
Everything that has breath praise the Lord  
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*Chorus:*

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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.**

**This Week at Grace**

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>Coffee &amp; LWML Baked Goods</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</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Potluck Fellowship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship Service</b>

**For the week April 6-12, 2025**

**Birthdays**

**04/06 Karoline Giroir**

**04/11 Bret Cuneo**

**Baptismal Anniversary**

**04/08 Hudson Spolarich**

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

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham, Cynthia Ratliff and Todd Cunningham.

BATTLING CANCER: Michael Hamilton.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Andrew Beasley, Jacqui Kaplan and Joe Deane.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Ellen DeSoto, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Rana DaSilva, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

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

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & baby Crawford, Karoline and baby Cormier and Lei'Lyn and baby Hebert.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:

Austin Lirette, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'neill, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, and Victoria Thalheim.



### **Easter Brunch**

**The ladies of the LWML are sponsoring the annual Easter Day Brunch following service.**

**All are welcome to attend. However, we request that everyone who plans on attending brings an item to share.**

**There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jerrie at 879-1913.**