

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***Today***

*Service Elder - John Wegner*  
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*Altar Guild - Mary Lou & Lorie*

## ***Next Sunday***

*Joey Souther*  
*Debra Shevlin*  
*Lisa Giroir*  
*Jerrie & Stacie*

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| <b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> | <b>June 22, 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 by Richard & Jeannie Thalheim in celebration of their son, Michael Thalheim's twenty-eighth birthday on Monday.

***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 1 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 71:20–24; antiphon: v. 3*

**Pastor:** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**People:** you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Pastor:** You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;

**People:** from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

**Pastor:** You will increase my greatness

**People:** and comfort me again.

**Pastor:** I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

**People:** I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

**Pastor:** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;

**People:** my soul also, which you have redeemed.

**Pastor:** And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,

**People:** for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

**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 to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**People:** you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

## Collect of the Day

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

## Divine Service

### Fourth Setting

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 203*

### Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 849
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 # 687
17. Sermon
18. Meditation
19. Rite of Confirmation p. 272
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 # 594  
Guitar Hymn: Forever Insert  
Distribution Hymn # 643
30. Nunc Dimittis p. 211
31. Post Communion Collect p. 212
32. Benediction p. 212
33. Closing Hymn # 836

### Postlude

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

*Today we praise God as we recognize Victoria  
Crawford, Bailee Giroir and Ruby Souther on  
their Rite of Confirmation.*

## **Old Testament**

### **Isaiah 65:1–9**

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;  
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, “Here am I, here am I,”  
to a nation that was not called by my name.  
<sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and making offerings on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat pig’s flesh,  
and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup>who say, “Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all the day.  
<sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me:  
“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their bosom  
<sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together,  
says the Lord;  
because they made offerings on the mountains  
and insulted me on the hills,  
I will measure into their bosom  
payment for their former deeds.”  
  
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord:  
“As the new wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,’  
so I will do for my servants’ sake,

and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,  
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall possess it,  
and my servants shall dwell there.”

## Epistle

### Galatians 3:23-4:7

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## Gospel

### Luke 8:26–39

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of

the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

<sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

# **"Forever"**

*Chris Tomlin & Jesse Reeves*

**Give thanks to the Lord our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise**

**With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise**

*Chorus:*  
**Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, Forever**

**From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise**

*Chorus:*  
**Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, Forever**

**His love endures forever  
His love endures forever  
His love endures forever  
Forever and ever, Forever**

*CCLI Song # 3148428*

### **This Week at Grace**

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| <b>Today</b>     | <b>9:00 a.m. Worship (Confirmation)</b><br><b>Coffee &amp; LWML Baked Goods</b><br><b>10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>1:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship</b><br><b>6:45 p.m. Prayer &amp; Praise</b>   |

### **For the week June 22-28, 2025**

#### **Birthday**

**06/23 Joe Deane**

**Michael Thalheim**

**06/28 Bill Treuting**

#### **Baptismal Anniversaries**

**06/22 Gail Akins**

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

**PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS:** Ethel Hamilton and Josephine Hebert.

**BATTLING CANCER:** Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY:** Jacqui Kaplan, Joe Deane and PC Cummins.

**CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY:** Connie Oswalt, Cynthia Ratliff, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Eydie Richmond, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, Jim Richmond, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

**MOURNING A LOSS:** The families of Ellen DeSoto, Les Nemeth and Renate Piotter.

**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, Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.



### **Tour of the HeadStart Classrooms**

Diane Powell from HeadStart will be here next Sunday and have invited anyone interested to view the updated classrooms. If you are interested in attending the tour immediately after worship, please do so through the backdoors next to the bathrooms. Diane will be happy to answer any questions you have about the operations.