

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Debra Shevlin
Lisa Giroir
Pastor Rich & Bridgette

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	August 31, 2025
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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 Jerrie Fitzgerald in memory of her husband Gordon "Fitz" Fitzgerald.

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 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

Pastor: It is God who executes judgment,

People: putting down one and lifting up another.

Pastor: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

People: We recount your wondrous deeds.

Pastor: At the set time that I appoint

People: I will judge with equity.

Pastor: For not from the east or from the west

People: and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

Pastor: But I will declare it forever;

People: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

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: It is God who executes judgment,

People: putting down one and lifting up another.

Collect of The Day

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Sung)

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.

Divine Service

Third Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 184

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 625
 2. Confession and Absolution p 184
 3. Introit Bulletin
 4. Glory be to the Father... p 186
 5. Kyrie p 186
 6. Gloria in Excelsis p 187
 7. Salutation p 189
 8. Collect of the Day Bulletin
 9. Old Testament Bulletin
 10. Epistle Reading Bulletin
 11. Alleluia Verse p 190
 12. Glory be to... p 190
 13. Holy Gospel Bulletin
 14. Praise be to... p 191
 15. Apostles' Creed p 192
 16. The Word for Children
 17. Sermon Hymn # 842
 18. Sermon
 19. Meditation
 20. Offertory* p 192
 21. The Litany p 288-289
- Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy.
22. Preface p 194
 23. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 195
 24. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) p 196
 25. The Words of Our Lord p 197
 26. Pax Domini(Amen sung) p 197
 27. Agnus Dei p 198
 28. Communion
 29. Distribution Hymn # 770
- Guitar Hymn:
Jesus Thank You Insert
Distribution Hymn # 907
30. Nunc Dimittis p 199
 31. Thanksgiving p 200
 32. Post Communion Collect p 201
 33. Salutation & Benedicamus p 201
 34. Benediction p 202
 35. Closing Hymn # 850

Old Testament

Proverbs 25:2–10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

Epistle

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.
⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"
⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for

the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Gospel

Luke 14:1–14

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

"Jesus, Thank You"

Pat Sczebel

**The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me**

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You**

**By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end**

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You**

**Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You**

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
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Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
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This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship
	Coffee & Youth Biscuits & Gravy
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Monday	**Labor Day—> Office Closed**
	6:00 p.m. Bible Study—> <i>Cancelled</i>
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise

For the week August 31-September 6, 2025

Birthday	Baptismal Anniversaries
08/31 Mike St. Amant	09/01 Dale Boger
 Jeannie Thalheim	 Niyah Shroyer
09/04 Joseann Lapeyrouse	09/05 Victoria Crawford
09/05 Edna Marie Sevin	 Hannah Cuneo

In the palm of God's Hands...

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PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Arthur Dean Parfait, Bob Dieterian, Charlene Shroyer and Charles Calloway.

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

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Kim Cape and Roy Labat.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, Cynthia Ratliff, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, Jeanne Norman, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Eydie Richmond, Henry Cancienne, Mary Jane Kettlewell and Melody Lipner.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & Ezekiel Long, Karoline and baby Cormier, Krista & Braxton Moore, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Arthur, and Toni and Linnen Randolph.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:

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

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



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.