

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***Today***

*Service Elder - John Wegner*  
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*Altar Guild –Pastor Rich & Bridgette*

## ***Next Sunday***

*Joey Souther*  
*Bonnie Dupre*  
*Lisa Giroir*  
*Mary Lou & Lorie*

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| Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 7, 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 in celebration of Kendra Eschete's birthday today & Pat Bauman's birthday tomorrow.

***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 wine*** is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

## Introit

*Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27*

Pastor: Make me understand the way of your precepts,

**People: and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

Pastor: My soul melts away for sorrow;

**People: strengthen me according to your word!**

Pastor: Put false ways far from me

**People: and graciously teach me your law!**

Pastor: I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

**People: I set your just decrees before me.**

Pastor: I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;

**People: let me not be put to shame!**

Pastor: I will run in the way of your commandments

**People: when you enlarge my 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: Make me understand the way of your precepts,

**People: and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

## Collect of The Day

**O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Divine Service

### Setting One

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151*

### Pre-Service Music

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1. Opening Hymn   | # 661    |
| 2. Confession and Absolution                                    | p 151    |
| 3. Introit  | Bulletin |
| 4. Kyrie  | p 152    |
| 5. This is the Feast  | p.155    |
| 6. Salutation   | p 156    |
| 7. Collect of the Day   | Bulletin |
| 8. First Reading  | Bulletin |
| 9. Epistle Reading  | Bulletin |
| 10. Alleluia Verse  | p 156    |
| 11. Glory to you, O...  | p 157    |
| 12. Holy Gospel   | Bulletin |
| 13. Praise to you, O...   | p 157    |
| 14. The Nicene Creed  | p 158    |
| 15. The Word for Children                                       |          |
| 16. Sermon Hymn   | # 853    |
| 17. Sermon  |          |
| 18. Meditation  |          |
| 19. Prayer of the Church  | p.159    |
| Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,<br><b>People: hear our prayer.</b> |          |
| 20. Offertory*  | # 955    |
| 21. Preface   | p 160    |
| 22. Holy, Holy, Holy...   | p 161    |
| 23. Prayer of Thanksgiving                                      | p 161    |
| 24. The Words of Our Lord                                       | p 162    |
| 25. The Lord's Prayer   | p 162    |
| 26. Pax Domini  | p 163    |
| 27. Agnus Dei   | p 163    |
| 28. Communion Hymn  | # 427    |
| Guitar Hymn:  |          |
| The Wonderful Cross   | Insert   |
| Communion Hymn  | # 698    |
| 29. Thank the Lord  | p 164    |
| 30. Post Communion Collect                                      | p 166    |
| 31. Benediction   | p 166    |
| 32. Closing Hymn  | # 918    |

### Postlude

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

## **Old Testament**

### **Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

## **Epistle**

### **Philemon 1–21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 14:25–35**

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

***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.***

## **"The Wonderful Cross"**

*Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, J.D. Walt and Isaac Watts*

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast save in the death of  
Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most; I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!**

**Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**  
*(Repeat Chorus to end)*

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## **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.**

### **This Week at Grace**

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| <b>Today</b>     | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                     |
|                  |                   | <b>Coffee &amp; Youth Biscuits</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>6:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Potluck Fellowship</b>          |
|                  | <b>6:45 p.m.</b>  | <b>Prayer &amp; Praise</b>         |

### **For the week September 7-13, 2025**

#### **Birthdays**

**09/07 Kendra Eschete**

**09/08 Pat Bauman**

**Gabriella Crawford**

**09/12 Hailey Long**

#### **Baptismal Anniversaries**

**09/11 Chad Hannusch**

**Bradley Matherne**

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

**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.

