

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Mona LaCour
Lisa Giroir
Jerrie & Stacie

Second Sunday after Christmas	January 4, 2026
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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 honor of the marriage of Hannah Cuneo and Brennan Sonnier on December 31st.

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 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

People: his understanding is beyond measure.

Pastor: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

People: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Pastor: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

People: Praise your God, O Zion!

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: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Collect of The Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Church Prayer List

It is the duty and privilege of Christ's church to offer prayers and supplications to God. For this reason, we keep the church prayer list and publish it. For good order, non-members are removed from the prayer list quarterly so that names do not remain on the list long after the particular need for prayer has passed. A simple note or email to the church office will keep a name on the list for the next quarter. Please do not assume that if you mention the name of a person in need of our prayers to Pastor in passing or during a Bible study that he will remember to place them on the prayer list. Please send a note or email as well. On behalf of everyone who benefits from your prayers, thank you.

Divine Service

Setting One

Lutheran Service Book, Page 151

Pre-Service Music

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| 1. Opening Hymn | # 376 |
| 2. Confession and Absolution | p 151 |
| 3. Introit | Bulletin |
| 4. Kyrie | p 152 |
| 5. This is the Feast | p.155 |
| 6. Salutation | p 156 |
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| 10. Alleluia Verse | p 156 |
| 11. Glory to you, O... | p 157 |
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| 13. Praise to you, O... | p 157 |
| 14. The Nicene Creed | p 158 |
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| 16. Sermon Hymn | # 410 |
| 17. Sermon | |
| 18. Meditation | |
| 19. Prayer of the Church | p.159 |
| Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord; | |
| People: Lord, have mercy. | |
| 20. Offertory* | # 955 |
| 21. Preface | p 160 |
| 22. Holy, Holy, Holy... | p 161 |
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| 29. Thank the Lord | p 164 |
| 30. Post Communion Collect | p 166 |
| 31. Benediction | p 166 |
| 32. Closing Hymn | # 399 |

Postlude

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

Old Testament

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Matt Maher

**Great is Your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with the sinners restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise oh God**

Chorus:

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise oh God**

Chorus:

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise oh God**

Chorus:

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing! Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me**

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This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Degreening of the Church

For the week January 4-10, 2026

Birthday
01/10 Donna Boger

Baptismal Anniversary
01/06 Kristen Gouaux

Wedding Anniversary
01/07 Billy & Donna
Von Burgsdorff

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Juanita Blanchard and Mary Jane Schouest.

BATTLING CANCER: Alyssa Rogers, Beau Bourgeois, Charlene Shroyer, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton, Mike Moss and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Lola Ledet, Lynn Cinnater and Tom Kinsella.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bob Dieterian, Charles Calloway, Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, Jeanne Norman, Jim Lemmerman, John Partain, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Nancy Kuffel, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The family of Laura Robson and Tommy Hebert.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Karoline and Khyler Anthony, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Arthur and Nikki and baby Boudreaux.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: 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, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim.



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