

# 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*  
*Mona LaCour*  
*Lisa Giroir*  
*Jerrie & Stacie*

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**January 4, 2026**

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 31<sup>st</sup>.

***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

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
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	# 410
17. Sermon	
18. Meditation	
19. Prayer of the Church	p.159
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;	
<b>People: Lord, have mercy.</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	# 402
Guitar Hymn:	
Your Grace is Enough	Insert
Communion Hymn	# 602
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

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And 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. <sup>7</sup> And 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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. <sup>9</sup> Give 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?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And 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, <sup>12</sup> behold, 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. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup> And 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

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

<sup>11</sup>In 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, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In 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, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## Gospel

### Luke 2:40–52

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

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but 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, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And 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.” <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And 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.

<sup>52</sup>And 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**

### This Week at Grace

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

### **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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