

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Next Sunday

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Debra Shevlin
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First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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 by the Cape family in memory of Richard Hauser.

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 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

Pastor: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

People: I will rescue him and honor him.

Pastor: With long life I will satisfy him

People: and show him my salvation.

Pastor: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

People: the Most High, who is my refuge—

Pastor: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

People: no plague come near your tent.

Pastor: For he will command his angels concerning you

People: to guard you in all your ways.

Pastor: On their hands they will bear you up,

People: lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Pastor: You will tread on the lion and the adder;

People: the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

People: I will rescue him and honor him.

Pastor: With long life I will satisfy him

People: and show him my salvation.

Collect of the Day

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 # 544
2. Confession and Absolution p. 203
3. Introit Bulletin
4. Kyrie p. 204
5. Gloria In Excelsis omitted
6. Salutation p. 205
7. Collect of the Day Bulletin
8. Old Testament Bulletin
9. Psalm 32
10. Epistle Reading
11. Alleluia and Verse omitted
12. **Glory to You, O Lord.** p. 206
13. Holy Gospel Bulletin
14. **Praise to You, O Christ** p. 206
15. Apostles' Creed p. 207
16. The Word for Children
17. Sermon Hymn # 656
18. Sermon
19. Meditation
20. Prayer of the Church p. 207
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy.
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 # 424
Guitar Hymn: Sanctuary Insert
Distribution Hymn # 422
30. Nunc Dimittis p. 211
31. Post Communion Collect p. 212
32. Benediction p. 212
33. Closing Hymn # 481

Postlude

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

GRACE'S MISSION

*BUILDING ONE BODY IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP,
WITNESS, STEWARDSHIP, SERVICE, LOVE, TEACHING AND
FELLOWSHIP.*

Old Testament

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and ⁷"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

"Sanctuary"

Randy Scruggs & John W. Thompson

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

**It is you, Lord who came to save
The heart and soul of every man
It is you Lord who knows my weakness,
Who gives me strength, with Thine own hand**

**Lead me on Lord from temptation
Purify me from within
Fill my heart with Your Holy Spirit
Take away all my sin**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
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Easter Lily Pricing

Unfortunately, the price of Easter Lilies has risen to the point that we must charge \$15.00 per plant. This does not quite cover the cost.



This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & LWML Baked Goods
	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. Lenten Midweek Worship Service
Saturday	2:00 p.m. New Member's Class

For the week February 22 - 28, 2026

Birthday

02/23 Richard LaCour

02/24 Carmen Cunningham
Hudson Spolarich

02/26 Kim Cape

Gail Akins

02/27 Cindy Bush

Baptismal Anniversaries

02/24 Darin Crawford

02/26 Bruce Weber

Alec Cunningham

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Henry Stegall, Josephine Hebert, Juanita Blanchard and Sofie Arceneaux.

BATTLING CANCER: Alyssa Roger, Charlene Shroyer., Connie Deroche, Marilyn Beach and Mike Moss.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Betty Hummel, Connie Oswalt, Donna Bass,

Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, James Hillman, Jackie Webb,
Jim Lemmerman, John Partain, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Tommy Hebert and Joy Porche.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Nikki and baby Boudreaux and Sierra and baby Thalheim.

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: Abbie Schmitt, Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer,
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