

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Today

Service Elder - John Wegner
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Altar Guild - Jerrie & Stacie

Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Shelby Giroir
Lisa Giroir
John & Rana

Fourth Sunday of Easter	April 26, 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 remembrance of our beloved Marilyn Beach who went to be with our Lord this past Wednesday.

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 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

Pastor: I am the good shepherd.

People: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God,

People: and a great King above all gods.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Pastor: For he is our God,

People: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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: I am the good shepherd.

People: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Collect of The Day

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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 (Sung)

Grace's Mission

*Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship*

Divine Service

Third Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 184

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 476
 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 omitted
 7. Salutation p 189
 8. Collect of the Day Bulletin
 9. First Reading Bulletin
 10. Epistle Reading Bulletin
 11. Alleluia Verse omitted
 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 # 474
 18. Sermon
 19. Meditation
 20. Offertory* p 192
 21. Prayer of the Church p 193
- 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 # 810
- Guitar Hymn:
From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Insert
- Distribution Hymn # 563
 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 # 919

Postlude

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

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel

John 10:1–10

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find

pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Isaac Watts / Wm W How

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.**

(chorus)

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Oh Alleluia!**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

(chorus)

**All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

(chorus)

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Oh Alleluia!**

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Concordia Publishing House (CPH) recently announced the launch of an online version of the *Book of Concord (BOC)*, available at no cost at bookofconcord.cph.org. The reaction across social media after the announcement was made was uniformly enthusiastic..

“What sets the *Book of Concord Online* apart is that it features the text of *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*,” said Jonathan D. Schultz, CPH president and CEO. “For over 20 years, this has been the most widely used and trusted version of our Confessions. We are thrilled to be making it freely available online.”

The new *BOC* website makes the historic documents of the *Book of Concord* — containing the foundational writings of the Lutheran confessors — available to all on a user-friendly, digital platform. The text provided on the website is from *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, second edition, by CPH. A press release from CPH describes it as “a revised and updated version of the translation originally prepared by William H. T. Dau and G. Friedrich Bente for the *Concordia Triglotta* to ensure both theological fidelity and readability for today’s readers.”

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.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	New Member Class
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	New Member Class

For the week April 26-May 2, 2026

Birthdays
04/29 Jacob Cinnater

Baptismal Anniversaries
04/30 Roy Labat
Mitch Tabor

In the palm of God’s Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Dennis Armstrong and Frank Alessio.

BATTLING CANCER: Charlene Shroyer.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Cunningham and Hudson Spolarich.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, John Partain, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Mike Wallace, Rev. John Ramsey, Richard LaCourand Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Donna Elke, Henry Stegall and Marilyn Beach.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Nikki and Roman Myles 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, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim - Cole.



GLC Charity Fund

Did you know that Grace Lutheran Church has a charity fund? We do. We use these monies to help folks who come to the church in need of food, utility bill assistance, gasoline and other basic necessities. We provide a small amount of assistance to help people with an immediate need while directing them to more abundant aid available in our community. Of course, we try to encourage they receive the true treasure of the church—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you would like to help support this ministry simply give to Grace Lutheran Church and specify “Charity Fund”.