

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Today**

*Service Elder - John Wegner*  
*Scripture Reader - Bonnie Dupre*  
*Offering Stewards - Lisa Giroir*  
*Altar Guild - Mary Lou & Lorie*

## **Next Sunday**

*Joey Souther*  
*Dale Boger/Justine Sasser*  
*Lisa Giroir*  
*Jerrie & Stacie*

Seventh Sunday of Easter	May 17, 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 by Rana DaSilva in celebration of her son Jared Moise's birthday on the 24th.

**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 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**People: to you, O Lord, I will make music.**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God!

**People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**People: Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Pastor: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

**People: and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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 will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**People: to you, O Lord, I will make music.**

## Collect of The Day

**O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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 # 728
  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 p. 187
  7. Salutation p 189
  8. Collect of the Day Bulletin
  9. First Reading Bulletin
  10. Psalm 51:1-12
  11. Epistle Reading Bulletin
  12. Alleluia Verse p. 190
  13. Glory be to... p 190
  14. Holy Gospel Bulletin
  15. Praise be to... p 191
  16. Apostles' Creed p 192
  17. The Word for Children
  18. Sermon Hymn # 474
  19. Sermon
  20. Meditation
  21. Offertory\* p 192
  22. Prayer of the Church p 193
- Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**
23. Preface p 194
  24. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 195
  25. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) p 196
  26. The Words of Our Lord p 197
  27. Pax Domini(Amen sung) p 197
  28. Agnus Dei p 198
  29. Distribution Hymn # 810
- Guitar Hymn:  
Glorify Thy Name 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 1:12–26**

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “May his camp become desolate,

and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’”

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## **Psalm**

### **Psalm 68:1–10**

<sup>1</sup>God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate him shall flee before him!

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

as wax melts before fire,

so the wicked shall perish before God!

<sup>3</sup>But the righteous shall be glad;

they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!  
<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the Lord;  
exult before him!  
<sup>5</sup>Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.  
<sup>6</sup>God settles the solitary in a home;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.  
<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,  
<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.  
<sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;  
you restored your inheritance as it languished;  
<sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

## **Epistle**

### **1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

<sup>18</sup>And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,

seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### **John 17:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

“Glorify Thy Name” *Donna Adkins*

**Father, we love You, we worship and adore You;  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You;  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You;  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name,  
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**

*CCLI# 1383 - 1976, 1981 Maranatha! Music*

### **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”.

### **Read the Book of Concord Online for FREE!**

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](http://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

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee &amp; Youth</b>
	<b>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</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship</b>
	<b>6:45 p.m. Prayer &amp; Praise</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. New Member Class</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. New Member Class</b>

### **For the week May 17-23, 2026**

**Birthday**  
05/20 Donald Greene

**Baptismal Anniversaries**  
05/19 Jeannie Thalheim  
05/22 Raymond Godail

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
05/20 Mike & Charlene  
Shroyer  
05/23 James & Molly  
Blakely  
Bret & Penny  
Cuneo

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

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Dennis Armstrong, Frank Alessio and Hudson Spolarich.

BATTLING CANCER: Charlene Shroyer.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Cunningham.

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.



### **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.**