

# NEWSLETTER

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR RICH RUDNIK  
GRACEHOUMA.ORG

### GRACE TO GO

We're shaking things up  
with our newsletter design.



Bailee Giroir, Ruby Souther  
and Victoria Crawford were  
confirmed in the Christian  
faith here on June 22.

### SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Monday Bible Class 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class 1 p.m.  
Wednesday Pot Luck 6 p.m.  
Prayer & Praise 6:45 p.m.

### ALTAR GUILD

7/06: John & Rana  
7/13: Pastor & Bridgette  
7/20: Mary Lou & Lorie  
7/27: Jerrie & Stacie

### LECTORS

7/06: Bonnie Dupre  
7/13: Dale B./Nicholas S.  
7/20: Mona LaCour  
7/27: Shelby Giroir

### Pastor's Corner

In Christ We Trust

In the South we tend to be a rather patriotic lot, and because our particular region leans politically to the right and our country recently scored a decisive military victory against a long-time enemy, a lot of folks' chests might be thrust out a little farther this Independence Day. I don't think there is anything wrong with taking pride in one's country, so long as we understand it to be one of our blessings under God. St. Paul writes, *"For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."* Our government, its leaders and the very soil we walk upon are all gifts of God.

Yet, like all good blessings, we can take it too far. We can make the U.S.A. an idol, putting our hope and trust in our country and its prosperity as our greatest good and comfort. Patriotism is fine until it crosses a line and becomes something akin to worship. Political divisiveness has stirred up much passion, and sometimes on both sides of the aisle some people seem to make politics a near-religion.

Politics has its place, but it also has an end date. We need to remember that. *"Then comes the end, when [Jesus Christ] delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power."*

When Christ returns, He won't be asking about your politics, your citizenship or where you stand on the issues. He'll know in what you've placed your hope and trust. You'll be bound to the fate of that in which your hope and trust was placed. Only His kingdom endures.

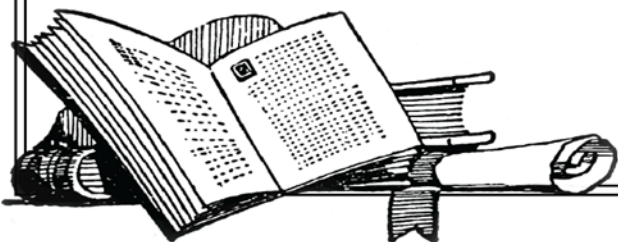
Jesus is Lord of all—this country, its leaders, its real estate, its people. He will reign long after the rest is gone. Appreciate the blessings God gives, even celebrate them with holidays. But keep them in their place and put your hope and trust in Christ alone.



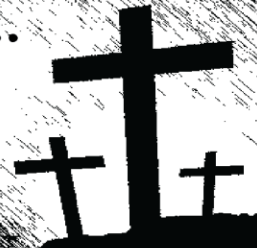
### LECTIONARY READINGS

July 06, 2025 (Green) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 13, 2025 (Green) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 20, 2025 (Green) 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 2025 (Green) 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18, Luke 10:1-20  
Leviticus 19:9-18, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37  
Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:21-29, Luke 10:38-42  
Genesis 18:20-33, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13



# IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HANDS...



PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Ethel Hamilton and Josephine Hebert.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Jacqui Kaplan, Joe Deane and PC Cummins.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, Cynthia Ratliff, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, Jim Richmond, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Henry Cancienne, Ellen DeSoto, Melody Lipner, Les Nemeth, Renate Piotter and Eydie Richmond.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & baby Crawford, Karoline and baby Cormier and Lei'Lyn and baby Hebert.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Austin Lirette, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.

## PRAYER LIST CLEAN UP

**THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2025 IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE AND THAT MEANS WE ARE "CLEANING UP" THE CHURCH PRAYER LIST TO ENSURE FOLKS DON'T STAY ON IT INFINITELY. THAT SAID, IF SOMEONE NEEDS OUR PRAYERS, WE DO INDEED WANT THEM TO REMAIN. IF YOU HAVE SOMEBODY ON THE LIST YOU WISH TO REMAIN, PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR@GRACEHOUMA OR PASS A WRITTEN NOTE TO PASTOR INDICATING SUCH. DON'T THINK PASTOR RICH WILL REMEMBER IF YOU ONLY MENTION IT TO HIM IN PASSING ON SUNDAY MORNING. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ALL OF THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

## Cima Missionary Visit

J.P. Cima, whose missionary work first in Vietnam and now in Cambodia has long been supported by Grace, will be visiting us Sunday, July 20. J.P. will preach during the worship service and provide a Sunday school slideshow highlighting his and Aimee's work overseas. Please plan on being there.

## Parts of the Liturgy

### The Distribution

This is the high point of the Divine Service. God's people receive the very body and blood of the risen Savior for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Nothing can be greater. Though we come to the rail as mournful beggars, we should leave in joyous gratitude to our gracious God.



## GRACE'S MISSION

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Friendship.

422 VALI BLVD, HOUMA, LA 70360 - (985) 879-1865

SECRETARY@GRACEHOUMA.ORG