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Joey Souther
Mona LaCour
Lisa Giroir
Jerrie & Stacie

Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 30, 2025
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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 in thanksgiving and to the glory of God for the missionary work of the Cima family.

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 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 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

People: so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

People: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Pastor: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

People: and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Collect of The Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Sung)

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.

Divine Service

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Postlude

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

Old Testament

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

"Revelation Song"

Jennie Lee Riddle

**Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat
(repeat)**

(chorus)
**Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You! Yeah!**

**Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only Wise King, Yeah**

(chorus)

**Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water
Such a marvelous mystery Yeah!**

(chorus sung twice to end)

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**Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place June 16 through
June 20 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Debra Shevlin has graciously
volunteered to be our director and is seeking volunteers to help
out in any way. We will be serving a supper, then doing crafts,
Bible Challenge, and Storytelling stations. Folks are needed at
all of these areas as well as chaperoning the groups of children.
If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby of the
church or call/email the church office. (985) 709-0234/
secretary@gracehouma.org.**

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Coffee & Youth Biscuits with Gravy
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship Service

For the week March 30– April 5, 2025

Birthday

03/30 Raymond Godail

04/01 J.P. Cima

04/03 Bart Domangue

Baptismal Anniversaries

04/01 Lola Ledet

Zhain Shroyer

Wedding Anniversaries

03/30 Derek & Carolina

Crawford

**04/02 Chad & Rachel
Moore**

**04/04 Michael & Toni
St. Amant**

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham, Cynthia Ratliff, Don Effler, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Ike McDavitt, Jim Loupe, Josephine Hebert, Linda Effler, Todd Cunningham and Trista Effler.

BATTLING CANCER: Annick George Matherne, Beau Bourgeois, Eldon Authement, Helen Duplantis, Isla Granger, Jenny Ford, Lance Griffin, Laura Robson and Michael Hamilton.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Andrew Beasley, Brigitte Kinsella, Carl Folse, Charles Reid, Donna Elke, Jacqui Kaplan, Joe Deane and Marla Churchill.

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MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Elaine Waswick, Patsy Wegner and Richard Hauser.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: LeiLyn and baby Hebert and Karoline and baby Cormier.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:

Avery St. Amant, Chandler Crawford, Haily Crawford, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Julia Shroyer, Justin Scherf, Katie Cahill, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert, Noah Scheufens and Todd Mueller.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Donovan Domangue, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Norman, Jacob Harding, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Peyton Kraus, Shelby Giroir and Victoria Thalheim.

