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Altar Guild –Jerrie & Stacie

Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Shelby Giroir
Lisa Giroir
John & Rana

Fifth Sunday In Lent	April 6, 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 to the glory of God in celebration of Karoline Giroir's birthday today.

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 wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

Introit

Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8

Pastor: Salvation belongs to the Lord;

People: your blessing be on your people!

Pastor: But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,

People: my glory, and the lifter of my head.

Pastor: I cried aloud to the Lord,

People: and he answered me from his holy hill.

Pastor: I lay down and slept;

People: I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

Pastor: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

People: who have set themselves against me all around.

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: Salvation belongs to the Lord;

People: your blessing be on your people!

Collect of The Day

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Cima Missionary Visit

J.D. 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.D. 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

Setting One

Lutheran Service Book, Page 151

Pre-Service Music

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| 1. Opening Hymn | # 909 |
| 2. Confession and Absolution | p 151 |
| 3. Introit | Bulletin |
| 4. Kyrie | p 152 |
| 5. Salutation | p 156 |
| 6. Collect of the Day | Bulletin |
| 7. Old Testament | Bulletin |
| 8. Epistle Reading | Bulletin |
| 9. Glory to you, O... | p 157 |
| 10. Holy Gospel | Bulletin |
| 11. Praise to you, O... | p 157 |
| 12. The Nicene Creed | p 158 |
| 13. The Word for Children | |
| 14. Sermon Hymn | # 430 |
| 15. Sermon | |
| 16. Meditation | |
| 17. Prayer of the Church | p.159 |

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;

People: Lord, have mercy.

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| 18. Offertory* | #955 |
| 19. Preface | p 160 |
| 20. Holy, Holy, Holy... | p 161 |
| 21. Prayer of Thanksgiving | p 161 |
| 22. The Words of Our Lord | p 162 |
| 23. The Lord's Prayer | p 162 |
| 24. Pax Domini | p 163 |
| 25. Agnus Dei | p 163 |
| 26. Communion Hymn | # 431 |

Guitar Hymn:

Let Everything That Has Breath Insert

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| Communion Hymn | # 422 |
| 27. Thank the Lord | p 164 |
| 28. Post Communion Collect | p 166 |
| 29. Benediction | p 166 |
| 30. Closing Hymn | # 575 |

Postlude

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

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things,
 nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.”

Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

"Let Everything That Has Breath"

Matt Redman

Chorus:

**Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord
Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord**

Verse 1:

**Praise You in the morning, Praise You in the evening
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old
Praise You when I'm laughing, Praise You when I'm grieving
Praise You every season of the soul
If we could see how much You're worth
Your power, Your might, Your endless love
Then surely we would never cease to praise You**

Chorus:

**Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord
Let everything that, everything that
Everything that has breath praise the Lord**

Verse 2:

**Praise You in the heavens, Joining with the angels
Praising You forever and a day
Praise You on the earth now, Joining with creation
Calling all the nations to Your praise
If they could see how much You're worth
Your power, Your might, Your endless love
Then surely they would never cease to praise You**

Chorus:

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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 & LWML Baked Goods
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship Service

For the week April 6-12, 2025

Birthdays

04/06 Karoline Giroir

04/11 Bret Cuneo

Baptismal Anniversary

04/08 Hudson Spolarich

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham, Cynthia Ratliff and Todd Cunningham.

BATTLING CANCER: Michael Hamilton.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Andrew Beasley, Jacqui Kaplan and Joe Deane.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Ellen DeSoto, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Rana DaSilva, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

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

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, and Victoria Thalheim.



Easter Brunch

The ladies of the LWML are sponsoring the annual Easter Day Brunch following service.

All are welcome to attend. However, we request that everyone who plans on attending brings an item to share.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jerrie at 879-1913.