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John & Rana

Second Sunday In Advent	December 7, 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 by Richard & Jeannie Thalheim in honor of the upcoming marriage of Victoria Thalheim and Jessie Cole on December 13th.

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 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

Pastor: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

People: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Pastor: Seek the Lord and his strength;

People: seek his presence continually!

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

People: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

Pastor: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

People: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Pastor: He is the Lord our God;

People: his judgments are in all the earth.

Pastor: He remembers his covenant forever,

People: the word that he commanded, for a thousand 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: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

People: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Collect of The Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Sung)

Divine Service

Third Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 184

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 713
2. Confession and Absolution p 184
3. Introit Bulletin
4. Glory be to the Father... p 186
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7. Collect of the Day Bulletin
8. Old Testament Bulletin
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12. Holy Gospel Bulletin
13. Praise be to... p 191
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15. The Word for Children
16. Sermon Hymn # 515
17. Sermon
18. Meditation
19. Offertory* p 192
20. Prayer of the Church p 193
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy.
21. Preface p 194
22. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 195
23. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) p 196
24. The Words of Our Lord p 197
25. Pax Domini(Amen sung) p 197
26. Agnus Dei p 198
27. Communion
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How Great is Our God Insert
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30. Thanksgiving p 200
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32. Salutation & Benedicamus p 201
33. Benediction p 202
34. Closing Hymn # 671

Grace's Mission
Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship

Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him
shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves

**The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice**

**How great is our God
How great is our God
How great, how great is our God**

**Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb**

**How great is our God
How great is our God
How great, how great is our God**

**How great is our God
How great is our God
How great, how great is our God**

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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.

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. Advent Midweek Worship Service

For the week December 7 -13, 2025

Birthday
12/12 Penny Cuneo

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Mary Jane Schouest.

BATTLING CANCER: Alyssa Rogers, Beau Bourgeois, Charlene Shroyer, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton, Mike Moss and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Lola Ledet, Lynn Cinnater and Tom Kinsella.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bob Dieterian, Charles Calloway, Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, Jeanne Norman, Jim Lemmerman, John Partain, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Nancy Kuffel, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The family of Laura Robson and Tommy Hebert.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Karoline and Khyler Anthony, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Arthur and Nikki and baby Boudreaux.

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: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim.



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