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Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Looking Ahead

- **Today! July 13** Endowment Talks Between Services
- **Today! July 13** Junior Bible Study at both Services
- **July 20** Endowment Talks Between Services
- **July 27** **Special Congregational Meeting**
- **August 1** WELCA Ice Cream & Pie Social
- **August 10** Jazz Worship Joint Worship 9:30am
- **July 28-August 2** Pr. Kirsten Vacation
- **August 22** Kids End of Summer Party!
- **August 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **August 31** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **September 1** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **September 14** LWR Bags due back to church
- **September 21** Outdoor Worship & Block Party
- **September 28-30** Prs at Fall Theological Conf

save the Date!

Jazz

Sunday, August 10
Jazz Worship Joint Service at 9:30am
with the Manny Lopez Big Band



Habitat
for Humanity®
QUAD CITIES

August 2 | Shifts: 8:30-Noon or Noon-3
Sign up online for one or more shifts at bit.ly/GraceSummerHab or talk with Pr. Kirsten.



Endowment Conversations

July 13 and 20 | between services

Before the special congregational meeting on Sunday, July 27, come for conversation on July 13 or 20 between services to learn about the proposed changes to the constitution and our Endowment. You can chat with the Endowment Committee about why they are recommending this path. For more information go to bit.ly/GraceEndow or scan the QR Code above.



Women's Choir

All women invited!

One song. One rehearsal. One service. Join us for a fun women's singing experience. All are welcome regardless of ability. Rehearsal is Wed, July 30, at 7pm. We will perform Aug 3, at 8:30am. Questions? Call or text Jane Rock at 563-340-8022.

WELCA Pie & Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 1 | 7:30pm | Free-will Donation

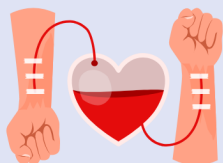
Pie, Ice Cream, and Great Music! Join our Grace WELCA for pie and ice cream and enjoy the Bettendorf Community Band at **Veterans Memorial Park (1645 23rd Street, Bettendorf)** as they perform their favorite songs from this 57th season! Come have a good time and support both WELCA and the Bettendorf Community Band.



Second Sunday Junior Bible Study

SUMMER

Pastor Kirsten will lead Junior Bible Study in the narthex during both worship services with a short lesson and a small craft. **The next JBS dates are: July 13 and August 10.**



Grace members made seven blood donations during June. Year-to-date total: 65. **The next in-house blood drive is Tuesday, September 23, 2-5:30pm.** Those that donated at the May 15 drive are eligible to donate from July 10 to July 29, and then donate again at the next drive.

Kids End of Summer Party!

Friday Aug 22 | 5:30-7:30pm

Kids will laugh, learn, and enjoy hot dogs, s'mores, games, and bible Stories at our End



of Summer Party! Register online at bit.ly/GraceEOSAug22, scan the QR Code, or talk with Pastor Kirsten to register or offer help!



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Sunday, July 13

JBS at Both Services

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Endowment Conversations
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, July 14

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom
5:00pm Wedding Walk Through

Tuesday, July 15

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, July 16

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

Thursday, July 17

Friday, July 18

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 19

8:30am Page Turners
2:30pm Dohrmann/Miller Wedding

Sunday, July 20

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Endowment Conversations
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, July 21

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

Tuesday, July 22

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH



Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: July 19 We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **July Book:** *What You Leave Behind* by Wanda Morris **Host:** Janice Gibbs 563-332-6791 **Location:** TBD



Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: Aug 6 Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall (in the Summer). Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.



Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: August 12 and 13 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.



Naomi Circle

Next Gathering: Special! Tuesday, August 19, 11am

Lunch Social at Cracker Barrel (300 Jason Way Ct, Davenport)

Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September - May, 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber 563-340-0350 or marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com.



Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).



Men's Lunch

Men's "Lunch and Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Vanderveer Park. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.



LWR School Kits, Fabric Kits, & Personal Care Kits

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight. But there are things we can do not to help people around the world reach their full potential. Once again the members of Grace are invited to contribute to the LWR Project of School Kits, Fabric Kits, and Personal Care Kits.

School supplies will soon be appearing in our retail stores at very reasonable prices. You will be able to pick up, in the church narthex, empty school bags with a supply list inside. There will also be lists of items needed to complete Personal Care Kits and Fabric Kits. Return the filled school bags and other kits to the church by **September 14**.



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Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 13, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

Meditation on "Showalter" arr. David Lasky

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In..... ELW 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Kyrie (from *Now the Feast & Celebration*)..... written and setting by Marty Haugen

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.


Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have




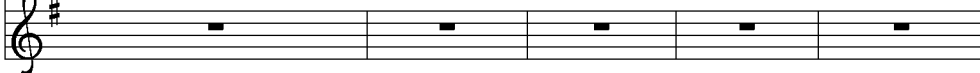
For the reign of God, and for




mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.




peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the




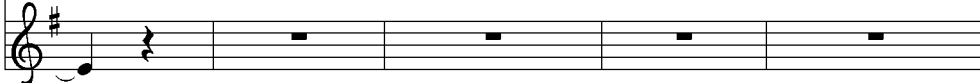
Lord. For your




Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration written and setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, **your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

Special Music

When I Turn My Heart to Heaven..... Vocalists Charlie Rock and Savanna Lovell
 Words by J. Paul Williams and Tongva Coffman Williams; Music by Joseph M. Martin

First Reading | Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the
God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore, you teach sinners in your way.**

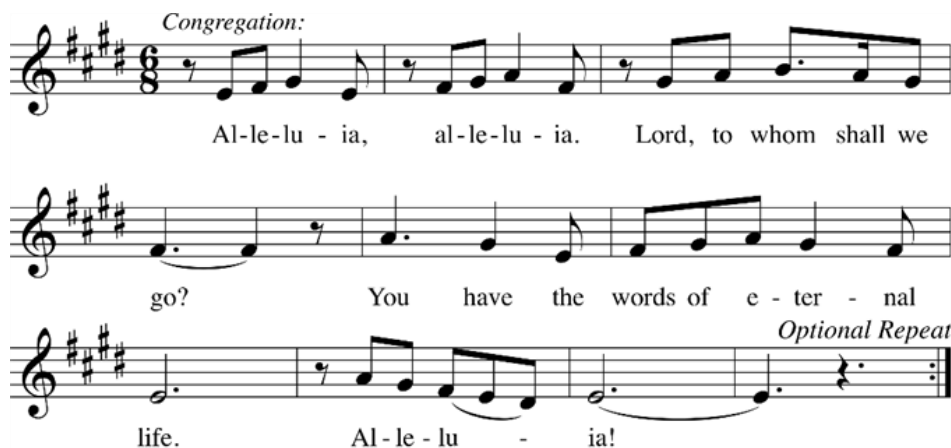
You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia written and setting by Marty Haugen

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel Reading | Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

You Are Mine..... ELW 581

- 1 I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.
- 2 I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. *Refrain.*

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

3 I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. *Refrain*.

4 I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now and walk and live! *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray. In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Call to Offering

God of love, let us offer these gifts with humility, remembering times we've needed help in our own lives. Help us use these gifts to love others as we have been loved.

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat written and setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my


body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God written and setting by Marty Haugen




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:




mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit † bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Blessed Assurance ELW 638

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Sending

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on "Ash Grove"..... arr. David Lasky

Interested in Joining Grace? Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Sparkhouse Magazines Kid's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage children and families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email? Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Serving in Worship

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| Greeter | Kathy Higgins |
| Ushers | Mark Jepson, One NEEDED |
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