




Looking Ahead

- August 10 Jazz Joint Worship, 2nd Sunday JBS**
- July 28-August 2** Pr. Kirsten Vacation
- August 22** Kids End of Summer Party!
- August 24** Back to School Blessing
- August 24** Opportunity Sunday
- August 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- August 31** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- Sept 1** Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 7** IFF Picnic
- Sept 7** JBS Begins
- Sept 7** Pictures to Remember
- Sept 9** Book Study: The Anxious Generation
- Sept 11** Bible Study: The Story of Paul
- Sept 14** LWR Bags due back to church
- Sept 21** Outdoor Worship & Block Party
- Sept 28-30** Prs at Theological Conf

LWR School Kits, Fabric Kits, and Personal Care Kits

 In the narthex there are empty school bags with a school supply list inside and 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**. Also, pick up a Thrivent T-Shirt - they're super soft and great to wear and sleep in! For more info about Lutheran World Relief kits go to [lwr.org/kits](#).



Sunday, August 10 | 9:30am Joint Worship
Manny Lopez and his band will be here to lead our worship in song and jazzy celebration. This is always a popular service, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date **KIDS END OF SUMMER PARTY!**
August 22
5:30-7:30pm
Hot Dogs, S'mores, Games, Bible Stories

Go to [bit.ly/GraceEOSAug22](#), scan the QR Code, or click below to register. Questions? Talk with Pr. Kirsten.




Opportunity Sunday
August 24 | Between Services
Coffee and treats will move to Pat Bell Hall where members will be offered opportunities to participate in the life of the church. Find out more about the work of property, music, finance, social ministry, and other church committees keeping Grace alive and vibrant. Ask questions. Socialize. Engage. Have a snack.

End of Summer Picnic!
Sunday, September 7

IFF (It's Food & Fellowship) will gather for an end of summer picnic at Devil's Glen Park in Bettendorf on Sun, Sept 7.

Details will be coming soon, but you can check your calendar and RSVP to Gloria Lange at 563-332-7170 or langejg1@msn.com. Hope you can join us to celebrate (or mourn) both the end of summer and the coming of fall.




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 2nd Sunday JBS is: August 10.**

Junior Bible Study **JBS Resumes September 7th**

Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!



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Sunday, August 3

Food Pantry Sunday

- 8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
- 9:30am Coffee Hour
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, August 4

- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, August 5

- 10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
- 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 6

- 12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Vanderveer
- 5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

Thursday, August 7

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

- 1:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 2:00pm Rivertown Duo Concert @ Figge

Sunday, August 10

Junior Bible Study at Both Services

- 9:30am Jazz Worship Joint Worship
- 10:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, August 11

- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, August 12

- 9:00am Quilters
- 10:00am Pastor's Text Study
- 1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting
- 2:30pm Outreach & Welcome Meeting
- 6:00pm CYF Meeting
- 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting

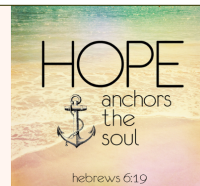
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Hope at the Brickhouse

Friday, August 29 | 5:15pm Arrive | 5:30pm Serve | 6:30pm Cleanup

It's time again for our meal at The Brick House on Friday August 29. Please look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex to see where you can help. We are going to serve tacos, refried beans, fruit/vegetable, milk, and dessert. There are about 25-30 adults and children who attend the Friday dinner. Please contact Karen Jewel with any questions at kcjewel21@gmail.com or 563-639-4608.



FAIR TRADE REPLENISHED

We have replenished our coffee and tea supplies, available in the narthex to purchase. Payment can be made online or with cash/check (memo: Fair Trade). Leave payment in the offering plate or the office mailbox. Coffees are \$10/bag and Teas are \$4/box. Prices will be on each item and some older supplies will be marked down. Additional items can be purchased at shop.equalexchange.coop.



Back to School Blessings!

Students & Educators - Bring your backpacks, briefcases, laptops, and school supplies on **Sunday, August 24!** We will have a special prayer and blessing as you begin a new year of learning, growing, friends, & fun!



Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: August 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.



Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: August 16 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). **August Book:** *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult **Host:** Sally Haugen 563-514-9335 **Location:** Valley Country Café (24487 Valley Dr, Bett)



Naomi Circle

Special! Tuesday, August 19, 11:30am
Lunch Social at Cracker Barrel (300 Jason Way Ct, Davenport) **RSVP to Kathy Shriver at kdshriver51@gmail.com or (563) 650-1952**
Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, Sept - May, 9am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com 563-340-0350.



Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an 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.

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

8th Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025 8:30am

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

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

Prelude

Te Deum Charles Callahan

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

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



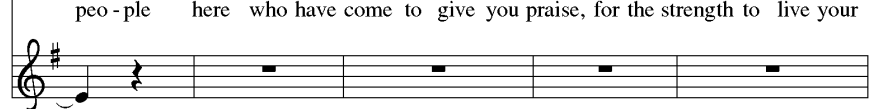
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.




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.



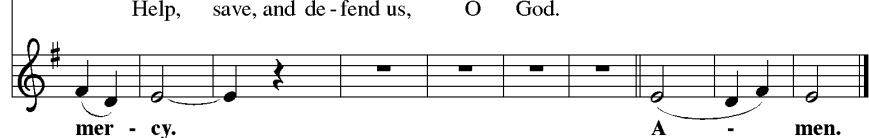
word, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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




mer - cy. A - men.


Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration written and setting by Marty Haugen

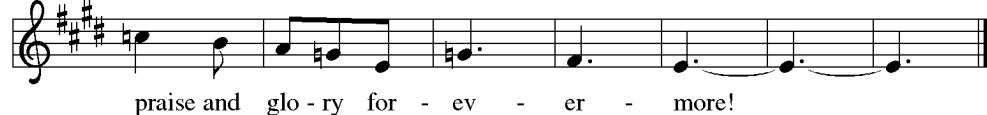
Refrain




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



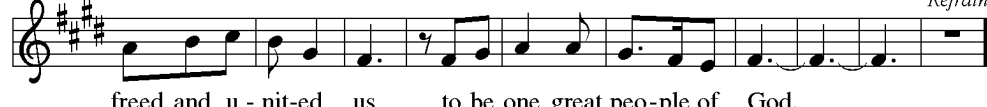
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



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



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



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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Benevolent God, **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Women's Vocal Ensemble

Just a Closer Walk arranged by Jack Schrader
Sonja Rekers *directing*, Gail McRill *accompanist*

Children's Message

First Reading | Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So, I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of

pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
**the wickedness of those who put their
trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish and
leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from
generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

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! *Optional Repeat*

Gospel Reading | Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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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

Having been blessed with God's gifts, let us pursue the kingdom and contribute a share of our abundance to the ministry of this faith community, ensuring that our united offering brings blessings to God and to God's people.

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

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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



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.

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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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing..... ELW 544

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring yours the final victory.
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word; by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free. Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation, may we faithful foll'wers be.

Sending

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude in E Minor J.S. Bach

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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Acolyte..... Debbie Alejo
Crucifer..... Denise Eads
Greeters..... Sue & Jim Cruchelow
Ushers..... Adolfo Alejo, Paul Lewellan
Sound System..... Russ Finkler
Prayers..... Chryss Hartman
Altar Guild..... Nancy Boehme
Heart & Voice Choir Director..... Sally Meier
Organist..... Susan Senn
Pianist..... Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader..... Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks..... Mark & Sue Janssen, Chryss Hartman

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