



Pictures into Memories

October 19 | Between Services

Join us for the second installment of Picture into Memories. In the first session, people shared pictures with Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan. The group then talked about how to convert those picture into stories that could be passed on to others. Even if you could not attend the first session, grab a picture and join us on October 19. Lots of memories; never enough time.



Special Reception for Pastor Stephanie

Sunday, October 26 | Between Services

You are invited to a celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Pastor Stephanie's Ordination! Council members and the Personnel Committee will host a reception in her honor on Sunday, October 26, between Services. They will have

a basket for cards and notes to mark this special occasion in the life of a Minister of Word & Sacrament.



TRUNK OR TREAT!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 ~ 5PM SET UP

Join us for the 19th Annual Trunk or Treat at Grace! We will gather at 5pm to decorate our trunks. Candy & treats will be handed out until they are all gone. If you plan to attend please let Hollie Swain know (563-514-4022 or k75hollie@gmail.com). The past several years we have treated about 200+ children. Contact Hollie if you are unsure about the weather.

All Saints Sunday ~ Bring a Photo

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, we'd like to have a display of our loved ones who have passed. That morning, please bring a photo (in a frame if available) of your Saint for the collection.

Kids Fall Party!

Register to attend at
[bit.ly/GraceKidsNov14](#)
or scan the QR Code ↓

Friday, November 14 | 5:30-7:30pm

For Kids Ages 3 Years and Up ~ Dinner Included

Grace Lutheran Church | 1140 E High St | Davenport, IA

Questions?
Or would you
like to help?
Talk with
Pastor Kirsten



Games 🍁 Crafts 🍁 Bible Stories 🍁 Pizza



Pray & Play Helpers

Our wonderful helpers at Pray & Play are vital to the program's success. You can volunteer for as little or as long a time as you'd like, and helpers are needed both on-site with the kids or behind the scenes (like preparing snacks/lunch, wiping tables, clean up, etc.). **Our next dates for Pray & Play are Nov 7, and Dec 1**, and Pastor Kirsten can answer any questions.

Looking Ahead

- **October 19** Pictures into Memories
- **October 26** Reception for Pr. Stephanie
- **October 26** IFF Party
- **October 31** Trunk or Treat
- **November 2** All Saints Sunday
- **November 4** Polling Location at Grace
- **November 7** Pray & Play
- **November 9** Stewardship Sunday
- **November 14** Kids Fall Party
- **November 15** POW Journals
- **November 16** Stewardship Brunch
- **November 25-Dec 1** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **November 27-28** Office Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday
- **November 30** First Sunday in Advent

Grace Lutheran Church
1140 E High St | Davenport, IA



POW Journals of Ray Walton

Saturday, November 15
9:00am in Pat Bell Hall

The Grace Page Turners group invites you to a special presentation: Mike Walton will be presenting the *Prisoner of War Journals of Ray Walton* from Mike's father's experiences as a POW during World War II. Please join us.

If you have any questions, call Carol Keller 563-340-9013. There are couple of copies of the journals in the church office to check out.

Thrivent Choice Dollars



Thrivent members can direct their choice dollars to Grace! By directing Choice Dollars, eligible clients with membership can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. For more information talk to your Thrivent representative or go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](#).

Sunday, October 19

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Pictures to Remember - PBH
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, October 20

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
6:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

Tuesday, October 21

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
2:30pm Outreach Meeting (tentative)
7:00pm The Anxious Generation

Wednesday, October 22

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

11:00am Story of Paul Bible Study

Friday, October 24

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due

Saturday, October 25

1:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, October 26

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Special Reception
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, October 27

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
7:00am Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, October 28

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, October 29

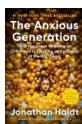
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
6:00pm Confirmation @ St. James
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

11:00am Story of Paul Bible Study

Friday October 31

5:00pm Trunk or Treat



The Anxious Generation Book Study

Tuesday, 7:00pm (next meeting Oct 21) | Led by Pastor Kirsten

The Anxious Generation studies the epidemic of teen mental illness, including why children need play and independent exploration to mature into thriving adults. Anyone is welcome at anytime - this study is open to the community, so please invite your friends and family! Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.



Story of Paul Bible Study

Thursdays, 11:00am | Led by Pastor Stephanie

Please contact the office at office@gracewelcomesyou.org or 563-322-0769 if you are interested. There is a participant book with only a few pages of reading for each session. Pr. Stephanie can answer any questions.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: Nov 5 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: November 11 & 12 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: November 15 See the POW Journals information (over).

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: November 18, 9:00am Meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept-May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Joyce Marinaccio 563-343-3404 or gsgopher50@gmail.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

The Men's Lunch meets at noon every Wednesday at church. 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.

An Afternoon with Bishop Current

Sunday, November 16 | 2-4pm | Faith Lutheran (500 W LeClaire Rd, Eldridge)
Spirit, Open Our Hearts Bishop Current will share stories of the impact of mission support over the last year with words of gratitude. This gathering is for anyone interested in gathering with people from other area congregations and hearing more about the ministry we do together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond.



Habitat for Humanity 2025

Saturday, November 1 | 9am-Noon or Noon-3pm
Help with framing, drywall, siding, and much more for

families who dream of owning a home. No prior building experience needed. Register to attend at bit.ly/HabitatWorkDay or talk with Pastor Kirsten.

Scan for the
current Weekly
Update email



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

19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 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

All the People, That on Earth Do Dwell arr. Lani Smith

Announcements

A Chorus of Generosity

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

We have gathered together to celebrate and sing.

Let the waters roar, and the forests resound with song.

Let the wind whisper, and the creatures sigh.

Let the thunder roll, and the wolves howl.

Let the crickets chime, and the soft rain fall on the leaves.

Let everything that breathes praise God!

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Let us worship God!

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stubborn people. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Lord God, We Praise You..... ELW 558

- 1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over,
active and watchful, standing here before you;
singing, we offer prayer and meditation;
thus we adore you.
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
bring us to heaven, where your saints united
joy without ending.
- 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding
through all creation.

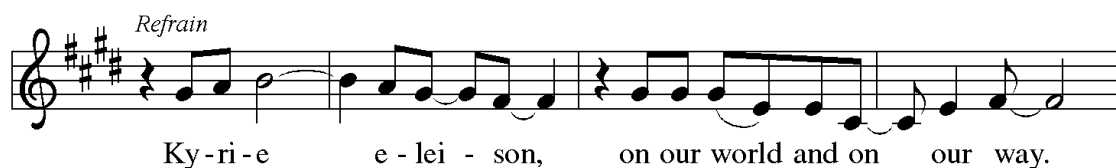
Text: attr. Gregory I, 540-604; tr. composite

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 Eleison, On Our World and On Our Way ELW p. 184



2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



hun-gry and the poor; that

friends and fam-i-ly; for

wa-ter and the word; that you



we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,

life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 187

Refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people,
you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading | 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?..... ELW p. 188



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

Gospel Reading | Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult..... ELW 696

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of
our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":
- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,

from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray. Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Call to Offering

God looks for us to celebrate hope, peace, and love through the ways we give from our spirits. May we find our hearts become full of light as we share our treasures, talents, and time in a chorus of generosity for our ministries here at Grace and in the community.

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat written and setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup ELW 492

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!

Refrain

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

Friends, we've made a joyful noise – but don't let it end here! Go now in peace, to love and serve, to sing and to celebrate, joining in the chorus of creation with generosity and joy. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and † Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Sending

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Variations on "Hendon" arr. Rachel Sawyer



Junior Bible Study | Today: God Listens to Hannah

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!

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.

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

Presiding Minister	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Joel Lorentzen
Communion Assistants	Joel Lorentzen, Jane Krumwiede, Kathy Shriver, Kathi Parrish
Communion Bread	Sue Janssen
Acolyte	Janice Gibbs
Crucifer	NEEDED
Greeters	Sue & Mark Janssen
Ushers	Mark Jepson, Mike Kirby
Sound System	Chuck Lehman
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten, Jane Rock
Prayers	Sally Meier
Altar Guild	Mike Keller
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Cindy Lee, Kathy Higgins

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