



A Chorus of Generosity



A Friendly Reminder: We've had a wonderful response to our 2026 Stewardship Campaign! If you haven't already, please bring/mail in the pledge form that was mailed out to you (or pick one up at church) OR scan this QR Code or go to [bit.ly/GLCPledge2026](#) to submit your pledge online. The goal of the 2026 Stewardship Appeal for 2026 is to increase our gifts and offerings by \$31,980 or \$615 a week. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to seeing what Grace can do in 2026!

Give Thanks Brunch
Sunday, November 16 | Between Services
Let's celebrate with one another our faithful and generous giving by sharing a meal ~ God's gifts to us are plentiful!

An Afternoon with Bishop Current

Sun, Nov 16 | 2-4pm | Faith Lutheran 500 W LeClaire Rd, Eldridge



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.

Thanksgiving Boxes

Garfield Elementary has asked us to provide 13 Thanksgiving boxes to families. We have compiled a list of supplies, and you can sign up for the items on the **posters in the narthex** or through the **online sign up** that was emailed/texted. If you prefer, you may donate funds to be used for Hy-Vee gift cards. **Items are due to Grace by Wednesday, November 19** (non-perishables can be brought sooner). Questions? See Pastor Kirsten



Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 23 | 5:30pm @ Grace

Join us at Grace as we worship together with St. Mark members for a service of thanksgiving with music, readings, scripture, reflections, and prayers.

Looking Ahead

- **November 16** Give Thanks Brunch
- **November 19** Thanksgiving Box items due
- **November 23** Pictures into Memories
- **November 23** Thanksgiving Worship
- **November 25-Dec 1** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **November 27-28** Church Office Closed
- **November 30** First Sunday in Advent
- **December 1** Pray & Play
- **December 12** Grace2Dine
- **December 14** Candles & Carols
- **December 21** Joint Worship Kids Program
- **December 24** Christmas Eve Worship 5pm and 7pm
- **December 25-26** Church Office Closed
- **December 28** Joint Worship Christmas Hymn Sing
- **January 1-2** Church Office Closed
- **January 5** Annual Reports Due

December Newsletter Items

Newsletter items due November 19: Please submit any December newsletter items to the office no later than Wednesday, November 19 (or let me know if something is coming and I can save space). I plan to send out the newsletter before the Thanksgiving holiday.

December Worship Volunteers

Volunteering dates due November 21: Please let me know of any December dates you are unable to serve as a Worship volunteer by Friday, Nov 21. I'd also like to get this list out before the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you!

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](#).



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 last Fall date is Dec 1**, and Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.



Pictures into Memories

November 23 | Between Services

Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan for the third installment. Please join us, whether or not you came to prior sessions. Bring in a photo that touches you: a treasured person, a moment in time. Or bring in a paragraph to share that you've written about a photo. Joel and Paul will give tips on how to translate the images into words you can pass on. Don't let your memories get lost.



Story of Paul Bible Study

November 13, 20 | 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. Classes will resume in January.

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.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: December 20 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). **December Book:** *Little Pink House: A True Story of Defiance and Courage* by Jeff Benedict **Host:** Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 **Location:** TBD

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.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: December 9 & 10 | 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.

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 boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

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the current
Weekly
Update email



Sunday, November 16

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Give Thanks Brunch
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, November 19

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

11:00am Story of Paul Bible Study - PBH

Friday, November 21

10:00am PEO (Private Event)
11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due

Saturday, November 22

1:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Holiday Head Start)
1:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, November 23

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Pictures into Memories
10:30am Contemporary Worship
5:30pm Thanksgiving Service @ Grace

Monday, November 24

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

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



23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 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

Festive Voluntary on "Nettleton" arr. David Lasky

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *For All Who Praise the Lord of Hosts*

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, **†** in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

This is My Father's World (#3 Favorite Hymn)..... ELW 824

- 1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
- 3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

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

Refrain


Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 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



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
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,

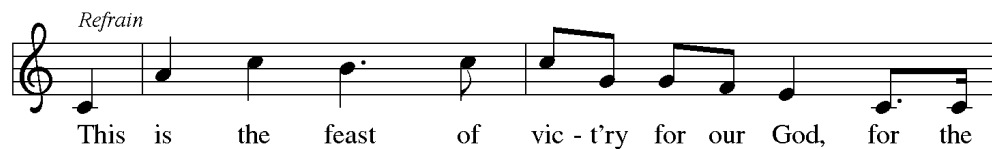


Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

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



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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, **without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

A New Song to the Lord..... Eugene Butler

Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has done wonderful things!

*By His power and holy strength, He has won the victory.
He has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness.*

Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has done wonderful things!

*Sing for joy to the Lord, burst forth into jubilant song.
Sing praises to the Lord, play music on the strings.*

*Trumpet and horn and all human voices shout for joy to the King.
Let the rivers clap their hands, let mountains sing together!*

Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has done wonderful things!

Children's Message

First Reading | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you, yourselves, know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons

we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have
revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out
with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

**The Lord will judge the world with
righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading | Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So, make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (#2 Favorite Hymn)..... ELW 732

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937; Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

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. Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Call to Offering

What are the best ways for us to share what we have? How can we maximize the use of our talents when our neighbors are in pain and our systems try to restrict the welfare of God's children? By utilizing our gifts, we can embody your strength and uplift the spirits of many.

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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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. 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

On Eagle's Wings (#4 Favorite Hymn) ELW 787

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
 who abide in this shadow for life,
 say to the Lord: "My refuge,
 my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
 and famine will bring you no fear;
 under God's wings your refuge,
 with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
 nor the arrow that flies by day;
 though thousands fall about you,
 near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain.*

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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you † and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace (#1 Favorite Hymn) ELW 779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Sending

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

This is My Father's World..... Franklin Sheppard



Junior Bible Study | God Protects Daniel 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
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Crucifer	NEEDED
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Ushers	Mike Kirby, Paul Lewellan
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Jr Bible Study	Jane Krumwiede, Carol Keller
Prayers	Paul Lewellan
Altar Guild	Mike Keller
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
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