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in America

Looking Ahead

- **February 1** Grace Feeds Folks Coffee Hr
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- **February 7** The Illusion of Perfectionism: A Journey Toward Wholeness Retreat
- **February 8** Pictures into Memories
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- **February 25** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **February 26** Lutheran Day on the Hill
- **March 3** Polling Location
- **March 4** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 8** Daylight Savings! ☀



Lutheran Day on the Hill

Thurs, Feb 26 Registration is now open! This free event, is open to anyone who wants to learn more about citizen advocacy and engage with issues impacting our communities. Visit LSlowa.org/LDH for info about these issues and to register. This year's legislative focus includes:

Food Insecurity

Goal: Invest in farmer education and local food markets to promote sustainable food systems that encourage food equity, provide opportunities for small business development, and improve the health of Iowans.

Iowa's Mental Health System

Goal: By fostering a more inclusive mental health system that prioritizes equity and accessibility, Iowa can pave the way for a brighter, healthier future for all its residents.

Refugees

LSI supports policies at the local, state, and national levels that lead to greater inclusion and integration of immigrants into our workplaces and communities. Goal: We must continue to invest in the services that support new Iowans with skills, education, and training to leverage their skills and entrepreneurship in Iowa communities.

Large Print Bulletins

There are a few large-print bulletins available for worship - please ask an usher for assistance.

GRACE FEEDS FOLKS

Join Social Ministry for coffee in PBH
between services on February 1.

Learn about Brick House meals, Thanksgiving baskets, Safer lunches, our milk ministry, and other ways Grace feeds folks. Help pack meals in Green Bags to send home on weekends for students living with food insecurity. And remember it's food pantry Sunday. Grace YOU can feed folks.



THE ILLUSION OF PERFECTIONISM & Journey Toward Wholeness

Saturday, February 7 | 9am-Noon

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 1140 E High St, Davenport, IA

Struggling with perfectionism? Discover a new way of living.

Our speaker: Rev. Melinda Pupillo, campus chaplain and director of spiritual development at Augustana College, Rock Island.

To Register: complete our online form at gracewelcomesyou.org or call 563-322-0769. This event is free and refreshments will be served.



Pictures into Memories

February 8 | Between Services

Did you find a photo of your first dog Queenie?

Or stumble across a snapshot of your 7th grade friend Jim? Do you have a memory you want to capture before you lose it. Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services. Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let your memories get lost.



FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATES & MORE!

Wondering what to get for a special valentine? We have wonderful Fair Trade chocolate bars and hot cocoa, along with olive oil, coffee, & tea. Check out our supply in the narthex and pick up a special gift. Prices are listed and payment can be made by cash or check (memo: Fair Trade) in the offering plate or leaving it in the office, or online. Additional products can be ordered at shop.equalexchange.coop.



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.).

Spring dates are: February 2, April 6, and June 1, and Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.



Coffee Hour Hosts

New this month! Sign up at the coffee kiosk to be a coffee hour host in February. You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks - or all three if you wish. Anyone is welcome to help out, and we'd love to see some new volunteers hosting on Sunday morning.



Puzzle Exchange

Greetings all! These first few months of the year can be a bit dreary. To help pass the time, we invite you to participate in a puzzle exchange! You can bring your puzzles starting Sunday, January 11 thru February 8, and placing them on a table outside the Sanctuary for others to pick up and take home.

Watch: Illusions Retreat News Coverage

Pastor Melinda Pupillo, our speaker for the Grace "The Illusion of Perfectionism" retreat will be giving interviews on two news stations: **KWQC Channel 6** on Monday, February 2 - She will be on Morgan Ottier's show and **WHBF TV4's** (Our Quad Cities) 4:00pm newscast on Wednesday, February, 4. Be sure to watch! Check your local listing or go to their websites for more information.

Story of Paul Bible Study

Thursdays at 11:00am Discover how Paul went from someone who persecuted Christians to being a significant early church leader. *Final class will be *Wednesday, February 11. (*Note day change)*

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 Group

The Men's Lunch Group 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.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: February 4 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: February 10 & 11 | 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.

Naomi Circle

Next Mtg: Tues, February 17, 9am Naomi Circle 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 gsgopher50@gmail.com or 563-343-3404.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: February 21 New Year's resolution - read more books! 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). **February Book: We Are All Guilty Here: a Novel** by Karin Slaughter **Host:** Sally Haugen 563-514-9335 **Location:** TBD

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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.



4th Sunday After Epiphany

February 1, 2026 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

A Canticle of PeaceFranklin Ritter

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Who Will Live in the House of God?*

Remembrance of Baptism*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit **keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

O God beyond All Praising ELW 880

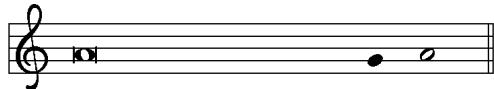
- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown— though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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*

In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



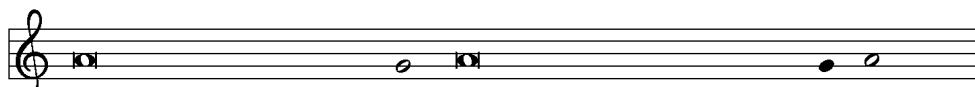
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



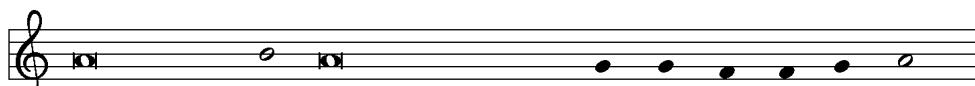
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise*

This is the Feast ELW p. 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



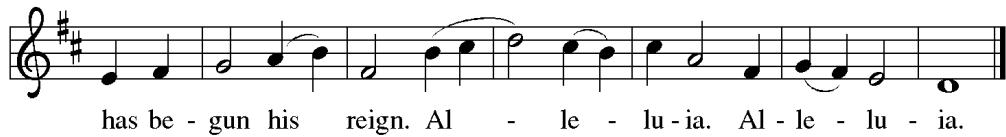
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Holy God,

you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Offertory..... John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on High?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings?
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
And to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearyed" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearyed you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."
"With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what
is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue,
they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the Lord.

**They have sworn upon their health
and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel* | Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

We Are Called..... ELW 720

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

- 2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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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

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God:
lead us by your light.

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace* *(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)*
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Call to Offering *(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)*

In thanksgiving for the mercy we have received, and in hope for the world God is shaping, let us offer our gifts – our resources, our commitments, our lives – so that the way of compassion may grow wide enough for all. Let us give with courage and with joy.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering ELW 692

- 1 We lift our voices, We lift our hands
 We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.
- 2 Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands
 Lord, use our lives, they are yours: We are an offering
- 3 All that we have All that we are
 All that we hope to be We give to you, we give to you.
- 4 We lift our voices We lift our hands
 We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering, We are an offering.

Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verse 1) ELW 815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer After Communion*

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing*

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*

Let Streams of Living Justice ELW 710

- 1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.

- 2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,

bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934; Text © 1989 William Whitla.

Sending*

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes, arr. by Cindy Berry



Junior Bible Study | Jesus Feeds the Crowd

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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| Prayers | Nancy Boehme |
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