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Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Looking Ahead

- **February 22** Quilters Clearance Sale
- **February 25** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **February 26** Lutheran Day on the Hill
- **March 1** Coffee with Council
- **March 1** Food Pantry Sunday
- **March 2** Office Opens at 9:00am
- **March 4** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 8** Daylight Savings! ☀️
- **March 11** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 15** IFF Brunch
- **March 18** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 25** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 29** Palm Sunday
- **April 2** Maundy Thursday
- **April 3** Good Friday

Large Print Bulletins by request - ask an usher.



Coffee with Council

Sunday, March 1 | Between Services

Everyone is invited to join members of council for coffee and conversation between services. Get an update on the budget, learn about new council initiatives, share your observations, questions and concerns.

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

LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays | 7:00pm
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25



Lent is a forty-day season of reflection, repentance, and renewal with God calling upon the whole body of Christ to work together for justice, dignity, and peace. All are welcome to join us each week for reflection and prayer.

Put on your best greenery and let's celebrate the Luck O' the Irish!



IFF BRUNCH

It's Food and Fellowship
Sunday, March 15 | 11:30am

Join us at our Kick-off Brunch!

Where: Home of Kathy Shriver
6211 Whispering Hill Ct, Bettendorf

Hosts: Kathy, Janice Gibbs, and Nancy & Dennis Boehme

11:30am: Mimosas, Bloody Marys, (non-alcoholic available)

Noon-ish: Brunch Begins

Details regarding what to bring will come later.

Please RSVP soon to Janice Gibbs
janiceg52722@gmail.com or 563-332-6791

Luther Properties

Annual Meeting Delegates Needed

Grace is looking for interested members to serve as a delegates to the Luther Properties Annual Meeting. The meeting is held on **7:00pm Monday, March 16, 2026** at Luther Manor (3118 Devils Glen Rd, Bettendorf). The meeting includes listening to the property management reports, enjoying some light refreshments, and if willing, learning how to assist in creating awareness of Luther Properties in the congregation. If interested, contact the office at office@gracewelcomesyou.org or 563-322-0769.



Pictures into Memories

March 22 | Between Services

Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services to share photos. Pick up tips on translating the memory into words. Listen to stories others have to tell. Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let your memories get lost.



Thrivent Choice Dollars & Action Teams

Thrivent members can direct their charitable choice dollars to Grace! For more information talk to your Thrivent representative or go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. ALSO, Did you know Thrivent members can request funds (up to twice a year) for church projects through **Thrivent Action Teams?** Pastor Kirsten can walk you through applying for a \$250 grant. It's super easy!

Sunday, March 1

Food Pantry Collection

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee with Council
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

Office opens at 9am

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg - PBH
5:00pm Property Committee Mtg

Wednesday, March 4

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship - PBH

Thursday, March 5

11:00am Prayer Group

Friday, March 6

10:00am PEO (Private Event) - FH

Saturday, March 7

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, March 8



Daylight Savings Begins

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

Monday, March 9

Annie out of the Office

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



Coffee Hour Hosts

Sign up at the coffee kiosk to be a host for coffee hour. You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks, or even all three if you wish. Maybe you'd like to celebrate an anniversary, a birthday, or any special occasion (I always signed up to host on my kids' baptismal anniversaries to mark the occasion with something special.) Anyone is welcome to help out - and we can show you how the coffee pots work, where the supplies are kept, etc. Contact the church office if you'd like some pointers.

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: March 4 Grief Support Group meets the first & third Wednesdays of the 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: March 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 Meeting: Tues, March 17, 9am Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month September-May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us!

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: March 21 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). **March Book: Lonesome Dove** by Larry McMurtry (first half)

Host: Carol Keller 563-340-9013 **Location:** TBD

PRAY & PLAY



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.

Scan for
the current
Weekly
Update email



GRACE'S GREEN BAG PROJECT

The Grace Social Ministry Team is working with Garfield Elementary to help supply weekend food to a few families. We invite the congregation to donate food from the list below or funds for groceries by marking your offering "Green Bag Project".

Questions? Paul Lewellan, paullewellan@mac.com.

Items we are collecting (any brand is welcome):

- Jars of Spaghetti sauce (please no glass jars)
- pasta or spaghetti
- box macaroni & cheese
- canned tuna
- canned chicken
- canned soup w/ meat
- canned green beans
- canned corn
- canned fruit (peaches, mandarin oranges, etc.)
- single-serve applesauce
- oatmeal packets
- single-serve cereal
- granola/protein bars
- peanut butter sandwich crackers

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Order deadline is March 11, 2026

Name _____

How Many? (write quantity of each flower choice below)

____ Easter Lily *white*.....\$18

____ Begonia *assorted colors*.....\$14

____ Pixie Asiatic Lily *assorted colors*.....\$13

____ Mums *assorted colors*.....\$13

Order Total \$ _____

In memory of:

In honor of:

Payment can be made by:

- cash or check (made out to Grace Lutheran Church - memo: Easter Flowers)
- paying online at: **bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline** or scan this QR Code



Your plant(s) may be taken home anytime after Easter Worship.

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



2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 8:30am
Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood

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

God So Loved the World Sir John Stainer

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Lent*

*Return. Renew. Receive. Restore.
To You, through faith by grace adore.
On knees we seek your face, O Lord.
Return. Renew, Repent.
Lent.*

Confession & Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting
signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us ELW 358

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.

- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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Greeting*

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

Kyrie*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, **in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

I Will Lift My Eyes Dave and Jean Perry

*I will lift my eyes to the hills. From whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.*

*The Lord will be your shade and keep you safe at night.
The Lord will shield you from all harm and be your guiding light.*

*The Lord will watch over you and keep you safe day and night;
Both now and forevermore, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*The Lord will shade you by day and care for you at night.
The Lord will shield you from all harm and be your guiding light.*

*I will lift my eyes to the hills. From whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.*

I will lift my eyes to the hills above; I will lift my eyes to God.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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*

Return to the Lord..... ELW p. 151

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel* | John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Our Father, We Have Wandered ELW 606

- 1 Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

- 2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

3 O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

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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*

Let us pray. Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
Amen.

Peace*

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)

Call to Offering

The season of Lent invites us to better understand and deepen our spiritual covenants, strengthening our spiritual practice of generosity. Let us offer our gifts toward an abundant life and flourishing for all.

(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)

Offering Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart..... ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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 ELW p. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing*

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross..... ELW 803

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Sending*

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross..... arr. John Dixon HAMBURG



Junior Bible Study | Holy Communion

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. During Lent, we will be learning about communion during our JBS time and will take the place of a first communion class. If you have a child who you feel is ready to take communion, please speak with either one of the pastors for more info.

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office 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.

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Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Deb Gustafson
Communion Assistants	Deb Gustafson, Hollie Swain, Russ Finkler, Roe Edinger (basket)
Communion Bread	Sally Meier
Acolyte	Janice Gibbs
Crucifer	Denise Eads
Greeters	Sue & Jim Cruchelow
Ushers	Rod Levsen Sr, Rod Levsen Jr
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Sally Meier
Altar Guild	Gloria Lange
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Karen Jewel

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