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Evangelical
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in America

Looking Ahead

- **May 3** Coffee with Council
- **May 7 Life & Legacy** Legal Prep
- **May 10** Pictures into Memories
- **May 14 Life & Legacy** Downsizing
- **May 15-16** Synod Assembly
- **May 19** In House Blood Drive
- **May 21 Life & Legacy** TBD
- **May 25** Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **May 28 Life & Legacy** Endowment & Funeral Planning
- **May 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **May 30** Wellnitz 60th Anniversary Party
- **June 1** Pray & Play
- **June 2** Primary Election Polling Location
- **June 15-19** VBS Day Camp

Large Print Bulletins by request - ask an usher.



Grace Milk Ministry

So far in 2026 we've donated 320 gallons of milk to Café on Vine! A HUGE thank you to Jim Bayles for purchasing and delivering the milk to the Café each week! Please consider donating to this important ministry - just put milk ministry on your check memo line, or online by scanning the QR Code on the back of your bulletin, or go to bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline and scroll to "Milk Ministry".



Coffee with Council

Sunday, May 3 | Between Services

Please join members of council for coffee and conversation between services. Get an update on the budget, learn more about our listening campaign, share your observations, questions, and concerns.

Life & Legacy Series

Grace Lutheran Church
1140 E High St, Davenport

10:45am - 12:00pm
Thursdays in May

- ✓ How does one choose an independent living community?
- ✓ What are the legal pieces I need to best prepare for retirement?
- ✓ How do I create and leave a legacy?

These are just a few of the questions we all seek to understand as we grow older. Our guest speakers will address these and other topics and offer time for questions and answers. There is no cost to attend the classes, and light refreshments will be served.

Topics include: downsizing, mental healthcare, endowment legacies, funeral planning, and more.

Please join us and invite a friend!

To register: scan the QR Code, go to bit.ly/LLMay2026, or call 563-322-0769. You may attend any or all classes.



Pictures into Memories

Mother's Day Edition
May 10 | Between Services

Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services on May 10. Bring a picture of your mother and a story to share. (Or bring any other prized picture, if you'd rather.) Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let precious memories get lost.



VBS Day Camp!

Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19

For ages four through grade six

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church (18137 Criswell St. Bett)

Cost: \$40 before April 15 (\$50 after April 15) Registration closes June 1



Grace kids will take a bus from Grace to Trinity each day, and staff from Camp Ewalu will lead the kids in our own local camp experience with crafts, games, music, and more! Register online at bit.ly/GraceVBS2026. Contact Pastor Kirsten for more info. Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential.

Help Spread Mulch

Saturday, May 2 | 8am-approx 10am



Please contact Mike Kirby at michaelkirby59@yahoo.com or 563-940-3423 if you can help spread mulch around the church landscaping on Saturday, May 2, 8:00am. Rakes, shovels, and wheel barrels would help but are not necessary.



Food Pantry Sunday

Our next food pantry collection is Sunday, May 3. With grocery prices soaring the need is greater than ever! Suggestions for donations are in the Grace Notes newsletter. Bring your non-perishable donations on Sunday and set them before the altar.

Grace's Green Bag Project

The Green Bag Project helps a few Garfield Elementary families with weekend groceries. See the table in the narthex for a list of needed items, or feel free to make a monetary donation to purchase grocery items. Questions? Paul Lewellan, paullewellan@mac.com.

Currently Needed: Plastic or Canvas Shopping Bags

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: May 6 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month **5:30pm** in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: May 12 & 13 | 9am-Noon

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

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: May 16 We meet at **8:30am** the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **May Book:** *Strangers in Time* by David Baldacci **Host:** Gloria Lange 563-332-7170 **Location:** Home of Gloria Lange (4894 Dove Ct, Bettendorf)

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: Tues, May 19, 9:30-11am Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month September thru May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! **Contact:** Nancy Boehme 563-320-6203

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



Sign up at the coffee counter 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. *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.*

Sunday, April 26

8:30am Healing Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Healing Worship

Monday, April 27

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
6:00pm Listener's Check-in
7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, April 28

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2

8:00am Landscaping/Mulching
1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, May 3

Food Pantry Sunday

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

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Personnel Meeting - PBH
5:00pm Property Meeting - Narthex
6:00pm CYF Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, May 6

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

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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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Charles Callahan

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Who Knows the Wisdom of the Lord*

Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen. Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

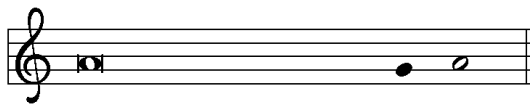
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Greeting*

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*

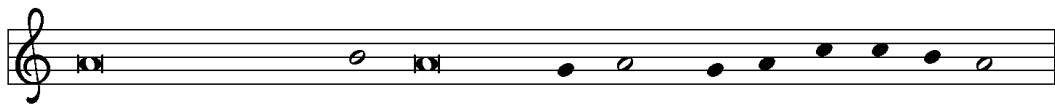
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ELW p. 147-148



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



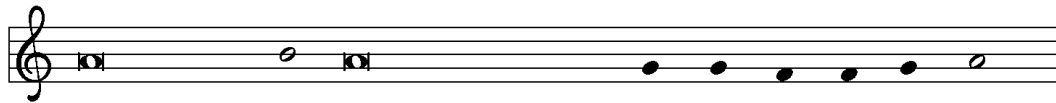
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



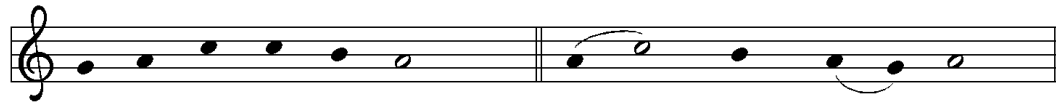
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need American Folk Melody, setting by Howard Helvey

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
Oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Scripture Reading | 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel* | John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters

by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Shepherd Me, O God..... ELW 780

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *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*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)


Call to Offering

Community of faith, let us hold true to our shared values of justice, love, and peace, sharing our abundance to meet the needs among us and to demonstrate our commitment to the kingdom of God.

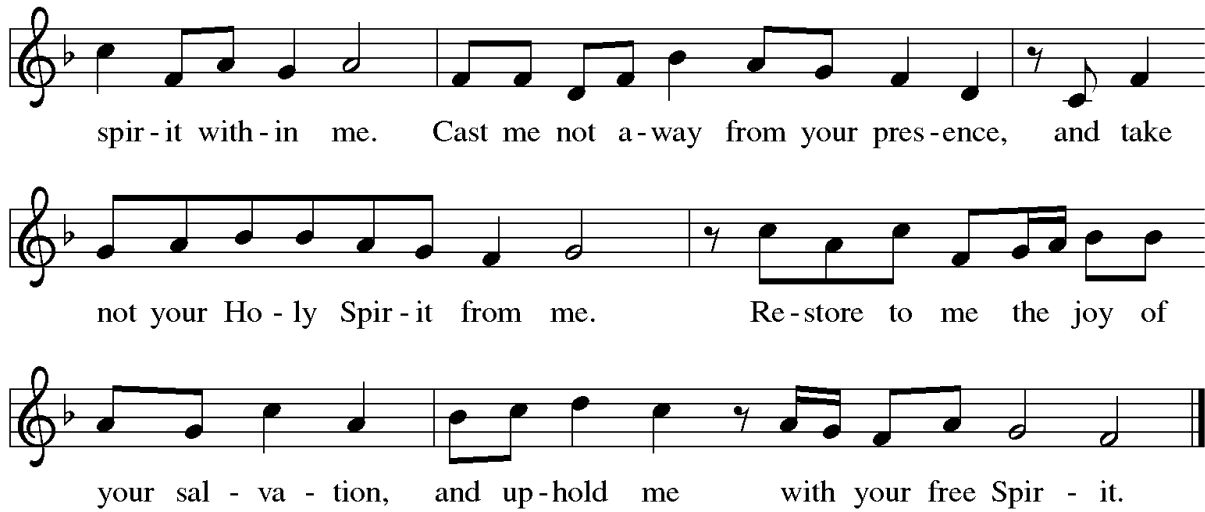
(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O God, who calls us to go out into the world with generosity, **may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort and towards a faith journey that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Anointing with Oil for Healing and Wholeness

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Loving God...**Your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.**

Siblings in Christ, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

(You are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and anointing. As you come forward you may kneel or stand in the front pew. After you have been blessed and anointed, you may return to your seat.)

Compassionate God...**the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.**

All-knowing God...**source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.**

Loving God...**our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.**

God of great and abundant mercy...**with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Blessing*

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Song*

Children of the Heavenly Father..... ELW 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;
 his the loving purpose solely
 to preserve them pure and holy.

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Sending*

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is..... arr. Victor Johnson



Junior Bible Study | Pentecost

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 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'd like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

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Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Deb Gustafson
Healing Assistants	Deb Gustafson, Janice Gibbs, Colleen Levsen, Chuck Lehman
Acolyte	Janice Gibbs
Crucifer	Matt Levsen
Greeters	Mark & Sue Janssen
Ushers	Rod Levsen Sr, Rod Levsen Jr
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten, Carol Keller
Sound System	Russ Finkler
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	Vicki Liebke
Treats & Snacks	Carol Keller

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