



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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

Assurance/Showalter Phoebe Knapp, Showalter/arr. Brant Adams
Dean Rock *trumpet*

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen. Let us confess our sin to God.

(Silence for reflection)

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

When Morning Gilds the Skies ELW 853

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
 my heart awaking cries:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 When evening shadows fall,
 this rings my curfew call:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

- 2 When mirth for music longs,
 this is my song of songs:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 God's holy house of prayer
 has none that can compare
 with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 3 No lovelier antiphon
 in all high heav'n is known
 than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 There to the eternal Word
 the eternal psalm is heard:
 oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

- 4 Let all of humankind
 in this their concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

- 5 Sing, sun and stars of space,
 sing, all who see his face,
 sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 today and evermore
 shall Jesus Christ be praised!

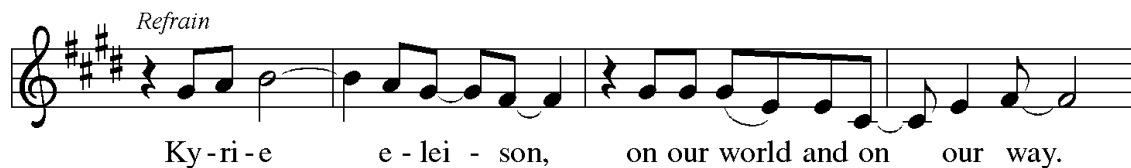
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Greeting*

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*

Kyrie Eleison ELW p. 184-185



- 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,



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

Hymn of Praise*

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 187-188

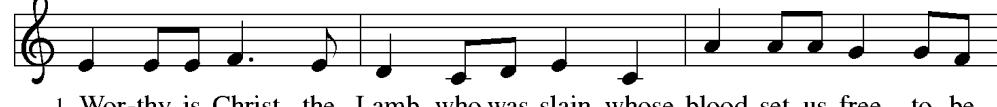
Refrain



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



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



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

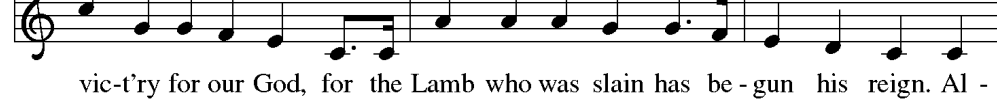


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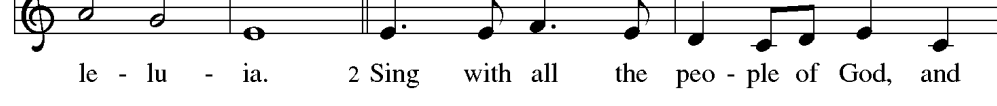
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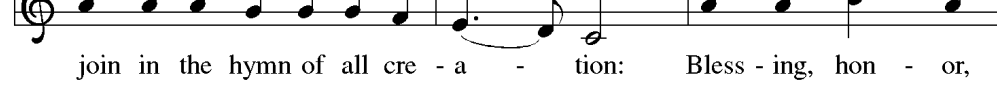
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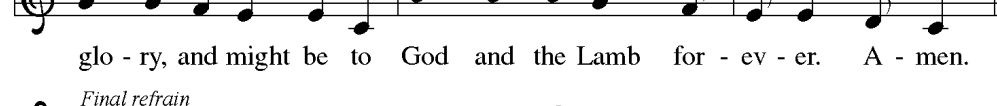
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



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

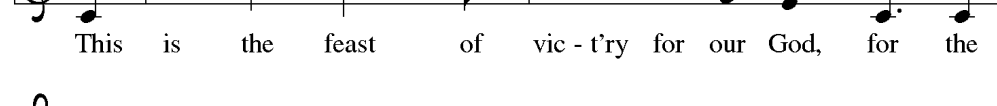


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

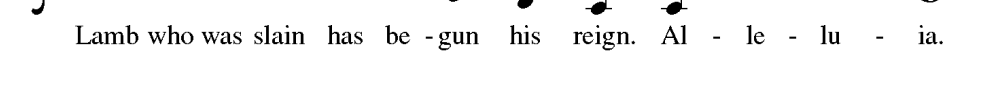


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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. Faithful God, most merciful judge, **you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

Blooper's "Howl" lelujah Chorus Ernie Rettino and Debby Rettino
Sung by Charlie Rock and Rosalyn Lyons

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only

the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all
my heart and glorify your name forevermore.**

For great is your love toward me; you
have delivered me from the pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against
me, O God, and a band of violent
people seeks my life; they have
not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength
to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.

**Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be
put to shame; because you, Lord, have
helped me and comforted me.**

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW p. 188



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



Holy Gospel* | Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So, when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

O Word of God Incarnate ELW 514

- 1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
 we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
 a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine;
 and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
 It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
 mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
 to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
 oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
 till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Prayers of the People*

Let us pray. Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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.)*

God's gifts are generous and abundant. Let us give in the spirit of sufficiency and trust that God has provided for all of our needs, enabling us to share our abundance so that all may feast and rejoice in God's creation.

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. Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us 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.

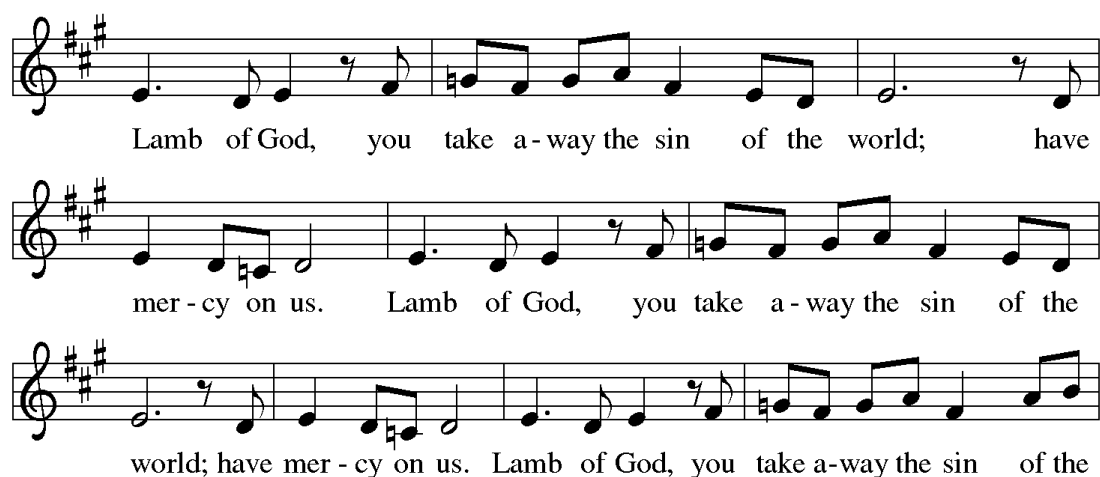
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This 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

Lamb of God ELW p. 191



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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



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.

Special Music During Communion

Where He Leads Me/He Leadeth Me..... John Norris/William Bradbury, arr. by Brant Adams
Dean Rock trumpet, Susan Senn organ

Prayer After Communion*

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing*

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW 618

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
 where the healing waters flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
 shield me with your mighty arm,
 shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs and praises, songs and praises,
 I will raise forevermore,
 I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

Sending*

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Proclaim the Glory of the Lord..... Dwight Liles and Niles Borop, arr. by Jack Schrader

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.

Online Giving

Supporting Grace is easy with e-giving.

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Serving in Worship

Senior Pastor	Stephanie Wood
Preaching & Presiding: Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Jane Rock
Communion Assistants	Jane Rock, Hollie Swain, Kathi Parrish, Gloria Lange
Communion Bread	Carol Keller
Acolyte & Crucifer	NEEDED
Greeters	Mark & Ann Jepson
Ushers	Paul Lewellan, Dennis Boehme
Sound System	Mike Savely
Prayers	Paul Lewellan
Altar Guild	Mike Keller
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Special Music	Dean Rock <i>trumpet</i>
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee Hour	Vicki Liebke

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GRACE TALKS

Next Sunday, July 26

9:30am - Joint Worship

10:40am - Synod Conversation

12:00pm - Catered Lunch
from Skinny's Barbecue

Childcare
Provided

We listened to **43** members over nine weeks!
In that time, we invited 61 people to chat;
some weren't available and a few declined. The
listeners and listenees greatly appreciated the
time to connect and get to know one another.

Join us July 26, for a conversation with a
synod representative, exploring the major
topics that arose in our listening sessions.

To read more about the Listening Campaign scan
the QR Code below ↓ or go to **bit.ly/July2026GN**



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Coffee with Luther Properties



Today! | Between Services

Gather between services to learn more about Luther Properties. Meet with current residents and past and present board representatives. What do the many Luther Properties offer? How might you become involved?

Bonfire Church | July 29, 6-8pm

Devil's Glen Park (1101 Devils Glen Rd, Bettendorf)

Grace members in their second quarter of life (20s, 30s, 40s) are invited to join other members from local Quad Cities ELCA churches for a bonfire. We will have snacks and great conversation. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions? Pr. Stephanie pastorstephanie@gracewelcomesyou.org or 563-322-0769

Hope at the Brick House

Friday, July 31 | 5:15pm Arrive | 5:30pm Serve | 6:30pm Clean Up

Sign up in the narthex to help with Dinner Service! We usually serve 20-30 adults and children. If you have any questions please contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 kcjewel21@gmail.com.

Pie, Ice Cream, & Great Music!



Friday, July 31 | 7:30pm

Join our Grace WELCA for pie & ice cream and enjoy the Bettendorf Community Band at **Veterans Memorial Park** (1645 ~ 23rd Street, Bettendorf). Come have a good time and support both WELCA and the Bettendorf Community Band.

Men's Vocal Ensemble

Rehearsal Wed, July 29, 7pm | Sing Anthem Sun, August 2, 8:30am

A men's vocal ensemble will sing an anthem on Sunday, August 2 at 8:30 worship. The music will be a familiar tune to which parts can be sung. There will be one rehearsal on Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 PM at Grace in the choir loft with Sunday morning warmup at 8:15 in the music rehearsal room. If you have already contacted Russ Finkler, thank you. If not and you're willing and available, please contact Russ Finkler (russfinkler@gmail.com or 563-726-8891).

Looking Ahead

- **July 19** Coffee with Luther Properties
- **July 20-21** Pr. Kirsten Continuing Ed
- **July 26 Joint Worship at 9:30am**
- **July 26 Grace Talks (after worship followed by a catered lunch)**
- **July 29** Bonfire Church
- **July 31** Dinner Hope at the Brickhouse
- **July 31** WELCA Pie & Ice Cream
- **August 2** Food Pantry Sunday
- **August 9** SummerJBS
- **August 9 Jazz Worship Joint Service**
- **September 6** Joint Worship 9:30am
- **September 7** Office Closed Labor Day
- **September 20** Fall Block Party

Save the Date!

Sunday, August 9

9:30am Joint Worship

Join us on Sunday, August 9, for our annual Jazz Worship Joint Service at 9:30am with the Manny Lopez Big Band.



Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

Pr. Kirsten Continuing Ed
10:30am Staff Meeting
1:30pm Personnel Meeting - PBH
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom
6:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

Tuesday, July 21

Pr. Kirsten Continuing Ed
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, July 22

Pr. Kirsten Continuing Ed
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group @ Vanderveer

Thursday, July 23

12:00pm Council/Committee Reports Due

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, July 26

9:30am **Joint Worship** ★
10:40am **Grace Talks Synod Conversation**
12:00pm **Skinny's BBQ Catered Lunch**

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH



LWR School Kits, Fabric Kits, & Personal Care Kits

School supplies will soon be on sale! For our annual Lutheran World Relief Kit drive, empty school bags will be in the narthex with a school supply list inside. Additionally, there are also lists of items needed to complete Personal Care Kits and Fabric Kits (separate from the school bags). All kits should be returned to Grace by September 13.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: August 5 Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month in June, July, & August 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall (first & third Wednesday September-May). 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: August 11 & 12 | 9am-Noon

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

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: August 15 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). **August Book:** *Will You Miss Me When I'm Gone* by Mark Zwonitzer **Host:** Sally Haugen 563-514-9335 **Location:** TBD

Sign Up to Host 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. (*Clipboard in narthex - sign ups through November are available*)

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 noon Wednesdays at VanderVeer Park. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet at church. Contact Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 if you have questions about the meeting location.

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: Tues, Sept 15, 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

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Special Project Grants

 The Grace Church Council has established a Special Projects Fund with revenue from Grace's Endowment, and **we're looking to YOU for ideas and to lead projects** that foster innovation and creativity in ministry and further the on-going mission of Grace. Proposals may be submitted by staff, church council, committees, on-going or adhoc groups, or individual Grace members. No grant may exceed \$2500 in a calendar year. Application forms are available at church or can be emailed to you. Questions? Contact: Paul Lewellan, plewellan@mac.com