



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026 9:30am
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 Manny Lopez Jazz Band

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen. Let us confess our sin to God. 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 Song*

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me..... ELW 325

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

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.**

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. O God our defender, **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading | Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the

person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Gospel Reading* | Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day*

You Are Holy..... ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more

than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

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Prayers of the People*

Let us pray. With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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.)*

We honor God by offering our gifts through service, action, compassion, and financial resources to support Grace's ongoing ministries locally and globally. Let us contribute with inspired generosity, empowered and trusting that God will meet all our needs.

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.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at the table. Please come forward, and you will 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. 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 Song*

This Little Light of Mine ELW 677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Sending*

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

PostludeManny Lopez Jazz Band

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. Go to bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline or scan this QR Code to donate one time or to set up recurring gifts. Your offerings support and nurture ministries at Grace along with support for local and global organizations. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity!



Serving in Worship

Presiding & Preaching	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Carol Keller
Communion Assistants	Carol Keller, Debbie Alejo, Russ Finkler, Adolfo Alejo (basket)
Communion Bread	Sue Janssen
Acolyte	Debbie Alejo
Greeters	Sue & Mark Janssen
Ushers	Adolfo Alejo, Scott Jewel
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Nancy Boehme
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Kathy Shriver

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Women's Vocal Ensemble

Rehearsal Wed, August 19, 7pm | Sing August 23, 8:30am

Calling all Women! Please join us for our annual Women's Ensemble. We will be singing "This Little Light of Mine" and it will be fun! Please bring any and all of your friends. All women are welcome. See you then! Questions? Call or text Jane Rock (563) 340-8022

Grace2Dine

Friday, August 21 | Noon

The Grace2Dine group will be gathering for lunch on Friday, Aug 21 at noon at the **QC USA Family Restaurant** (4910 ~ 22nd Ave, Moline). If you would like to join us, please contact Hollie Swain (563-514-4022 or 563-650-3213). This group is very welcoming and we'd enjoy your company!

Pictures Into Memories

Summer Edition! August 23 | Between Services

Bring a picture from the campfire, or the lake cottage, or the bike trip that ended in the ER. Bring photos of grandpa with his biggest fish, or of your mother frying it. Share your summer memories. Get advice on how to pass them on. Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let precious memories get lost.

Back to School Blessing

Students & Educators! Bring your backpacks, briefcases, laptops, and school supplies on **August 23**. We will have a special prayer and blessing as you begin a new year of learning, growing, & fun!

Coffee with Council

Two Options for Coffee with Council on August 30

Council members will meet in Pat Bell Hall between services to update you on recent council actions and to answer questions. Council members will also be available in the Narthex immediately after the second service to talk with folks who couldn't make the earlier conversation. They will have cookies to share.

Looking Ahead

- **August 9** Summer JBS
- **August 9** Jazz Worship Joint Service
- **August 12** **Summer Kids Party!** 
- **August 21** Grace2Dine
- **August 23** Pictures into Memories
- **August 30** Coffee with Council
- **Sept 6** Food Pantry Sunday
- **Sept 6** Joint Worship 9:30am
- **Sept 7** Office Closed Labor Day
- **Sept 13** **LWR Kits Due** 
- **Sept 15** In-House Blood Drive
- **Sept 20** Fall Block Party
- **Sept 27** Pet Blessing
- **Sept 27-29** Prs at Theological Conf
- **Oct 4 & 11** LWR Quilt Display



Join Us for Fun!

END OF SUMMER KIDS' PARTY!

Celebrate Summer with Food, Games, and Friends

August 12  **5:30-7:30pm**

@Grace Lutheran Church
1140 E High St • Davenport • 563-322-0769
pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org

Register Online at bit.ly/KidsAug12 or scan the QR Code. 

In House Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 15 | 2-6pm

Every day, patients need blood and you can help by donating. Less than 10% of the population gives blood, so donors that give on a regular basis are important to meet these needs. Grace members donated blood nine times during July. The year-to-date total is 74. Questions? Mark Jepson 563-508-9091 or majepson55@netscape.net

Sunday, August 9

9:30am Jazz Worship

10:30am Coffee Hour & JBS

Monday, August 10

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, August 11

9:00am Quilters

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting - Narthex

2:30pm Outreach Meeting - PBH

6:00pm CYF Meeting - PBH

7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, August 12

9:00am Quilters

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group @ Vanderveer

5:30pm Kids Summer Party!

Thursday, August 13

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

8:30am Page Turners

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, August 16

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, August 17

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

6:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

Tuesday, August 18

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, August 19

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group @ Vanderveer

7:00pm Women's Ensemble Rehearsal



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Special Project Grants

The Grace Church Council has established a Special Projects Fund with revenue from Grace's Endowment. We can email you a form, or there are also printed forms available at church. Return completed grant requests to the church office either in hard copy or via email. Questions? Contact: Paul Lewellan plewellan@mac.com

Grief Support Group

Next Meetings: 5:30pm August 5, September 2, September 16

at Grace (first Wed in the Summer first & third Wed Sept-May). Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: 9am-Noon August 11 & 12

Contacts: 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, 8:30am

August Book: *Will You Miss Me When I'm Gone* by Mark Zwonitzer Contact: Sally Haugen 563-514-9335 Location: Home of Sally Haugen (5854 Valley Dr, Bettendorf)

Centering Prayer

4:30pm Mondays via Zoom (link in the Weekly Update email) In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be a pure gift of God - an opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets every Monday (except holidays).

Men's Lunch Group

Noon Wednesdays at VanderVeer Park (or at the church in case of bad weather). Contact: Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661.

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: 9:30-11:00am Tuesday, September 15

Meets the third Tuesday Sept-May. Contact: Nancy Boehme 563-320-6203

Sunday Morning Hospitality

(clipboard in narthex - sign ups available through November) Make/serve coffee, bring treats/healthy snacks, or even all three if you wish. 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.



Thank You!

Thank you to the following ladies who help prepare lunch for the Safer Youth at JB Young on four Wednesdays: Gloria Lange; Vicki Liebbe; Kathy Higgins; Ruth McAndrews; Karen Jewel; Dr. Becky Wiese, and Nancy Boehme. Those that we served prepared thank you notes for the lunches! Our next set of four Tuesdays will start on Tuesday, September 22. If you want to be involved, please any of the ladies listed or contact Hollie Swain at 563-514-4022.