

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

Ninth Sunday in Pentecost

August 7, 2022 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church † Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card for worship. Cards are available in the pews.

Prelude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....John Dykes/Whitworth

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection.)

Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ELW 597

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Kyrie (from Now the Feast & Celebration)..... setting by Marty Haugen

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a Leader part on the top staff and an Assembly part on the bottom staff. The second system has a Leader part on the top staff and an Assembly part on the bottom staff. The third system has a Leader part on the top staff and an Assembly part on the bottom staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Lord. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
 word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

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Canticle of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration..... setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain
 Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
 praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
God; to make all things new.

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Special Music

Oh Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea..... Karl Larsen
Women's Vocal Ensemble
Tom Wood *Director*, Claudia Wood *Accompanist*

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

A: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

C: **By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.**

A: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

C: **By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.**

A: For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

C: By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

A: Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born,

C: “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

A: All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them.

C: They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

A: If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

C: But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
Optional Repeat
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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P: The Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock ELW 764

Prayers of the People

A: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. Amen.

Peace

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Call to Offering

A: With a clear voice, Jesus calls us to accept the costs and joys of discipleship, and the challenges of living in peaceful unity with those who are different from one another. As we make our offering at this altar, let us remember that we give and work and love on behalf of Christ's whole and undivided body on earth, and let us celebrate the gift of unity that is ours through the Spirit and our generous hearts.

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of abundance,

C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: 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

C: 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

Lamb of God.....setting by Marty Haugen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



Congregation:
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



Congregation:
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to the table. Please come forward, and you will receive communion in 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

P: Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Go My Children, with My Blessing..... ELW 543

Sending

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Jubilation.....Donald Callender

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, 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.

Worship Boxes

Worship Boxes are available in the narthex for families with children attending worship. The boxes contain interactive materials that encourage children to participate in worship using the symbols in the bulletins. Please use and return to the table as you leave.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays/anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 7

Food Pantry Collection

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, August 8

11:00am Randy Cain Memorial
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Choir Room

Tuesday, August 9

9:00am Quilters
10am Pastor's Text Study
11:45am Member Text Study
3:00pm Social Ministry Mtg
7:00pm Worship & Music

Wednesday, August 10

9:00am Quilters
10:00am Searcher's Bible Study*

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14

8:30am Jazz Worship!
8:30am Livestream
10:30am Contemporary Worship

*These events and programs are at (or hosted by) St. Mark Lutheran Church
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You Can Watch Us Online and Follow us on Facebook!

Go to our YouTube channel *Grace Lutheran Church Davenport* to watch the Sunday 8:30am service each week. A link is available by email on Sunday morning, and an order of service is included with the email and posted on our website. Also, follow us on Facebook for inspirational messages, photos, links, and information about events.

Looking Ahead

- **August 14** Jazz Service @ 8:30am
- **August 20** Compassion Retreat hosted by the Spiritual Growth Mission
- **August 21** Blessing of the Backpacks for students & educators
- **August 27** Page Turners Book Club at D'Lua
- **August 28** Silly Songs & Water Games with St. Mark
- **September 4** One joint worship at 9:30am
- **September 5** Office Closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday
- **September 8** ImpactLife Blood Drive @ Grace 2-6pm
- **September 18** Fall Block Party hosted by Outreach & Welcome



Jazz Worship!

Next Sunday, August 14, 8:30am

Join us for a special Jazz Worship service where Jim Neumann's Dixieland Band will be leading us in song. Music will include "Down By the Riverside", "Wabash Blues", "Amazing Grace", and more!

Compassion Retreat

Living Compassion for the Sake of the World

Saturday, August 20, 8:30am-Noon @ Grace | Cost: FREE

Featured Speaker: Pastor Elaine K. Olson MDiv, LCPC, Certified Spiritual Director.

The pandemic, political divisions, climate change, and other world events have increased our feelings of fear, judgment, and distrust. And we don't have to live like this. Through compassion, we can live in a kinder, gentler way for the sake of ourselves and others. Learn how to strengthen your compassion muscle and put it into action for the benefit of yourself and others. Register online at bit.ly/Aug20Retreat or call 563-322-0769.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 21, at both services

Please bring a backpack or school supplies to be blessed during worship on Sunday, August 21. We will have a special prayer and blessing for all those returning to school, both as students and as leaders in education.

Water Games & Silly Songs

Sunday, August 28, 4-5:30pm

Young kids from Grace & St. Mark are invited to join us at the Scott County Park Buffalo Bill Shelter (18850 270th St, Eldridge, Iowa) for fun water games & silly songs. We'll play kerplunk, water balloon volleyball, eat popsicles, & more!

Lutheran World Relief Kits

In the narthex are bags to fill with supplies for LWR school, personal care, and sewing kits. Please take a bag, fill with the requested items, and then **return all completed kits by Sunday, September 18**, to designated boxes in the church narthex. Thank you for your donations!

Confirmation Class Interest

For students in grades 6-8.

Join us and discover who you are, who God is, and how we fit into God's love story for us and the world. We will play games, share our highs and lows, learn about God and our own faith journey. Let us know you are interested in having your student attend by emailing:

office@gracewelcomesyou.org,
or completing an interest form at
bit.ly/ConfirmationInterest by August 16.

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Page Turners

August 27, 2022 Book Selection **Note: Due to the Compassion Retreat taking place August 20, Page Turners was moved to the next Saturday, August 27.

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

An unforgettable memoir about a young woman who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

Host: Ruth Naber 563-386-6310 **Location:** D'Lua (5185 18th St, Bettendorf)

Grief Support Group

We meet the first and third Wednesdays 5:30pm in the library. **Our next meeting is September 7.** Please be assured that our conversations will be kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Centering Prayer Mondays 4:30pm

Centering Prayer is a modernized prayer method based on the intuitive prayer rooted in Lectio Divina. It is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience the Divine's immanent presence with us. **The meeting is held in the choir room (excluding holidays)**, and for those unable to attend in person, the Zoom link is emailed each week in the Weekly Update.

Blood Donations Update

Four Grace members donated blood in July bringing year's total to 58. The next in-house blood drive is Thursday, September 8, 2-6pm.

NAMI Walks

Please join the Grace and St. Mark Team for the NAMI Walk on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at Veterans Memorial Park in Bettendorf. Pre-Walk Activities begin at 8am, with the Walk beginning at 9:30am (The walk is 5K, or you may walk a shorter distance if preferred). NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. If you need help with registration (or donation), feel free to call or text Jane Rock 563-340-8022. You can also give Jane a check (made out to NAMI) if you prefer. **Register online:** bit.ly/NAMIGraceStMark

Fair Trade Coffee

Our Fair Trade Coffee supply is available for purchase anytime during office hours or by calling/texting Jane Rock at 563-340-8022. Regular Coffee \$8, Decaf \$9, plus a variety of teas, chocolate, and olive oil (at reduced prices). You may pay by check or online through the Grace website www.gracewelcomesyou.org.

- Click on **Give**, then scroll down
- Click on **Make a one-time or recurring gift**
- Select **Other** and enter Amount
- Type **Fair Trade Coffee** in the text box
- Click on **Continue** and follow the prompts

Free Piano

Former Grace member, Linda Clemons, is moving and would like to give away her piano for free. She says it's in pristine condition and you would just have to arrange for it to be moved to your home. Contact Linda with any questions at 563-343-8339 (cell - preferred) or 563-359-4701 (home).



Searcher's Bible Study

Our bible study meets weekly at St. Mark in the Conference Room/Library on Wednesdays at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend and jump in at anytime.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is on hiatus until September 2022.