

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 21, 2024 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.

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need..... Charles Callahan

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *I Am Filled With the Wonder*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your recon-ciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.

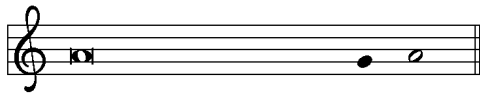
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Greeting

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



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.



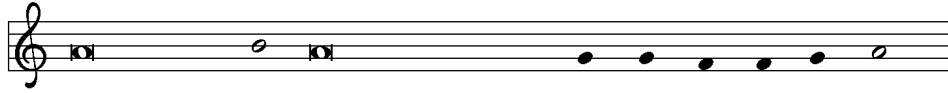
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and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



^{All}
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord Christ,

good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole.

Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

We Shall Walk in Peace..... Traditional Spiritual arranged by David N. Davenport

Children's Message

First Reading | 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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



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



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

Gospel Reading | John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon..... Pastor Stephanie Wood

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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Reception of New Members

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Brothers & sisters in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Members: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ to this community of faith. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

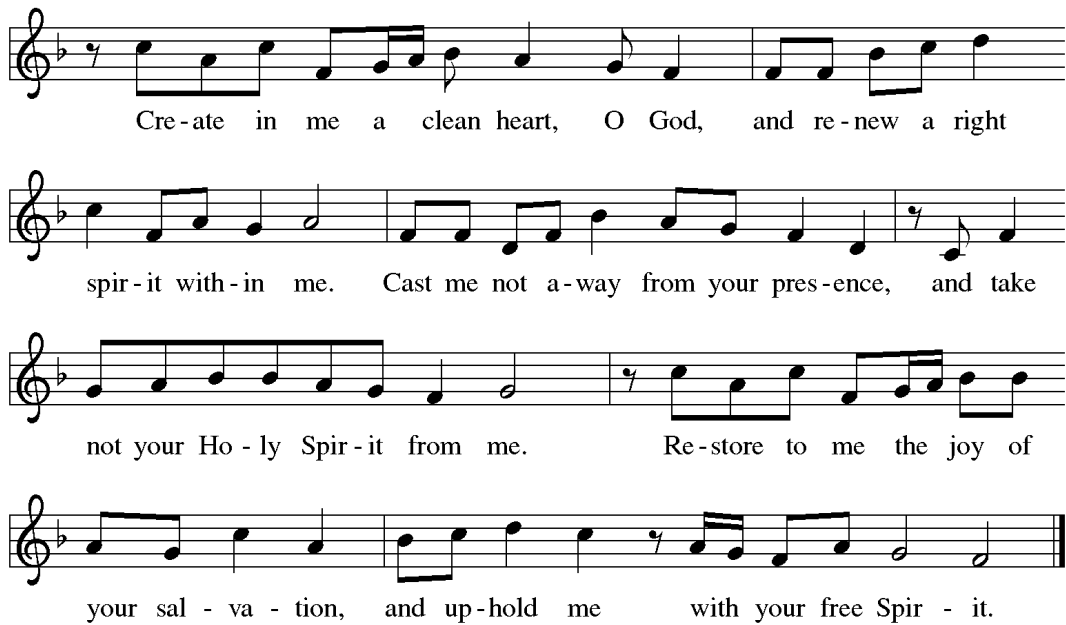
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Call to Offering

All are invited to give with joy in witness to Christ's love. Let us give with a joyful heart and offer our gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives. Let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us.

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. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is Victor Johnson

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.

Junior Bible Study

Following the children's sermon, kids are invited to meet the adult leader at the sanctuary door to walk to Pat Bell Hall for a Bible Story and Activities. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Pastor Kirsten at 563-322-0769. **Today: Elijah and the Widow**

Sparkhouse Magazines

Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage children and families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God. We currently deliver these to our LIFT families. If you have grandchildren or friends of your family that would enjoy a copy of this magazine, please feel free to pick one up.

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 21

New Member Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship/Livestream
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am IFF Brunch

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

May Newsletter Deadline

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, April 24

12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

11:00am Revelation Bible Study - PBH

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

8:30am Page Turners

Sunday, April 28

8:30am Healing Worship/Livestream
10:30am Healing Worship

Monday, April 29

10:30am Staff Meeting
2:30pm Endowment Committee Mtg
4:30pm Centering Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, April 30

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, May 1

12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation
5:30pm Grief Support Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

11:00am Revelation Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Prayer Group

Friday, May 3

Annie Vacation Day

10:30am PEO (Private Event)

Saturday, May 4

You Can Watch Us Online and Follow us on Facebook!

YouTube: [Grace Lutheran Davenport](https://www.youtube.com/GraceLutheranDavenport) **Facebook:** [facebook.com/GraceWelcomesYou](https://www.facebook.com/GraceWelcomesYou)

Your offerings support and nurture ministries at Grace along with support for local and global organizations. Online giving is available at bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline.

Looking Ahead

- **May 3** Office Closed/Annie Vacation Day
- **May 6** Pray & Play
- **May 17** Kid's Spring Party
- **May 17-18** Synod Assembly
- **May 19** Pet Food Collection
- **May 19** Graduate Recognition
- **May 23** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **May 27** Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **June 9** Garden Party
- **June 17-21** Vacation Bible School
- **June 17-21** Annie Vacation
- **July 4-5** Office Closed for Independence Day

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Weekly Update



Kids Spring Party!

May 17 | 5:30-7:30pm

Our Epiphany Party was such a hit that we want to have another party! Grown-ups can take a few hours for themselves, and kids get dinner, a Bible story, and lots of silly games. Kids three years old and older are invited to join. Register online at bit.ly/GraceSP2024.

Start Saving for the Garden Party Yard Sale!

The Garden Party will be here before you know it! Our 10th Annual Garden Party is June 9, and we will once again be collecting yard/garden-related items for our yard sale. We will accept donations the week before the event. Feel free to contact Ken Krumwiede with any questions.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Plant Sale

The BBBS-MV Annual Plant Sale is a great opportunity to beautify your home and community while supporting one-to-one youth mentoring. AND by purchasing plants and flowers through the sale, you are also supporting the Grace Garden Party, as they donate plants to us for our own sale. **Go to www.plantsale.org for more information and to place your pre-orders.** You can also attend the retail sale in Davenport at Northwest Bank & Trust May 10-13, 8am-7pm.

Vacation Bible School | June 17-21

9am-3pm* each day

Save the date and register for a week of learning, growing, and laughing. New this year is a partnership with Camp Shalom. Their trained staff will lead VBS along with Pastor Kirsten and volunteers. For Camp Shalom to join us, we need at least twelve kids registered by May 31. (\$20/child, \$40 maximum/family for camp.) Financial assistance is always available, and it is always confidential. Register online at bit.ly/GraceVBS2024 *Extended Care Option:

8am-9am and 3-4pm for an additional charge of \$10/family.

New Logo | You Get to Vote!

Voting is open through April Pastor Stephanie and Annie have been working the past year on refreshing and updating our website and logo. The council has voted on their top two choices for the new logo, and you get to vote on which one you like best! Upon reflecting what it means to be Grace, and what image would best reflect our missions and ministry, we developed a logo inspired by the waves of light that pass over the cross behind the altar bringing vision to "Waves of mercy, waves of Grace". **To vote:** use the slips of paper in the narthex (which show the photo inspiration and the two logos), email the office, or go to bit.ly/GraceLogoVote to vote online.



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Lunch & Conversation | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace! You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or boehmed@aol.com to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group | May 1

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

Centering Prayer Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart--our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Cheryl Kritsch facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update). Please contact Cheryl with any questions at 563-343-0135.



Milk Ministry

Thank you to all who have donated to the Milk Ministry - thanks to your donations we are able to continue providing milk to Cafe on Vine! If you'd like to donate, note "milk ministry" on your check made out to Grace or donate online at bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline. As always a huge thank you to Jim Bayles for purchasing and delivering the milk. In March, Jim delivered 75 gallons.

Pet Food Sunday | May 19

On Sunday, May 19, Grace Lutheran Church will host Pet Food Sunday. The proceeds will be taken to the Rescued center (825 ~ 1st Ave, Ste 101, Silvis IL). Their needs are as follows: dog and cat food (both dry and soft), cat litter, treats, toys and beds. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your checks to Rescued or if cash, please mark your envelope for Rescued. Contact Hollie Swain with any questions.

Caring for Unhoused People | Today

4:00pm | St. Paul Lutheran Church (2136 N Brady, Davenport)

From Head to Toe: Caring for Unhoused People - In partnership with Augustana College and the William F. Freistat Center, St. Paul is delighted to welcome Dr. Jim O'Connell, M.D. to speak on Sunday, April 21, 4pm in the St. Paul Sanctuary. Dr. O'Connell, a Harvard-educated physician, has devoted 40 years of his life to serving Boston's homeless population. This event is free and open to the public.

M.A.D. Camp @ St. Mark | June 24-28

9am-3pm June 24-18 | Registration Fee \$25

"Back at the Creekbank" Join campers at St. Mark for Music, Art, and Drama Camp - We will celebrate how God has filled our world with love and beauty! Snacks and drinks will be provided, and campers are asked to bring a lunch each day. Any kids who are comfortable reading and performing are welcome. To register, contact Katie Carstens at 563-271-8634. (Please let Pr. Kirsten know if you need financial assistance - your inquiry will be kept in confidence.)

Urban Servant Corps

Urban Servant Corps is a year long service program during which we practice four main tenets: service, simplicity, spirituality, and intentional community. We invite people, ages 21+ to live in Denver and practice community building in a large home (private bedroom) in the heart of the city. From this community of support, volunteers work full-time at one of our nonprofit partner agencies, accompanying some of Denver's most marginalized and vulnerable communities, while living a modest and simple lifestyle, exploring varying faith perspectives and learning about the intersection of faith and social justice. USC is currently accepting applications for the coming service year, which begins the last week in August! Go to urbanservantcorps.org for more information and to apply.