

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

CREATION SERVICE

June 9, 2024 10:30am

Grace Lutheran Church † Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood



Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!
Congregational Response in Bold

Prelude

Washed in the Blood

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the the Kiikaapoi, the Sauk and Meskwaki, the Myammia, the Očhéthi Šakówin, and other indigenous people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshiping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region.

Announcements

Greeting

God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

Confession

Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Yet, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

Words of Assurance

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Song

Keep on the Sunny Side

1 There's a dark and a troubled side of life,
 There's a bright and a sunny side too
 Though we meet with the darkness and strife,
 The sunny side we also may view

Chorus

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side,
Keep on the sunny side of life
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way
If we keep on the sunny side of life

2 The storm and it's fury rage today,
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear
The storms will in time pass away,
The sun again will shine bright and clear *Chorus*

3 Let us greet with the song of hope each day,
Tho' the moment be cloudy or fair
Let us trust in our Savior always!
Who keeps everyone in His care *Chorus*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. The eyes of all look to you, O God.

Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Gospel | Mark 4:30-32

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Scripture Reading | Genesis 1:1-2:4^a

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. Now the earth was without form. Darkness covered everything, and the spirit of God hovered over the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light!' And there was light. God

separated the light from the darkness. He called the light day and the dark night. And God said... **It was good!**

And there was morning and evening. The first day.

Then God looked over the waters. And said, 'Let there be an expanse to separate the water.' And God called the expanse 'Sky' which separated the rains from the Seas. And God said... **It was good!**

And there was morning and evening. The second day.

Then God said, 'Let the water be gathered into one place, and let dry ground appear.' And God called the dry ground Land. Then he said, 'Let the land produce vegetation.' And it was so. The land produced all kinds of plants, trees, and flowers, and fruits, and vegetables. And God said... **It was good!**

And there was morning and evening. The third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them serve as signs to mark the days and seasons and years. And let them give light to the Earth.' And it was so. God made two great lights. He called the greater light the 'Sun' to light the day. And he called the lesser light the 'Moon' to light the night. And God said... **It was good!**

And there was morning and evening. The fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the water be filled with all kinds of living creatures. Let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.' So, God created every kind of creature under the water and he filled the air with birds, each made according to their own kinds. And God said... **It was good!**

And there was morning and evening. The fifth day.

Then God said, 'Let the land produce all kinds of living creatures: creatures that move along the ground, livestock and wild animals, each according to their own kind.' And God said... **It was good!**

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our own image, and let them be guardian of all the livestock, wild animals, birds, creatures in the sea, and all the land and waters.' So, God created humankind in his own image, forming them from the dust of the ground. And when he had finished forming them,

God breathed into them the breath of life. God named them Adam and Eve.
And God said... **It was good!**

And there was morning and evening. The sixth day.

And on the seventh day, God looked at all he had done: the sun, moon and stars;
the waters; the creatures of the sea; he birds of the air; the land and all the
creatures on land; and Adam and Eve. All that God had created was indeed good.
And so, on that seventh day, God created rest. And God said... **It was good!**

Word of God, Word of life,
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon & Message

Song

I Pray My Way Out of Trouble

- 1 Many times my mind is wrapped up in troubles
And my heart gets so heavy too
Sometimes when I sink so low I touch bottom
I kneel down to reach up and he pulls me through
- 2 I pray my way out of trouble
And I ask my dear Lord to help me each day
I pray my way out of trouble
And the dear nail-scarred hand wipes my teardrops away
- 3 The smallest prayer from the world's biggest sinner
Brings a smile to his saddened face
So, I just go to him any time I'm in trouble
Wash my heart in the waters of my Savior's grace
- 4 I pray my way out of trouble
And I ask my dear Lord to help me each day
I pray my way out of trouble
And the dear nail-scarred hand wipes my teardrops away *Repeat*

Prayers of the People

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **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.

Call to Offering

In a world that lives out of scarcity, you call us to a life of abundance, you offer grace and mercy, you heal us, you carry us. In you, we live. In you, we move. In you, we are made whole. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May God our Creator bless and keep you, may Jesus divine, child of the earth, walk with you, and may the Holy Spirit, † wind and fire, give you hope and peace. **Amen.**

Closing Song

Do Lord . . . I'll Fly Away

Chorus

Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me;
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me;
Way beyond the blue

1 I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun;
Way beyond the blue *Chorus*

2 I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too;
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too;
Way beyond the blue *Chorus*

3 Some bright morning when this life is over; I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore; I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away oh glory,
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away

4 When the shadows of this life have gone;
I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls have flown;
I'll fly away *Chorus*

5 Oh How glad and happy when we meet;
I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet;
I'll fly away *Chorus*

6 Just a few more weary days and then;
I'll fly away
To a land where joy will never end;
I'll fly away *Chorus*

Sending

Go in peace. Care for all creation.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Shoutin' On the Hill

Chorus

There'll be shouting on the hills of glory,
Shouting on the hills, shouting on the hills
There'll be shouting on the hills of glory,
There'll be shouting on the hills of God

1 Oh what a blessed reunion,
Oh what a blessed reunion
When will we gather over yonder,
There'll be shouting on the hills of God *Chorus*

2 No more sorrow in that city,
No more sorrow in that city
Jesus will meet us in that city,
There'll be shouting on the hills of God *Chorus*

3 Now's the time to make your preparations
Now's the time to make your preparations
Go now and make your reservation,
There'll be shouting on the hills of God *Chorus*

IT'S GARDEN PARTY TIME!

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.

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 the church office.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 9

Garden Party!

- 10:30am Outdoor Worship
- 11:30am Party Activities
- 2:30pm Garden Walks

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

- 9:00am Quilters
- 10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
- 1:30pm Outreach & Welcome Mtg
- 1:30pm Social Ministry

Wednesday, June 12

- 9:00am Quilters
- 11:00am Tai Chi - FH
- 12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer

Thursday, June 13

- 4:00pm Endowment Committee Mtg
- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, June 14

- 11:00am Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 15

- 8:30am Page Turners

Sunday, June 16

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

Monday, June 17

Annie Vacation - Office Hours 9am-2pm

- 9:00am VBS to 3pm
- 4:30pm Centering Prayer
- 5:00pm Sweet Arts Club
- 6:30pm Deborah Circle

Tuesday, June 18

Annie Vacation - Office Hours 9am-2pm

- 9:00am VBS to 3pm
- 10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
- 3:30pm LSI Parenting Class - FH

Wednesday, June 19

Annie Vacation - Office Hours 9am-2pm

- 9:00am VBS to 3pm
- 11:00am Tai Chi - FH
- 12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer

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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

- **June 17-21** Vacation Bible School; Annie Vacation
- **June 26** Ritual for Letting Go
- **July 1-3** Annie Vacation
- **July 4-5** Office Closed for Independence Day
- **July 22-31** Pr. Kirsten Vacation
- **August 11** Jazz Worship - Joint Svc at 9:30am
- **September 1** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **September 2** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **September 14** Walk to End Alzheimer's
- **September 28** NAMI Walk
- **October 6** Crop Hunger Walk

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Weekly Update



Garden Walks | 2:30-4:30pm Today

- **#9 Waverly Court, Davenport** (Host: Anna Roorda)
- **The Coffee House in the East Village, 1315 East Jersey Ridge, Davenport** While you enjoy the garden at The Coffee House, they will remain open for us to purchase drinks. Gift cards to The Coffee House will also be available with select items in the Silent Auction.
- **431 ~ 4th Street, Bettendorf** (Host: Gary Boche - Gary is also the gardener for the Coffee House.)

Vacation Bible School | June 17-21

In order to make VBS safe & fun for everyone, we need some helpers who love having fun with kids. While VBS is 8am-4pm Monday through Friday, you need not volunteer all day, everyday. In fact, we will work around your schedule. Connect with Pastor Kirsten and let her know which days and times you'd like to join us. Here are some options:

Small Group Helper

- 8:00am-10:00am
- 10:00am-12:00pm
- 2:00pm-4:00pm

Lunch Prep & Serve

- 11:00am (prep)
- 11:30am-12:30pm (approx. serve)
- 12:30pm-1:00pm (approx. clean up)

We also have a wish list of grocery items for snacks and lunches - see below for needed items, and before purchasing, please talk with Pastor Kirsten for quantities and to see what is still needed. We currently have over 20 kids registered and are looking forward to a fabulous week of learning, growing, playing, and praising! Registration is still open online at bit.ly/GraceVBS2024 or contact Pr. Kirsten for assistance.

VBS Grocery Wish List

- Fresh fruit (apples, cuties, grapes)
- Fresh vegetables (carrot sticks, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers)
- Romaine lettuce
- Salad dressing
- Crackers or cookies for snacks
- Popsicles
- Bagels & Cream cheese
- Milk
- Pasta noodles (penne noodles)
- Loaves of bread
- Lunch meat (turkey or ham)
- Sliced cheese
- Frozen chicken nuggets
- Boxes of macaroni & cheese
- Frozen tater tots
- Chips
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut Butter & Jelly



Birdies for Charity

We are very excited that Grace Pray & Play is participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity! The donation deadline is June 30, and there are two ways you can offer your financial support: By check - checks must be made to Birdies for Charity and submitted with the brochure (in the narthex) OR online at birdiesforcharity.com/donate. Click on "donate now" and enter 1943 as our charity ID number.

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Ritual for Letting Go | June 26, 7pm



Photos, clothes and other items are the things that we carry with us and remind us of the past. They are embedded with memories that can stir a mixture of emotions. **Bring them to our bonfire.** If you are seeking closure following the end of a relationship, be it family, friends or spouses. Perhaps you are letting go of a dream, a chapter of your life and what you hoped it would look like.

Whether this is the beginning or the pinnacle of your journey towards healing, or something in between. We will gather around a fire and acknowledge the loss, the pain and the grief. You may bring an item to leave behind or if paper, you may burn the item in the bonfire. Prayerfully inviting God to knit together our hearts. Gathered, we will remember we are not alone but connected to each other. Supported by the Spirit who grants courage, hope and peace.

Card Shower for Skip & Shirley Dohrmann

On June 12, Skip & Shirley Dohrmann will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary! They're family has asked for cards of well wishes to help them celebrate. Their address is: 4126 Northwest Blvd, Oakwood #203, Davenport, IA 52806.

Hope at the Brick House Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who donated food and time to The Brick House meal on Friday May 31. The families we served enjoyed everything that was donated or made for the yummy taco dinner. Thank you to: *Jackie Cain, Mike Keller, Nancy Boehme, Vickie Liebebe, Jane Krumwiede, Connie Lannan, Craig Brown, Kathy Higgins, Scott Jewel.*

Office Volunteers Needed

Annie will be on vacation June 17-21 and July 1-3, and we are needing phone and doorbell coverage those days. The duties are light: answering phones, buzzing people in, folding bulletins, taking messages, etc. - plenty of time to read, browse the web, knit, crochet . . . whatever makes you happy! Please call or email the church office if you'd like to help out - thanks so much!

- **June 17-21,** the shifts are 9am-11:30am and 11:30am-2:00pm (or if you'd like to help for a full day, then 9am-2pm).
- **For July 1-3,** the shifts are 10am-Noon and Noon-2pm (or if you'd like to help for a full day then 10am-2pm).

Blood Drive Update

Grace members donated blood 15 times during May. 12 of those were at the in-house drive on the May 23. The year to date total is 43.

Lunch & Conversation | Noon Wednesdays

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

Grief Support Group | July 3

In June, July, & August our Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday 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. 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.