

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

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 4, 2024 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

Sing the Glad Song Franklin Ritter

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth..... ELW 879

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

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 (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

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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Hymn 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

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, **you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Women's Vocal Ensemble

Standing and Leaning Medley.....arr. by Craig Curry
Sonja Rokers *guest conductor*; Gail McRill *piano*

Children's Message

First Reading | Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some

evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29

So, God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,
raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

So, mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.
The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

So, the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.
God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

Gospel Acclamation*

Gospel Reading | John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So, they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light..... ELW 815

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray. Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Call to Offering

The gifts of God bless us, and the invitation of God is to share those blessings with generosity, gratitude, trust, and love. Let us give of our time, talent, and treasure from the abundance of God's provision to us.

Offering 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.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of Life, **you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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 Text and Music 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,



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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

My Life Flows On in Endless Song..... ELW 763

- 1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

- 3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Franklin Ritter

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.

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, August 4

Food Pantry Collection

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

Monday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 6

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg
5:00pm Property Committee Mtg

Wednesday, August 7

11:00am Tai Chi - FH
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer
5:00pm Spiritual Growth Meeting
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

Thursday, August 8

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

9:30am Jazz Worship Joint Service

Monday, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

9:00am Quilters
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Outreach & Welcome Mtg
1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting
6:00pm CYF Meeting
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting

Wednesday, August 14

9:00am Quilters
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer

Thursday, August 15

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

8:30am Page Turners Book Club

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Looking Ahead

- **August 11 Jazz Worship - Joint Svc at 9:30am**
- **August 21** IFF River Bandits Game
- **August 30** Serve Dinner at Hope at the Brickhouse
- **September 1** Joint Worship 9:30am
- **September 2** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **September 14** Walk to End Alzheimer's
- **September 15 Neighborhood Block Party!**
- **September 16** Pray & Play
- **September 19** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **September 21** IFF Progressive Dinner
- **September 22** JBS & Adult Education Start
- **September 28** NAMI Walk
- **September 29** Blessing of the Animals
- **October 6** Crop Hunger Walk
- **October 6 & 13** LWR Quilt Display & Blessing

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Weekly Update



Next Sunday Jazz Worship! | August 11

Join us at our Joint Jazz Worship on Sunday, August 11, 9:30am!

Manny Lopez and his band will be here to lead our worship in song and jazzy celebration. This is always a popular service, and we look forward to seeing you there!



Men's Vocal Ensemble | August 18

All men are welcome! A group of guys will be singing an anthem at the 8:30am service on August 18. There will be a **rehearsal that same morning at 8am (note the date and time change)** in the choir loft. The music will be a familiar song. Questions? Contact Russ Finkler at 563-726-8891 or russfinkler@gmail.com.

IFF River Bandits Game | August 21

6:30pm | Modern Woodman Park (209 Gaines St, Davenport)
IFF (It's Food & Fellowship) is planning a River Bandits baseball game outing, and we hope you will join in the fun! They are playing the Lansing Lugnuts, and the game starts at 6:30pm. Come early as there are free carousel and ferris wheel rides. Buy your own general admission bleacher seats for \$12 and look for the Finkler's and Boehme's behind third base. All are welcome to join us!

Hope at the Brickhouse | August 30

We are providing and serving dinner at The Brick House on Friday August 30. There are approximately 25 to 30 children/adults who attend this family meal. We arrive at 5:15pm, serve dinner at 5:30pm, clean up at 6:30pm. Watch for a sign up to help serve and to supply dinner (Kings Hawaiian Turkey Sliders, milk, fruit/vegetable, and dessert).

LWR Kits | Return by September 15

We are once again assembling LWR kits - check in the narthex for school bags to fill and supply lists for various LWR kits. Bags and kits should be returned to the church by September 15. **Please note:** School Supply lists are *inside* the school bags and the fabric and health kits have separate instructions for gathering and packing (no bag needed).

IFF Progressive Dinner | September 21

The Rock's and Janssen's will be hosting an IFF progressive-type dinner in their homes out in Le Claire on September 21, beginning at 5:30pm. Additional information will be provided as the date approaches. So, mark your calendars and **RSVP to Jane Rock by texting or calling 563-340-8022**. The sooner you respond the sooner details can be determined.

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Help With Blessing Bags

The Social Ministry Committee plans to assemble blessing bags again at the Block Party on September 15. *Underwear Because We Care* has donated 100 pairs of Bombas socks to get us started. If you have connections that can help us provide other items (20 or more of each) please contact Paul Lewellan plewellan@mac.com or Claire Johansen claire.d.johansen@gmail.com. Useful items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, hand wipes, etc.

Pray & Play Employment Opportunity

We are currently hiring a Small Group Leader for the Fall 2024 session of Pray and Play. A job description is available in the narthex and on our website. To apply online for the position go to bit.ly/GraceJobApp. Please contact the office if you would prefer a paper copy, and feel free to share this information with anyone you think might be interested.

Pray & Play Registration for Fall 2024

Registration forms are available for our Fall 2024 Pray & Play. For kids ages 5-10, we offer a full day of activities during Davenport Schools in-service days (Sept 16, Oct 14, and Nov 7). To register online go to bit.ly/PPRegFall24, and please share this information with any families you may know. Please let the office know if you would prefer a paper copy of the registration form.

Blood Drive Update

Grace members made two donations at ImpactLife in July. The year-to-date total is 56. The next blood drive at Grace is Thursday, September 19.

Men's Lunch | 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 563-320-2661 or boehmed@aol.com to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group | August 7

In the summer months 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

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.

Julian of Norwich Retreat | August 13

8:30am-4pm | \$12 | St. Alphonsus Church (2618 Boies Avenue, Davenport)
Learn more about one of the most amazing spiritual women of our Christian faith - Julian's 14th century life, her prayer life and visions, and how her message and words are so very applicable to the world we live in today. To register call 563-940-1873.

QCI Banquet | August 25

QCI's Annual Banquet Fundraiser, "The Power and Beauty of Transformation".
Rhythm City Casino | 5:30pm for cocktail hour | 6:30pm Program.

We are hosting our second evening banquet to celebrate our accomplishments, honor those who have shown exceptional community leadership, and raise funds to continue creating a more just society. Go to bit.ly/QCIBanquetAug25 to buy your ticket.