

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



# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

## After Pentecost

September 15, 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 Music**

*Old Church Choir*

*Praise*

### **Announcements**

### **Children's Message**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.**

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers. You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.**

**Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Opening Song** *Soul on Fire*

### *Chorus*

God, I'm running for Your heart  
I'm running for Your heart  
Till I am a soul on fire  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day  
When I am a soul on fire  
Till I am a soul on fire *Repeat*

Lord, restore the joy I had  
And I have one to bring me back  
In this darkness, lead me through  
Until all I see is You *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

Lord, let me burn for You again  
Let me return to You again  
And Lord, let me burn for You again  
Let me return to You again *Chorus*

God, I'm running for Your heart  
I'm running for Your heart

Lord, I'm longing for your ways  
I'm waiting for the day  
I want to be  
Till I am a soul on fire  
Till I am a soul on fire  
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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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge,  
**you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Reading | Psalm 116:1-9

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
**for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."  
**Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.  
**Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt well with you.**

For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading | Mark 8:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

## **Song** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed

### *Refrain*

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures *Refrain Repeat Twice*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

Songwriters: Giglio Louie, John Newton, Chris Tomlin  
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## Prayers of the People

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

With the lighting of this fire, we echo the words of the psalmists, "I call upon You, O LORD; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to You. May my prayer be set before You like incense."

Into Your home, Dear God, we come once again, to be fed and to rest from the noise of the world. For it is in the sanctuary of Your temple, our hearts, that we find You and love You, and understand how much You love us. **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 the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Call to Offering

We believe in the God of justice and righteousness, and God believes in us to carry forth the mission of loving and caring for community. Let us now share our gifts and resources so that we may continue to walk humbly with God and with neighbors.

# Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Blessing

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

# Closing Song *All the People Say Amen*

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you're feeling afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy, To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God, it's all you need

## *Refrain*

And all the people said Amen, whoa, oh-oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends  
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter  
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all *Refrain*

Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart  
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people lonely for another start  
For this is a kingdom, the kingdom of God *Refrain - Repeat*

# Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto: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 announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod and ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office.

## Sparkhouse Magazines

We encourage children and families to take home a copy of Sparkhouse and enjoy the pictures and stories. Feel free to pick one up for grandchildren, extended family, and friends, as well.



## Junior Bible Study | Begins September 22

This year in Junior Bible Study, we will be joining the adults in reading through THE STORY for kids and little ones. Each week we will hear familiar Bible stories and enjoy the beautiful illustrations. The Story offers us a fresh perspective and an opportunity to engage Bible stories in a new way. The chapters the kids read and hear will be the same chapters the adults read the same week. We meet after the children’s message at both Sunday services.

## Serving in Worship

- Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry** ..... Pastor Kirsten Lee
- Assisting Minister** ..... Bill McCullough
- Greeters** ..... Vicki Liebbe, Sherry McCarty
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- Sound System** ..... Russ Finkler
- Prayers** ..... Nancy Boehme
- Altar Guild** ..... Mike Keller
- Heart & Voice Choir Director** ..... Sally Meier
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- Pianist** ..... Kathi Parrish
- Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader** ..... Vey Rodriguez

### Online Giving



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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 15

10:30am Outdoor Worship  
11:30am Block Party!



## Monday, September 16

8:30am Pray & Play to 4:30pm  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer  
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club  
6:30pm Deborah Circle

## Tuesday, September 17

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex  
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

## Wednesday, September 18

12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer  
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 19

2:00pm Blood Drive - FH  
7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

## Friday, September 20

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due

## Saturday, September 21

8:30am Page Turners  
5:30pm Progressive Dinner

## Sunday, September 22

### Jr Bible Study Begins at both Services

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream  
9:45am Coffee with Esther - PBH  
10:30am Contemporary Worship

## Monday, September 23

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

## Tuesday, September 24

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

## Wednesday, September 25

8:30am LSI Event - PBH  
11:00am THE STORY Bible Study  
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 26

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

## Friday, September 27

## You Can Watch Us Online and Follow us on Facebook!

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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](https://bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline).

## Looking Ahead

- **September 16** Pray & Play
- **September 19** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **September 21** IFF Progressive Dinner
- **September 22** JBS & Adult Education Start
- **September 25** THE STORY Bible Study Begins
- **September 28** NAMI Walks
- **September 29** Blessing of the Animals
- **October 6** Crop Hunger Walk
- **October 13** LWR Quilt Blessing
- **October 14** Pray & Play
- **October 6 & 13** LWR Quilt Display & Blessing
- **October 27** Reformation Sunday

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## Adult Education | Begins Sept 22



Join Paul Lewellan Sunday mornings beginning Sept 22, for coffee and conversation about the Book of Esther. Meet 9:45-10:15am in PBH. *Reading Esther is recommended, though not required. (It's a really short book.)* Among the topics tackled will be:

- Religious Faith** (Mordecai) "What does your faith require of you?" Sept 22
- Religious Hatred** (Haman) "Who do you hate?" Sept 28
- A Woman's Place** (Esther) "What is a woman's role in politics?" Oct 6

## Junior Bible Study | Begins Sept 22

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## THE STORY Bible Study | Begins Sept 25



The Bible study THE STORY helps people understand God's Word as it brings the Bible to life, sweeping you up in the story of God's love and his plan for your lives. The book and study guide are available in the church office for a combined cost of \$13. Please let the office know if you'd like to purchase them, and we will set them aside for you. Pr. Stephanie also hopes to have an evening bible study for THE STORY - please let her know if you'd like to attend an evening class or take the quick survey that was emailed out.

## Blood Drive | Sept 19

**Thursday 2-6pm** - Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. Your donation makes a difference! To book your appointment, contact Mark Jepson at [majepson55@netscape.net](mailto:majepson55@netscape.net) or visit [bloodcenter.org](https://www.bloodcenter.org).

## Blessing of the Animals | Sept 29

Sunday, Sept 29, at both services, you are invited to bring your furry and scaly friends for a Blessing of the Animals! You can bring your pets to worship in the sanctuary with you. Please be mindful of their ability to play well with others. You can also bring a photo of your pet or kids may want to bring a stuffed animal. As we remember St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals and the environment) we give thanks for God's creation and our furry companions.



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## CPR/AED Class | Sept 28

**Medic EMS** (107 North Cody Road Le Claire) | Cost \$25

Pastor Kirsten will be attending this CPR course on Saturday, Sept 28, 9am-Noon. Anyone seeking certification or those simply wanting to refresh their skills are welcome to attend. The course teaches the skills of CPR for all ages (including ventilation with a barrier device, a bag-valve-mask device, and oxygen), use of an AED, and relief of a Foreign Body Airway Obstruction. If you're interested in attending, the church office can email you a link to register.

## 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](https://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.

## 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](mailto:boehmed@aol.com) to be added to the email list.

## Grief Support Group | Sept 18

The 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

**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.

## Nami Walks | Sept 28

**Bend XPO Amphitheater in Moline**

**Schedule:** 8:00am Pre-walk activities, 9:00am Opening Ceremony, 9:30am WALK!

We all know SOMEONE whose family has been affected by mental illness, even if we don't talk about it. The NAMI walk raises awareness and funds for mental health education. To register to walk and/or donate funds go to: [namiwalks.org](http://namiwalks.org) (Mississippi Valley) and search for the Grace/St Mark Team. Questions? Contact Jane Rock 563-340-8022 (call or text) [janesingerrock@gmail.com](mailto:janesingerrock@gmail.com).

## Crop Hunger Walk | October 6

**1:30pm | Caxton Building (1701 River Drive, Moline)**

We can help change what others say is impossible by donating to the Church World Services Crop Walk (CWCSW on check memo). 25% of the funds collected stay here locally in the QC. Help provide hungry people their daily bread through your donations and walk of support! Go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) (search for Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport) to walk and/or donate, or talk to Laura Toland with any questions or help with registering. *We're also collecting peanut butter and jelly - bring your donations and place them on the table in the narthex!*

## Celebrating 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger

Save the date! Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. Tune in on October 15, at 7pm (Central time) to hear firsthand stories from partners at ELCA World Hunger projects, **including Tapestry Farms in the Quad Cities!** This special online event will be hosted by the Rev. Amy Current, bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, vice president of the ELCA. You'll see the impact of 50 years of ELCA World Hunger work and get excited and equipped to be part of the next 50 years! Register Online at [bit.ly/ELCAHunger50](https://bit.ly/ELCAHunger50).