

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

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

September 29, 2024 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa  
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

**Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!**

**Congregational response in bold.**

## Prelude

*Dorian Echo Fantasy*..... Jan Sweelinck

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

**Heart & Voice Choir** *Blessings For the Lord*

## Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*(Silence for reflection.)* Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*God Is Here!*..... ELW 526

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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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.**

## Blessing of the Animals

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your love you created us in your image and

made us stewards of the animals that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea. Bless us in our care for our pets and animals. Help us recognize your power and wisdom in the variety of creatures that live in our world, and hear our prayer for all that suffer overwork, hunger, and ill-treatment. Protect your creatures, and guard them from all evil, now and forever. **Amen.**

# Kyrie

*Kyrie Eleison, On Our World and On Our Way* ..... ELW p. 184

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for  
 hun-gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam-i-ly; for  
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Generous God, **your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

*Bless Ye the Lord* ..... M. Ippolitof Ivanof, arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky

*Bless ye the Lord, O bless ye the Lord our God.  
All ye His angels bless the Lord.  
Bless ye the Lord, O bless ye the Lord our God.  
Bless the Lord all His angels fair, that so rejoice in His strength.  
Bless ye the Lord, O bless ye the Lord our God.  
Bless the Lord, ye angels that rejoice in His strength.  
He is gracious, kind and full of compassion, ever just.  
But He doth not always chide, nor keepeth His wrath.  
As the heaven is high above the earth, so great His mercy.  
His mercy to all that trust in His word. Bless the Lord our God.  
Bless ye the Lord, O bless ye the Lord our God.  
All ye angels that do His will, bless ye the Lord, mighty God,  
O blessed art Thou, eternal One.*

# Children's Message

## First Reading | James 5:13-20

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will

raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 19:7-14**

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;

**the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,

**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can detect one's own offenses?

**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

**let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## Gospel Acclamation\*

*Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?..... ELW p. 188*

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

## Gospel Reading | Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut

it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another."

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

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day\*

*Here I Am, Lord*..... ELW 574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *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.

Sister in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*New Member: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*

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

Let us welcome our sister 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**

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.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **The 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

May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares that creation's abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met. We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits. Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

# Offering Hymn

*We Give Thee but Thine Own* (v. 1-2)..... ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

# 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

God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word* ..... ELW 663

- 1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
Send forth our Creator's call, heaven's gifts extend to all.
- 2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race  
and to pay rebellion's price, gave himself as sacrifice.
- 3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
strong and holy, just and true, working both to will and do.
- 4 Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;  
let the gath'ring nations all see your light and heed your call.

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# Sending

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God!**

# Postlude

*Ricercare per Organo*..... Arresti

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Junior Bible Study | Today: Abraham

Each week we will hear familiar Bible stories and enjoy the beautiful illustrations from THE STORY for Kids and Little Ones. 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

<b>Director of Outreach &amp; Youth Minister</b>	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	NEEDED
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<b>Ushers</b>	Deb & Mike Kirby
<b>Sound System</b>	Chuck Lehman
<b>Jr Bible Study</b>	Jane Rock, Carol Keller
<b>Prayers</b>	Connie Lannan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mike Keller
<b>Heart &amp; Voice Choir Director</b>	Sally Meier
<b>Organist</b>	Susan Senn
<b>Pianist</b>	Kathi Parrish
<b>Worship Tech &amp; Praise Band Leader</b>	Vey Rodriguez
<b>Coffee/Cookies/Snacks</b>	Karen Jewel, Claire Johansen

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 29

### Blessing of the Animals @ Both Services

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

## Monday, September 30

10:30am Staff Meeting  
1:00pm Nominating Committee Mtg  
4:30pm Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, October 1

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

## Wednesday, October 2

11:00am THE STORY - PBH  
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer  
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, October 3

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal  
7:00pm THE STORY Bible Study

## Friday, October 4

Quilts set out for display in the sanctuary

## Saturday, October 5

## Sunday, October 6

### LWR Quilt Display

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream  
9:45am Coffee with Esther - PBH  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
1-2pm Crop Walk Check-in

## Monday, October 7

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

## Tuesday, October 8

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

## Wednesday, October 9

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

## Thursday, October 10

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

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

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## Looking Ahead

- **October 6** Crop Hunger Walk
- **October 6 & 13** LWR Quilt Displays
- **October 13** LWR Quilt Blessing
- **October 6 & 13** LWR Quilt Display & Blessing
- **October 14** Pray & Play
- **October 19** LWR Ingathering Cedar Falls
- **October 27** Reformation Sunday
- **October 31** Trunk or Treat
- **November 3** All Saints' Sunday
- **November 7** Pray & Play
- **November 10** "God's Story Our Story" Sunday
- **November 11-14** Pr. Stephanie Continuing Education
- **November 24** Service of Thanks & Praise at St. Mark
- **November 28-29** Thanksgiving Holiday

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## Adult Education Today | Coffee with Esther



Join Paul Lewellan for coffee and conversation about the Book of Esther. Meet in PBH from 9:45-10:15. Session 2 will pick up the story in Chapter 2. (Come even if you missed Session 1.) In lieu of reading the book, you could watch a 9-minute cartoon on YouTube called, "Book of Esther Summary: A Complete Animated Overview."

## THE STORY Bible Study



**Mornings** - Weekly on Wednesday, 11am in Pat Bell Hall

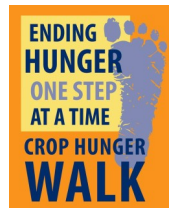
**Evenings** - Monthly on the first Thursday, 7pm

THE STORY Bible Study continues, and anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at anytime during the series. THE STORY helps people understand God's Word and powerfully engages with Bible reading like never before. Please let us know ahead of time if you need the books (or will order them on your own), so we can get them ordered for you quickly. Please talk to Pr. Stephanie if you have any questions.

## Crop Hunger Walk | October 6

**1-2 pm Check-in | Caxton Building (1701 River Drive, Moline)**

Every dollar you donate to the CROP Hunger Walk is powerful in the fight to end hunger. Here is an example of what your gift could mean to a community in need: \$25 Dignity Kit for Women & Girls; \$60 Beehive; \$115 Family Latrine; \$470 Cow; \$700 Groceries for a refugee family of four. Go to [crophungerwalk.org](https://crophungerwalk.org) (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 in the narthex!



## Blood Drive Update

The blood drive at Grace last Thursday brought in ten donations. Five more donations were made at the local blood centers during the past two weeks. The year-to-date total for our congregation is now 77. Those that donated at Grace's drive on September 19, can donate between Nov 14-21, and donate again at Grace's next in-house drive on Jan 16.

## Men's Lunch | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon at Vander Veer Park! (When the weather turns colder, we'll meet at church - watch your email for a message from Dennis.) You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at [boehmed@aol.com](mailto:boehmed@aol.com) or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

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## Grief Support Group | October 2

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.

## Recycling Sewing Project

### Make Reusable Grocery Bags from Our Old Vinyl Banners!

Grace has a number of old vinyl signs that could be transformed and upcycled - especially into reusable grocery bags. Did you know you can recycle old vinyl banners into so many useful items? You can transform or "upcycle" old vinyl banners into tote bags, backpacks, messenger bags, hip packs, wallets, travel kits, ipad sleeves, laptop cases, zipper pouches and more. Visit [instructables.com/Upcycled-Banner-Tote-Bag](http://instructables.com/Upcycled-Banner-Tote-Bag) for inspiration or find tutorials on YouTube to walk you through all kinds of projects. Contact the church office for more info - we'd hate to throw these out!

## 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](http://bit.ly/ELCAHunger50).

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Appreciation Month (originally called Clergy Appreciation Month) was established in 1992 by a group of pastors and church leaders to honor those who serve in ministry. They grounded the celebration in Paul's words to Timothy: "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17). It's a nationally recognized holiday, like Boss Appreciation Day and Administrative Assistant Day.

### An excerpt from an article by JR Briggs in Christianity Today:

*Pastors have told me they wept tears of joy when they read an out-of-the-blue note of encouragement. Whatever you do – a sincere Facebook shout out, a two-minute word of affirmation during the Sunday announcements, a heart-felt email, a handwritten note, or [a friendly greeting to] your pastor in the hallway between services – know it carries more weight than you may realize.*

*Pastors don't always get this ministry thing right. They may not preach as well as you prefer, pray as much as you deserve, counsel as well as you need, or lead as well as you desire. They know this because they feel it deep in their bones and because congregants are often quick to tell them so. Ministry can be difficult.*

*Still, most pastors are trying their best to serve and lead and pray and listen and preach and love as faithfully as they can. They won't say publicly that they think about Pastor Appreciation Month every October, but many of the pastors I talk with do. Everyone needs a little encouragement now and then. That includes your pastor.*

