

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

20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 6, 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

Let All the People Praise Thee John Boalt

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Majestic is Your Name*

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

Earth and All Stars..... ELW 731

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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 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.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 187

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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, hon-or,



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God, **you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Come As a Child.....Sherri Porterfield

Children’s Message

First Reading | Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.”

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the human should be alone; I will make the human a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the human to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The human gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the human there was not found a helper as their partner. So, the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the human, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and child-ren; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You crown us with glory and honor.

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 10:2-9, 13-16

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult..... ELW 696

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":

- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both 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

As the Grains of Wheat Text and Music by Marty Haugen

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,

may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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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.**

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

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On ELW 624

- 1 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.
- 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe to our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

Sending

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing..... Todd Kendall

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.

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: Joseph Forgives

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. *We meet after the children's message at both Sunday services.*

Serving in Worship

Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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Communion Bread	Hollie Swain
Acolyte	Debbie Alejo
Crucifer	Dennis Boehme
Greeters	Gene & Gail Carber
Ushers	Dean Rock, Adolfo Alejo
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Jr Bible Study	Pr. Kirsten
Prayers	Sally Meier
Altar Guild	Karen Jewel
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Ann Lorentzen, Chrissy Hartman

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6

Food Pantry Collection

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

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 13

LWR Quilt Display & Blessing

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:45am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, October 14

Pray & Play 8:30am-4pm

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

Tuesday, October 15

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex
9:00am Quilters
10:00am Pastor's Text Study @ Zion
11:30am Prs at Conference Lunch @ Zion
3:30pm LSI Parenting Class - FH

Wednesday, October 16

9:00am Quilters
11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer
5:30pm Grief Support Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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Looking Ahead

- **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 11-15** Pr. Stephanie Continuing Education
- **November 26-December 1** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **November 24** Service of Thanks & Praise at St. Mark
- **November 28-29** Thanksgiving Holiday

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Weekly Update



Crop Hunger Walk | Today!

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

Go to 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!*

Adult Education Today | Coffee w/ Esther

Join Paul Lewellan for coffee and conversation about the Book of Esther. Meet in PBH from 9:45-10:15am. Session 3 will pick up the story in Chapter 4. (Come even if you missed Sessions 1 or 2.) Come to class with one example of Religious Hatred (people or nations turning on each other because of religious differences). It can be a current or historical event.

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. Pr. Stephanie can answer any questions.



Kids Fall Party! | October 18

For Kids ages 3 and older | 5:30-7:30pm

We're giving adults a break and giving your children (age 3 and older) a fun and safe party. Grown-ups can trust that their children will be well supervised and the children can trust that they will laugh, learn, and enjoy yummy food. Register online at bit.ly/GraceKidsFall24 or scan the QR code. →



Living Stones: Giving Generously

God's story is our story! Together we are God's living stones in the world sharing God's love and how God is active in this world and through us. This is made possible through your generous support of our shared ministry. This year's stewardship appeal will begin on October 20, culminating in our celebration and blessing of our gifts on November 10, Stewardship Sunday. More information will be making its way to you in the coming weeks!

Stories of Life & Faith

We often sit next to people on Sundays and some we know well, some we have barely spoken to. Have you ever wondered, what is their story? Beginning in November, Connie Lannan will be writing a special article that will be included in our newsletters this program year. She will interview members of the congregation and learn a bit about who they are and how God is active in their lives. If you know someone who should be interviewed or you would like to tell your story, contact Connie or the Office.

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Trunk or Treat | October 31

Grace members are invited to participate in the 18th Annual Trunk or Treat night on Thursday, October 31. We will decorate our trunks about 5pm (5:30pm start time) and hand out treats and we usually end the evening about 6 or 6:30pm. After that we go to Los Primos for a Mexican meal. If you would like to join the group, please contact Hollie Swain or the church office. To plan for treats, we usually have between 150-200 children.



Lutheran World Relief Quilts



The beautiful quilts and blankets made by our Service Day Quilters are on display in the sanctuary the first two Sundays in October and we will say a blessing and dedicate them on October 13. The quilts along with the school and hygiene kits that have been so generously supplied by Grace members will then be delivered to the Lutheran World Relief organization where they will find homes around the world.

Pray & Play Volunteers | October 14

Our next Pray & Play is Monday, October 14, and Pr. Kirsten could use some volunteers (either with the kids or behind the scenes, and what works best with your time schedule). Please check in the Pr. Kirsten if you'd like to help out.

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 or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group | October 16

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 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 Tapes-try 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.

SCHOOL MINISTRY

In this past month, Grace members have donated pants, socks, underwear, and a few hygiene items. Thank you for continuing to support our neighborhood schools! The value of these items that we share goes well beyond the physical product. A box of granola bars can allow a child to have a satisfied belly so they can concentrate on their schoolwork. A pair of new underwear or pants can allow a child to go through their school day with dignity after receiving help from the nurse. They offer hope to the staff at the school that they are supported by the community.

Please continue to see the needs listed (over) and consider how you might contribute a small gift of hope.

Madison and Garfield Elementary Schools are also taking volunteers right now. These volunteer duties could be a regular commitment of reading or math assistance, or the opportunity could be having fun at a larger school event, such as the Trunk or Treat at Garfield Elementary.



CURRENT NEEDS

DONATIONS

- **Spray deodorant** (The district no longer has a budget for this. It is kept in the nurse's office and allows for multiple students to use one bottle during the day)
- **Hygiene items**
- **Feminine care items**
- **Kids' shoes**, youth size 1 or larger
- **Kids & youth size clothing**
- **Girls & women's underwear & bras**, all sizes
- **Girls & women's black leggings**, all sizes
- **Boys' gym shorts**, all sizes
- **Clarinet reeds** (used in the elementary band program. While there are donated instruments to lend to students, band directors often use their own money for additional items, such as reeds.)

TUTORING & VOLUNTEERING

- **Reading** with grades two and three
- **Math** with grades two and three
- **Madison's Trunk or Treat**, Thursday, October 24