

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

21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 13, 2024 8:30am

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

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

Prelude

Marche Clausmann/ Charles Callahan

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Let My Soul Be Lifted to You*

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less..... ELW 597

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, 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 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. Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Children's Message

First Reading | Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

So, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

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 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes.

Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

We Are Called..... ELW 720

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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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.**

Blessing of the Quilts & Kits

God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world. **Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.**

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing. **Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.**

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out. **Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.**

God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

Let us pray. God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope. **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

Generosity is a spiritual gift that may be cultivated, grown, and nurtured. Let us plant seeds today with our gifts that will bloom and provide a harvest beyond our expectation or imagination.

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat Text and Music by Marty Haugen

Refrain



The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are: "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." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final whole note on the third staff.

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



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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*

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing..... ELW 545

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

Sending

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude in F..... Charles Callahan

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: Moses

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

Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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Altar Guild	Karen Jewel
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

LWR Quilt Display

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
2:30pm Outreach & Welcome Meeting
3:30pm LSI Parenting Class - FH

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

9:00am LSI Staff Mtg & Luncheon - PBH
7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, October 18

5:30pm Kid's Fall Party!

Saturday, October 19

LWR Ingathering Cedar Rapids

8:30am Page Turners

Sunday, October 20

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

Monday, October 21

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club
6:30pm Deborah Circle

Tuesday, October 22

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, October 23

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



Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits



The beautiful quilts and blankets made by our Service Day Quilters are on display in the sanctuary and we will say a blessing and dedicate them on today. 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.

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!

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.



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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.

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.

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.

Listen! God is Calling

Evenings of Gratitude with Bishop Current

Join Bishop Amy Current for a light dinner and an evening of fellowship, conversation, and gratitude for the ministry we share in our synod one Sunday evening in November. All events are 4:30-7:00pm, No RSVP is needed and all are welcome!



November 3 Peace Lutheran Church -Pella

November 10 Christ the King Lutheran Church - Iowa City

November 17 Trinity Lutheran Church - Pleasant Valley

November 24 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd -DSM

There's No Place Like Home: Unity Brunch

A fundraiser to help end homelessness in the Quad Cities

Sunday, October 20 | 10am-Noon | The Outing Club (2109 N Brady St, Davenport)

You'll hear courageous stories of strength, hope, and survival while enjoying a beautiful brunch spread. Many have found their way home through Humility Homes and Services, Inc. We need your help to continue this important work. This event is free to attend and we hope you will come hungry and ready to help raise dollars to end homelessness. Go to humilityhomes.org/unitybrunch to register for this FREE event.