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

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

October 20, 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

Simple Giftsarranged by Lani Smith

Announcements

Gathering

In worship, our songs of praise, and the time we dwell in the word. **We hear God's story.**

A story of unending love and grace.

Open ears, open our minds, open our hearts to listen.

In the stories we share, the ways you are active in our lives.

We give witness to God's presence in our story.

God's story is

Our story.

May we share it without reservation.

May we live it with all our being.

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

Lord of Light ELW 688

1 Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space, use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace; use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

- 2 By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field, by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed, by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*
- Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel; with your grace our triumphs hallow,

with your charity our zeal; lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night; by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light; by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one: *Refrain*

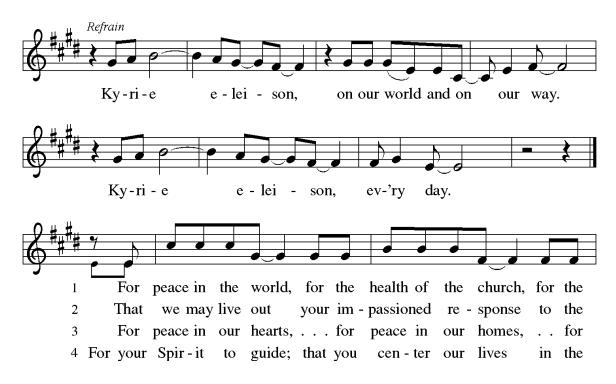
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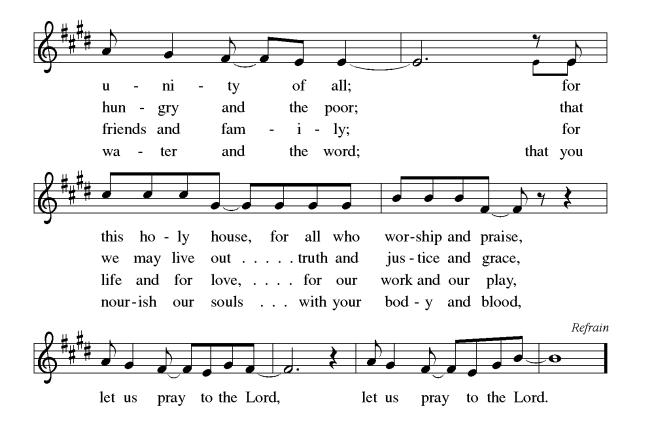
Greeting

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.**

Kyrie

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

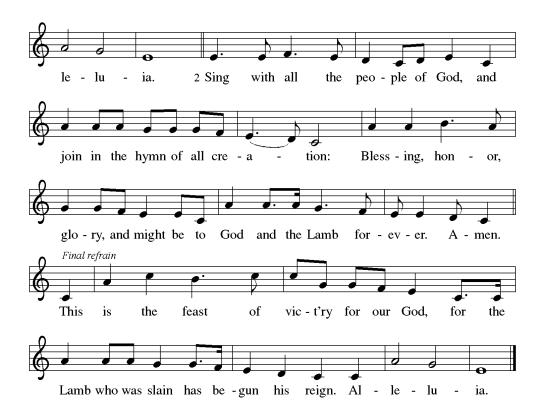




Hymn of Praise



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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God,

you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading | Job 38:1-7, 34-41

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

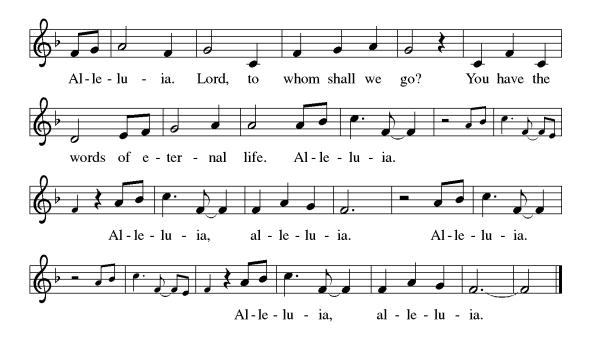
I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Gospel Reading | Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through selfgiving service.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So, Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Praise and Thanksgiving..... ELW 689

- Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
- Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand.
 Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

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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.

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

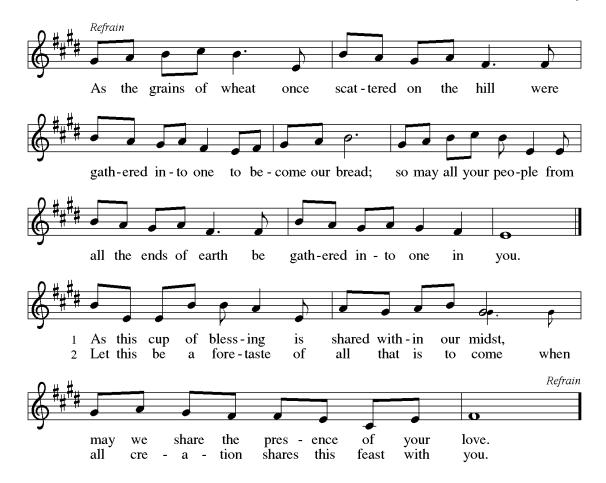
The invitation to give is a gift not a debt. We share our resources because we were created to be mutually dependent upon one another. When we give generously,

we demonstrate our faith in God's generosity, provision, and abundance. Therefore, let us give with thanksgiving and love for God and our neighbor.

Stewardship Message: God's Story, Our Story

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of WheatText and Music by 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 (verses 1-2)..... ELW 471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: 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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest ELW 694

- Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise; by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
 God fills them with his fullness,

all things with large increase and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Sending

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

Postlude

Simple Gifts arranged by Russell Schulz-Widmar

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office <u>office@gracewelcomesyou.org</u>, 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: The Ten Commandments**

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 Joel Lorentzen
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	Gloria Lange, Jim Neumann, Ruthann Neumann, Kathy Shriver
Communion Bread	Vicki Liebbe
Acolyte	Kathy Shriver
Crucifer	
Greeters	Vicki Liebbe, Jackie Cain
Ushers	Cindy Lee, Sherry McCarty
Sound System	Mike Savely
Jr Bible Study	Pr. Kirsten, Carol Keller
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Karen Jewel
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier Susan Senn
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Gloria & Jim Lange, Kathy Higgins

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, October 23

11:00am THE STORY - PBH 12:00pm Men's Lunch @ Grace

1:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, October 25

11:00am Council Reports Due

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday

8:30am Healing Worship & Livestream

9:45am Coffee Hour 10:30am Healing Worship

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, October 30

11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH

12:00pm Men's Lunch @ Grace

1:30pm Endowment Committee Meeting

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 31

5:30pm Trunk or Treat 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, November 1

9:30am PEO (Private Event) - PBH

You Can Watch Us Online and Follow us on Facebook!

YouTube: Grace Lutheran Davenport Facebook: facebook.com/GraceWelcomesYou

Your offerings support and nurture ministries at Grace along with support for local and global organizations. Online giving is available at bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline.

Looking Ahead

- 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 24 Service of Thanks & Praise at St. Mark
- November 26-December 1 Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- November 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed
- **December 15** Christmas Program Joint Worship 9:30am
- **December 18** Blue Christmas (tentative)
- December 22 Candles & Carols
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship 5pm & 7pm
- December 25 Christmas Day, Office Closed
- **December 29** Christmas Hymn Sing Joint Worship 9:30am

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 begins today, culminating in our celebration and blessing of our gifts on Nov. 10, Stewardship Sunday.

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.

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.

Remembrances for All Saints' Sunday

All Saints Sunday is a special time in which we remember and give thanks for those loved ones who have died and have entered the church triumphant. On All Saints Sunday, November 3, we will read names of our beloved saints during the service. **If you have** names of dear ones you would like to have remembered, please email or call the church office no later than October 31 (be sure to include pronunciations if necessary). Thank you for helping us lift up those who have modeled God's love to us and have completed their baptismal journey. We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses!

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.





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Altar Guild Opportunities

A very important part of our worship experience relies on members to prepare communion, set the altar table, and manage worship supplies like candles and wine. Please consider signing up to help with altar guild in 2025 - you can serve for two weeks or one month at a time. A sign-up sheet is on a clipboard in the narthex. This is a wonderful way to support worship here at Grace. Questions? Contact Mike Keller at 563-340-8990.

Men's Lunch | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon - and now that the weather has turned colder, we will meet at Grace. You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or **boehmed@aol.com** to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group | **November 6**

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.

Visor Clips

Grace's Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Team wants to recognize our youth , when they meet this new life milestone. If you know of a young person starting out as a new driver, please contact the church office for a car visor clip.

WELCA at Grace



Here at Grace we have three women's circles open to anyone who is interested. As you read about them below, please consider which one works best for you and feel free to contact the person listed. They'll be happy to answer any questions!

Deborah Circle meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in members' homes for Bible study from the Gather Magazine. Contact: Claire Johansen 563-271-1311 or claire.d.johansen@gmail.com.



Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, Sept thru May, 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber 563-340-0350 or marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com.

Service Day Quilters meet the second Tuesday & second Wednesday 9am-Noon each month. The quilts made are donated to the community and LWR. In recent years we have made LWR school bags. Contact Gloria Lange langejg1@msn.com or 563-271-1542 or Kathy Miller 563-676-0914 or kathyk1679@aol.com.

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!

Nov 3 Peace Lutheran Church - Pella

Nov 10 Christ the King Lutheran Church - Iowa City

Nov 17 Trinity Lutheran Church - Pleasant Valley

Nov 24 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd -DSM

GOD'S STORY OUR STORY

STEWARSHIP APPEAL 2025



Sustain Vibrant Ministries

God does amazing things through Grace.

Welcoming visitors and regulars alike into the joy of worship and discipleship, we:

- » Supported our neighborhood schools by providing period products, Thanksgiving meals and cookies as they celebrated completing 8th grade.
- » Introduce kids to God through prayer, games and Bible Study. We increased participation in Vacation Bible School by 70 percent! Many of whom first knew us through our Pray and Play program.
- » Continue to sustain our community with blood drives; created over 100 quilts and school kits sent to local and international organizations; fought hunger by serving meals and offering donations.

As we approach the end of our mortgage, we will ensure that we continue this vibrant ministry opportunities within our walls and our community. We do this by maintaining our support for our many ministries and staff. Our leadership and members provide opportunities to learn, connect and worship. Whether it be our choir leading us in worship or an Epiphany party for kids.

This investment in our ongoing ministry includes this wonderful building that houses so much of our work. With your support we will respond to the needs of this beloved space like the repair of the Bell Tower roof and drainage which will cost an estimated \$16,000.

The **God's Story, Our Story 2025** Stewardship Appeal has a goal of increasing offerings by \$50,000 or \$961 a week. With your support our building will remain a gift for our ministry and a gift for our community.

Be sure to read the letter and stewardship brochure that will be coming to you in the weeks ahead. Pray for a generous response to this appeal. Consider prayerfully how you will respond to the invitation to increase your offering. May God continue to bless our offerings as they are used to serve God and our community.

"I have been worshiping for 70 years and that Christ the King service made everything make sense to me like never before." - Ron Brunsvold, Grace Member



"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house." – 1 Peter 2:5 Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish ministry which is blessed by the Lord. This chart provides a picture of our current giving to both our Building Fund and our General Fund. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, we invite you to consider the following questions:

- » How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- » How adequately does my giving reflect my eagerness to share from all the blessings I receive?

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN CURRENTLY

