

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

26th Sunday After Pentecost

November 17, 2024 8:30am

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

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

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

Prelude

Nun danket alle Gott Georg Kaufmann

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *The Lord is Our Strength*

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.** Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

I Come With Joy..... ELW 482

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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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


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 God, **your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

My God, My Portion..... American Folk Hymn, arr. by James Hopkins

*My God, my portion, and my love, my everlasting all,
I've none but Thee in heaven above, or on this earthly ball.*

*What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod!
There's nothing here deserves my joys; there's nothing like my God.*

*In vain the bright, the burning sun scatters His feeble light:
'Tis Thy sweet beams create my noon; if Thou withdraw, 'tis night.*

*My God, my portion, and my love, my everlasting all,
I've none but Thee in heaven above. There's nothing like my God.*

Children's Message

First Reading | Hebrews 10:11-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering, he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," and he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies

washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading | Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Loves Me!..... ELW 595

1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

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

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering

Our gifts and offerings make a difference in the community we love and serve. May they extend beyond our borders and be a balm to a world in need of comfort. Let it begin within us and flourish beyond us.

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. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living ELW 881

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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Sending

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All Things Bright and Beautiful David Paxton

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 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 Faith of a Foreign Woman

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

Preaching & Presiding Today	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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Communion Assistants	Ruth McAndrews, Colleen Levsen, Gloria Lange, Russ Finkler
Communion Bread	Gloria Lange
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Greeters	Sue & Mark Janssen
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Sound System	Russ Finkler
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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	Vicki Liebke, Cindy Lee

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:45am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship
4:30pm Evening of Gratitude with Bishop
Current @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

Newsletter Items Due

11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ Grace
1:00pm Nominating Committee Mtg
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21

Coffee/Tea Orders Due

1:30pm Endowment @ QC Foundation
7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, November 22

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due

Saturday, November 23

Sunday, November 24

8:30am Healing Worship & Livestream
9:45am Coffee Hour
10:30am Healing Worship
5:00pm T'giving Worship @ St. Mark

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

Pr. Stephanie Vacation

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, November 27

12:00pm Men's Lunch @ Grace

Thursday, November 28

Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 29

Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

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Looking Ahead

- **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 15** Candles & Carols
- **December 18** Blue Christmas (tentative)
- **December 24** Christmas Eve Worship 5pm & 7pm
- **December 25** Christmas Day, Office Closed
- **December 29** Christmas Hymn Sing Joint Worship 9:30am
- **January 1** New Years Day, Office Closed
- **January 11** Spiritual Growth Event (TBD)
- **January 16** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **January 26** Joint Worship 9:30am and Annual Meeting

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Pledges for 2025

Stewardship "Statements of Intent" were mailed out (or are available in the narthex), and you are invited to mail in your intent, drop it off in the office, or pledge online at bit.ly/GracePledge2025 or by scanning this QR Code.

Office Notes

December Newsletter Items Needed Early The December newsletter will go out before Thanksgiving, so items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by next Wednesday, November 20, if at all possible.

December Worship Volunteers to be Scheduled Early I plan to schedule December worship volunteers next week, and send out the schedule on Friday, Nov. 22, so please let me know soon of any Sundays you are unable to serve in December. Thanks so much!

Coffee/Tea Orders

I will be placing an order for some Christmas items (chocolate bars, hot cocoa, coffee, tea, etc) with Equal Exchange next Thursday Nov. 21 . . . let me know if you would like to place an order for yourself at the same time, which saves on shipping costs. To see what's available to order go to shop.equalexchange.coop - most items are sold in bulk.

Thanksgiving Worship | November 24

5:00pm | @ St. Mark (2363 W 3rd St, Davenport)

Let us GIVE THANKS TO GOD with our brothers and sisters at St. Mark for a joint Thanksgiving worship service. The service will take the form of readings, a message, and music giving thanks to God for the abundance of what God has provided for us. Join us for fellowship following the service.



Poinsettia Orders | Due November 25

We will be ordering red poinsettias from Eve's Garden & Greenhouse. They are \$7 each, and the deadline for orders is Monday, November 25. Go to bit.ly/GracePoinsettia2024 to order online or use the order form in your Sunday bulletin.



Thanksgiving Boxes

We are already receiving donations! We will take monetary donations that will be utilized for turkeys. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran, with "Thanksgiving Boxes" in the memo line. I could also use sturdy medium-sized boxes for storing the food. Alternatively, we could use a few more pies, a few more bags of rolls. All donations should be brought to Grace by Wednesday, November 20.

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Christmas Cards

It's that time of year! Our greeting card spinner has been stocked with Christmas cards available for a free-will donation, so start your making your "nice" lists and stock up!

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 and is a great "behind-the-scenes" job if you prefer not to be in the spotlight. Questions? Contact Mike Keller at 563-340-8990.

THE STORY Bible Study

Mornings - Weekly on Wednesday, 11am; **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 engages with Bible reading like never before. Pr. Stephanie can answer any questions.

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 20

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.

Listen! God is Calling | November 17

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. All events are 4:30-7:00pm, No RSVP is needed and all are welcome! **Nov 17** Trinity Lutheran Church (18137 Criswell St, Bettendorf)

Sankta Lucia | December 2

Monday, December 2, 7:00pm

Ascension Chapel at Augustana College

(820 ~ 38th St, Rock Island)

Join us for a sing-along program of Scandinavian Christmas carols, special music, and a candlelight Sankta Lucia procession led by the Augustana Swedish language students. Sponsored by Scandinavian Studies, the Swenson Center, the American Scandinavian Association, and Augustana Campus Ministries.

