

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2

Food Pantry Sunday

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

Monday, February 3

Pray & Play 8:30am-4pm

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

- 11:00am Prayer Group
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00pm THE STORY Evening Bible Study

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

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

Monday, February 10

- 10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday, February 11

- 9:00am Quilters
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Outreach & Welcome
1:30pm Social Ministry
7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, February 12

- 9:00am Quilters
11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Narthex
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

- 10:00am CYF Meeting
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

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Looking Ahead

- **February 3** Pray & Play
- **February 4** Puzzle Party & Snacks
- **February 6** THE STORY evening Bible study resumes
- **March 3** Pray & Play
- **March 5** Ash Wednesday Worship
- **March 12** Midweek Lenten Worship Begins
- **March 17** Luther Properties Annual Meeting
- **March 19** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 26** Midweek Lenten Worship

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PUZZLE PARTY! TUES FEB 4
1:30pm @ Grace

Come and enjoy a short devotion and fellowship time assembling puzzles. We have many puzzles to choose from and you are welcome to bring your own. **Bring a snack to share!**

Luther Properties Delegates Needed

Grace is looking for interested members to serve as a delegates to the Luther Properties Annual Meeting **Monday, March 17, 7:00pm at Luther Manor** (3118 Devils Glen Rd, Bettendorf). Delegates have no voting responsibilities. Your responsibilities are:

- Attend the meeting
- Listen to the property management reports
- Enjoy some light refreshments
- If willing, assist in creating awareness of Luther Properties in the congregation.

A maximum of six delegates will be selected on a first come basis. If interested, contact the office at office@gracewelcomesyou.org or 563-322-0769.

THE STORY Bible Study

Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am | Monthly - Resumes Thursday, February 6, 7pm

THE STORY helps people understand God's Word and powerfully engages with Bible reading like never before - anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at anytime during the series. Pastor Stephanie can answer any questions.

Pray & Play Helpers

Our wonderful helpers at Pray & Play are vital to the program's success. **You can volunteer for as little or as long a time as you'd like, and helpers are needed both on-site with the kids or behind the scenes (like preparing snacks/lunch, wiping tables, clean up, etc.).** Please talk to Pastor Kirsten if you are interested in helping. *Donations to the program are always welcome and help to pay for supplies, special presenters (like the children's museum), food, and more.*

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Pray & Play for Spring 2025

We'd love to have you share Pray & Play info with families that would benefit - they can register online at bit.ly/PPRegSP25 or contact Pr. Kirsten at 563-322-0769 to request further details or a paper application. Printed flyers are in the narthex - feel free to share!



Milk Ministry

Anytime during the year we accept donations for our Milk Ministry. Jim Bayles generously donates his time to purchase and bring milk to Café on Vine, and the first of the year is a great time to supplement our Milk Ministry fund. Last year we were able to donate 956 gallons of milk!

Page Turners Book Group | February 15

Come join the Saturday Morning Page Turner's Club! We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, discussion, and great fellowship.

February 15 Book: *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Guest List* comes a new locked room mystery, set in a Paris apartment building in which every resident has something to hide.

Feb 15 Host: Ruth Naber 563-386-6310 **Location:** Village Inn on Elmore

Grief Support Group | February 5

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.

Men's Lunch | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wed at Noon at Grace. You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or boehmed@aol.com to be added to the email list.

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 - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).



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Service Day Quilters | February 11-12

Next meeting dates February 11-12 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. The quilts & projects made are donated to the community and LWR. In recent years we have made LWR school bags. Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 or langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com or 563-676-0914

Naomi Circle | February 18

Next Gathering February 18 Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May, at 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber 563-340-0350 or marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members can direct their choice dollars to Grace! By directing Choice Dollars, eligible clients with membership can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. For more information talk to your Thrivent representative or go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice.



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

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

February 2, 2025 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

Joyful! arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *In Your Presence*

Remembrance of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit † keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,

wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

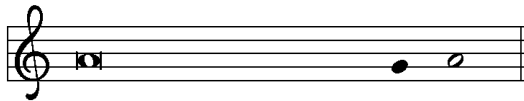
Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

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

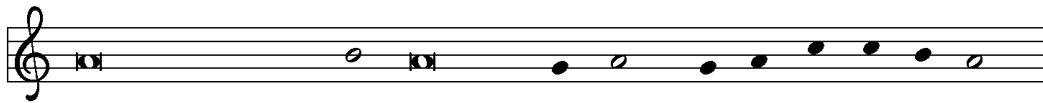
In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord..... ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
How lovely is thy dwelling place.
My soul ever longs for the house of the Lord,
and my heart sings for joy.*

*The children take refuge in the shadow of thy wings.
They feast on the plenties of thy house
and drink from thy river of delight.
For with thee is the fountain of life;*

*and in thy light do we see light.
Oh send out thy light and thy truth
and let them lead me.
Let them bring me to thy holy hill
and to thy dwelling.*

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
How lovely is thy dwelling place.
My soul ever longs for the house of the Lord,
and my heart sings for joy.*

*Surely the Lord is in this place.
My soul longs for the house of God.
And my heart sings for joy!*

Children's Message

First Reading | Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel | Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth], "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you; no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Build Us Up, Lord..... ELW 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will;
form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
as we guide and teach each other,
help us to share your love with the world:
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

Refrain

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears;
help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. Refrain

Text: Mark Glaeser, b. 1956, and Donna Hanna, b. 1952; Text © 2003 Augsburg Fortress.

Prayers of the People

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Call to Offering

With our generosity we honor the gifts of creation and strengthen our bonds with one another, trusting we can meet any challenge and uplift our community. May we celebrate and honor the creation by giving as an act of faith and trust in the Holy One and in one another.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering words and music by Dwight Liles

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our
voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an
of - fer - ing.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verse 1) ELW 815



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
 day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
 cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The light of Christ ✝ shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Sending

Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postludium..... Stanley Trusselle

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.

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.

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.



Junior Bible Study | Today: A Kingdom Torn in Two

Each week we will hear familiar Bible stories and enjoy the beautiful illustrations from THE STORY for Kids and Little Ones. *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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Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Colleen Levsen, Chrissy Hartman

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