

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
5:00PM Sweet Arts Club

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

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 20

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, February 21

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due
11:30am PEO - Private Event

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

8:30am Healing Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Healing Worship

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, February 26

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

Thursday, February 27

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, February 28

Church Office Closed

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Looking Ahead

- **February 26** Habitat for Humanity Faith Talk
- **February 28** Church Office Closed
- **March 2** Food Pantry Sunday
- **March 3** Pray & Play
- **March 5** Ash Wednesday Worship
- **March 9** IFF St. Patrick's Party
- **March 12** Midweek Lenten Worship Begins
- **March 17** Luther Properties Annual Meeting
- **March 19** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 26** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 2** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 9** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 14** Pray & Play
- **April 17** Maundy Thursday
- **April 18** Good Friday
- **April 20** Easter Sunday

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Crucifers & Acolytes Needed

Would you be willing to serve an Acolyte and/or Crucifer for the 8:30am service? These are two very easy, yet important parts of our worship service. You can do both at one service or just one. Please let the office know if you'd like to serve as an acolyte or crucifer. What's Involved: **Acolyte** Light the altar candles before the service and extinguish them after. **Crucifer** Carry the cross (weighs about 20 lb.) to the altar during the procession and back at the end of the service. That's it!

March Worship Volunteers

I will be working on the March Worship Volunteer List next week, to have ready to send out by Friday, February 21. Please let me know by Wednesday of any dates in March you are unable to assist in worship. Thanks so much! ~Annie

Fair Trade Orders | Due February 20

We will place a Fair Trade order on Friday, February 21. Orders are due by Thursday, February 20, if there's anything you'd like to order for yourself (or for friends/family). Go to shop.equalexchange.coop to view what items are available (coffee, tea, chocolate, and more!) - they are sold and priced per case (or as listed) and you pay the cost with no markups. Simply let the office know item and quantity. You can pay for your order upon receipt with cash/check (made out to Grace with memo: Fair Trade) or online.

Attend the 10:30am service? There's plenty of time to join us!

It's Food & Fellowship (IFF)
St. Patrick's Party!
Sunday, March 9
11:30am Drinks & Conversation | Noonish Lunch
@ Village Co-op Dining Room (4700 Village Dr, Davenport)

Everyone is welcome and invited to the Grace IFF St. Patrick's Party! Thank you to the Neumann's for arranging the location and to Marilyn Schreiber and Janice Gibbs for hosting. Watch for details about what to bring.

Please RSVP by March 2 to Marilyn 563-340-0350 or Janice 563-332-6791

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Habitat for Humanity Faith Talk | February 26

Wednesday, February 26 | Noon-1:00pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church (2136 N Brady St, Davenport) *Lunch Provided*

Habitat for Humanity and St. Paul Lutheran are hosting a faith engagement discussion. They are looking for input, insights, and conversation about how Habitat can connect with others across the QC. No more than an hour of your time! Pastor Kirsten plans to attend and would welcome Grace members to attend with her. Let her know if you're interested.



Luther Properties Delegates Needed

Grace is looking for interested members to serve as delegates to the Luther Properties Annual Meeting Monday, March 17, 7pm at Luther Manor (3118 Devils Glen Rd, Bettendorf). 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 church office.

Service Day Quilters | February 11-12

Next meeting dates March 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 langej1@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.

Grief Support Group | February 19

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.

THE STORY Bible Study

Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am

Monthly - First Thursdays, 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 your questions.



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 boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 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).

Pray & Play Helpers | March 3, April 14

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.). Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.



**LUTHERAN DAY
ON THE HILL**

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**Tuesday
March 11**

Celebration
of LSI's 160
years of
Service to Iowa

We need you now more than ever.

Lutheran Day on the Hill is LSI's biggest advocacy event of the year. Over 150 participants gather at a Des Moines downtown church to learn about critical issues facing Iowa children, adults, and families. After learning about advocacy and LSI's mission in action, the group heads to the Iowa State Capitol to talk directly with legislators.

Go to lsiowa.org/ldh for more information and to register. Watch for details about transportation from the QC if needed.

This free event, sponsored by LSI and the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA, is open to anyone who wants to advocate and help spread the word.

If you have an LSI shirt from previous years, we encourage you to wear it. If not, we will have a limited number available for first time attendees while supplies last.

Lutheran Day on the Hill Schedule

8:30-9am Registration & Light Refreshments

9-10am Welcome & Remarks from Bishops

10-10:15am Speaker - Senator Sarah Trone Garriott

10:15-10:30am Break

10:30-10:45am LSI Update - Renee Hardman, CEO

10:45-11:15am Priorities* & Legislators - Amy Campbell, LSI Lobbyist

11:15am Lunch & Depart to Capitol

12pm Governor Proclamation & Group Photo

1-3pm Speak with Legislators

*LSI's Top Three Legislative Priorities

1. Investing in a Sustainable Model for Food Access
2. Support for Iowa's Mental Health System
3. Support for Services that Empower Refugees and Immigrants

Questions? Talk with Pastor Kirsten.
Registration is open through March 5.

LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations.



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

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 16, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

They'll Know We Are Christians arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *The Lord Is Gracious*

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

I Love to Tell the Story..... ELW 661

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

- 3 I love to tell the story,
 for those who know it best
 seem hungering and thirsting
 to hear it like the rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory,
 I sing the new, new song,
 I'll sing the old, old story
 that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

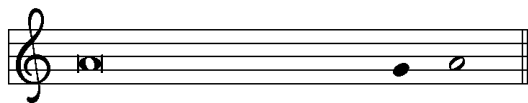
Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Greeting

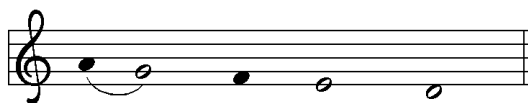
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

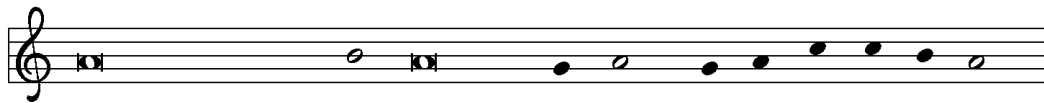
In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord ELW p. 147



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.



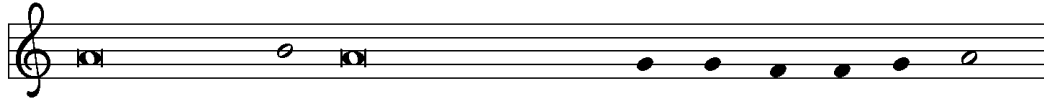
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



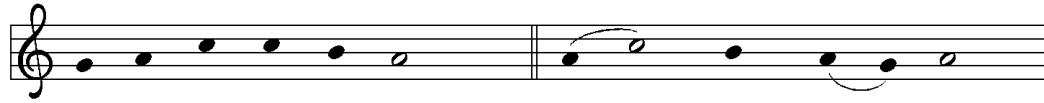
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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.



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. Living God, **in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Blest Jesus, Reign Within..... Craig Curry
Isaak Sund violin

*Blest Jesus, while in mortal flesh I hold my frail abode.
Still would my spirit rest on Thee, my Savior and my God.*

*On Thy dear cross I fix my eyes, my trust in Thee complete,
Till love dissolves my inmost soul at my redeemer's feet.*

*O be Thou near me, dear Lord, I pray. Take all the darkness of sin away.
I bow before you, give every part. Receive my worship, renew my heart.*

*Be dead, my heart, to worldly charms,
be dead to every sin, And tell the boldest foe
without that Jesus reigns within. Blest Jesus reign within.*

Children's Message

First Reading | Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind

and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day
and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,

with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore, the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel | Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts..... ELW 658

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
- 2 We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill.
- 3 For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
- 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

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

We bring our gifts for the needs of the poor, the pursuit of justice, the nurturing of community, the honoring of difference, and the goal of the common good. God has given enough gifts for all to be well. By sharing our blessings, we demonstrate faith, trust and love.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offeringwords 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



voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an



of - fer - ing.

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
 Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW 618

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

Sending

Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou John Hughes/ arr. Cindy Berry

