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Looking Ahead

- **March 11** Lutheran Day on the Hill in DSM
- **March 12** Midweek Lenten Worship Begins
- **March 16** Coffee with the Disciples
- **March 17** Luther Properties Annual Meeting
- **March 19** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 23** Coffee with the Disciples
- **March 26** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 27** National Faith + Climate Forum
- **March 30** Coffee with the Disciples
- **April 2** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 6** Coffee with the Disciples
- **April 9** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 13** Palm Sunday; Coffee with the Disciples
- **April 14** Pray & Play
- **April 17** Maundy Thursday
- **April 18** Good Friday



Coffee with the Disciples

Adult Education Sundays | 9:45am

Paul Lewellan leads Coffee with Disciples. Through the use of scripture, biographical information, and creative questioning, the class will get to know these complicated men.

TODAY March 9 "The Call"
We will try to answer the question, "Why did Jesus pick these losers?"

Next Sunday March 16
Simon Peter and Andrew (Brothers and Opposites)

National Faith + Climate Forum

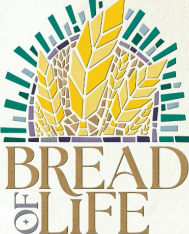
March 27, 2025 10am-4pm
@ St Paul Lutheran Church
(2136 N Brady St, Davenport)

A free event that brings together people of faith to explore how we can care for creation and take meaningful climate action

Register online at nationalfaithandclimateforum.org
List St. Paul Lutheran as your desired location or register to listen on your personal devices.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays 7:00pm | March 12-April 9



March 12 Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." Jesus is the living bread who fills our hungry hearts with love. The love of Jesus never spoils and never runs out. We never have to wonder if there is enough bread of life at the table to feed everyone. There is enough of Jesus' love to make everyone's hearts full.

Nourish your soul; there is enough love, grace, and hope for all.

Blood Donations

If you donated blood at Grace's in-house drive on January 16, you are eligible to donate between March 13 and March 20. Those that give in this time frame can donate at **Grace's next drive on Thursday, May 15.**



Hollie Swain is looking to get a group together at Circa 21 for the Broadway musical "Come From Away".

On September 11, 2001, the residents of the small town Gander, Newfoundland welcomed thousands of airplane passengers into their town on a moment's notice, building lasting connections with them through empathy, music, and an open bar in the week they stayed there.

Dates available are September 24; October 1, 8, 15. Cost will depend on how many sign-up. These are Wednesday dates for the matinee and the theatre opens at 11:45am. We can also plan a car pool from Grace. If you are interested in attending, please contact Hollie Swain 563-514-4022 or k75hollie@gmail.com.

Social Ministry Lenten Collections

This Lenten season, the Grace Social Ministry Mission will be collecting items needed for families working with Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). Items needed include: diapers (all sizes) and cleaning supplies (sponges, PineSol, bath cleaner, dish detergent, SOS Pads, Clorox/Lyson wipes, etc.). Boxes will be placed in the narthex to place your donations now through Easter. Many thanks for your support and compassion for these families!



VBS Day Camp! June 23-27

For ages 4 thru grade 6 | 8am-4pm each day
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church (18137 Criswell St. Bett)
Cost: \$40 before April 15 (\$50 after April 15)

Grace is partnering with Trinity and St. James for a week-long day camp. 8am-4pm each day, staff from Camp Ewalu will lead the kids in our own local camp experience with crafts, games, music, and more! Register online at bit.ly/GraceVBS2025 or scan this QR Code. Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential - we do not want cost to be a barrier. Contact Pr. Kirsten at pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org for more information.



Calendar

Sunday, March 9

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee with the Disciples
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am IFF St. Patrick's Party

Monday, March 10

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
6:00pm PEO (Private Event)

Tuesday, March 11

Lutheran Day on the Hill in DSM

9:00am Quilters
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting
2:30pm Outreach & Welcome Meeting
6:00pm CYF Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

9:00am Quilters
11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Narthex
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 13

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15

8:30am Page Turners Book Group

Sunday, March 16

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee with the Disciples
10:30am Contemporary Worship

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On-Going Ministries



Service Day Quilters

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. Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 or langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller 563-676-0914 or kathyk1679@aol.com.



Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: March 15 We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **March Book:** *The Women* by Kristin Hannah **Host:** Carol Keller 563-340-9013 **Location:** Valley Country Cafe (24487 Valley Dr, Bettendorf)



Naomi Circle

Next Gathering: March 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

Next Meeting: March 19 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. Pr. Stephanie can answer your questions.



Men's Lunch

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace. 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 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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in America

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA is a congregation
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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

Bless Now, O God, the Journey.....setting Edwin Childs

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *In These Forty Days*

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander

the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey..... ELW 326

- 1 Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.
- 2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.
- 3 Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

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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* (Pastor)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, **you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

O Lord, We Believe Robert Kreutz

*These our transgressions, O Lord, please forgive us.
From all omissions, O Lord, please absolve us.
Jesus, Our Saviour, we ask for your mercy.*

*O Lord, we believe in you. O Lord, we adore you.
O Lord, we hope in you. O Lord, we love you.
Glory, praise and honor to God in everlasting splendor.
Glory, praise and honor forevermore.*

*Grant us the grace of the eucharist Holy.
Grant us your love although we are unworthy.
Jesus, Our Saviour, come into our hearts.*

*O Lord, we believe in you. O Lord, we adore you.
O Lord, we hope in you. O Lord, we love you.*

*Glory, praise and honor to God in everlasting splendor.
Glory, praise and honor forevermore.*

*Teach us, O Father, of prayer and reflection.
Lead us, O Father, to peace and perfection.
Jesus, Our Saviour, and true inspiration.*

*O Lord, we believe in you. O Lord, we adore you.
O Lord, we hope in you. O Lord, we love you.
Glory, praise and honor to God in everlasting splendor.
Glory, praise and honor forevermore.*

Children's Message

First Reading | Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground

that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

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

Return to the Lord..... ELW p. 151

Holy Gospel | Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me..... ELW 325

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

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

Let us pray. Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Call to Offering

The gifts of God flow with abundance, mercy, and love. Let us give in the spirit of the ultimate Giver and for the benefit of the kingdom of God.

Offering Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart..... ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, **we give because you have satisfied our needs with the bread of life. Use these fruits of our labor and inheritance to bless our community with love. 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.

God, our great provider, we thank you for the gift of Jesus. We thank you for the bread of life who nourishes and sustains us. As we eat this bread, we remember you provide for all people, feeding the world with your love and peace. This simple meal reminds us that your abundant mercy draws us closer to you and to one another. May we be strengthened by your presence so we might share your love and justice with those who are physically and spiritually hungry. Thank you for this sacred moment and for the eternal nourishment you offer through Christ, our bread of life. **Amen.**

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.

We gather at this table in remembrance of Christ, alongside disciples old and young, from every walk of life. We are confident that through Jesus Christ, we are all nourished and made whole. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

Lamb of God ELW p. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to the Table

Siblings in Christ, the table is set for you. God so loved the whole world that God sent Jesus to feed us all. God freely gives us love and life so we might freely give love and life to others. If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn, there is space for you here. Come, the bread of life and the cup of blessing await you.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Holy God, here at this table, we have encountered Jesus' Spirit, bringing us wholeness so we might be satisfied by the bread of life. Because Jesus faced death and emerged victorious, this bread does not spoil; this cup never runs dry. As we leave this place of worship, our spirits are renewed and rejuvenated. There is enough for each of us. Therefore, we will share this joy and love with others. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go now into the world brimming with love for God and others. May you share the bread of life, offering not only what sustains the body but what nourishes the soul. Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus, extending compassion to

the weary, hope to the despairing, and bread to the hungry. As you go, may the love of God enfold you, the peace of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey..... ELW 326

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Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

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Sending

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Bless Now, O God, the Journey..... setting Edwin Childs



Junior Bible Study | Today: The Return Home

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.*

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. 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.

Serving in Worship

Preaching Today: Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Joel Lorentzen
Communion Assistants	Joel Lorentzen, Russ Finkler, Claudia Wood, Ken Krumwiede
Communion Bread	Vicki Liebe
Acolyte	NEEDED
Crucifer	Claudia Wood
Greeters	Sherry McCarty, Ken Krumwiede
Ushers	Mark Jepson, One NEEDED
Jr Bible Study	Jane Krumwiede, Carol Keller
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Paul Lewellan
Altar Guild	Mike Keller
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Kathy Shriver, Jane Krumwiede

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