



Looking Ahead

- **May 15** ImpactLife Blood Drive at Grace
- **May 17** Synod Assembly
- **May 18** Farewell Reception for Claudia in PBH
- **May 20-23** Medic Training in Grace Parking Lot
- **May 25** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **May 26** Memorial Day - Office Closed
- **May 30** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner Service
- **May 31** IFF Progressive Dinner
- **June 22** Coffee with Council Between Services
- **June 23-27** VBS Day Camp at Trinity, PV
- **June 23-July 3** Annie Vacation
- **July 4** Independence Day, Office Closed
- **July 13 & 20** Coffee with Council Between Services
- **July 27** Special Congregational Meeting
- **August 1** WELCA Ice Cream Social
- **August 31** Joint Worship at 9:30am



ImpactLife Blood Drive

Changing The World Together

Thursday, May 15 | 2-6pm



Every day, patients who need blood are in crisis and you can help by volunteering to donate. To book an appointment contact Mark Jepson at majepson55@netscape.net or visit bloodcenter.org. ALSO, did you know that you can earn SWAG by donating with ImpactLife? Go to the blood center website and click on "View and Shop our Rewards Store" to see what's available.

FAREWELL TO CLAUDIA

May 18 | Between Services

Join us on May 18, between services as we show our appreciation and wish Claudia the best as she prepares for her new chapter in Chicago.

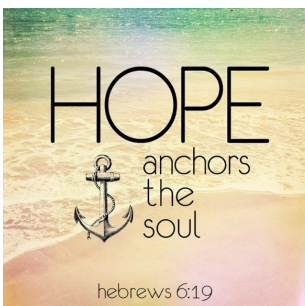


Birdies for Charity!

Grace Pray & Play is again participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity! It is the only intentional fundraiser we do for Pray and Play, and last year we raised \$1,409.40! The donation deadline is June 30, and there are two ways you can offer your financial support:

- **BY CHECK** - checks must be made out to Birdies for Charity and submitted with the brochure (available in the narthex). You can put it in the offering plate or leave it in the office.
- **ONLINE** - at birdiesforcharity.com/donate. Click on "donate now" and enter **1943** as our charity ID number.

Questions can be directed to Pastor Kirsten. Thank you for your consideration and donation! Any amount will help ensure the future of Pray & Play next year.



Hope at the Brickhouse Friday, May 30

Schedule

- 5:15pm Arrive
- 5:30pm Serve
- 6:30pm Cleanup

A sign-up board is in the Narthex to sign up to bring food and/or help serve. We usually provide and serve dinner for 25 to 30 children and adults. What we need for dinner are

three main dishes (Bubble Pizza Biscuit Casserole - recipe provided), along with a fruit/vegetable, a dessert, and a half-gallon of milk. If you have any questions please contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or kcjewel21@gmail.com.

VBS Day Camp!

June 23-27

**For ages 4 thru grade 6
8am-4pm each day**

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
(18137 Criswell St. Bettendorf)

Cost: \$50 (*Registration closes June 1*)

For more info and to register go to bit.ly/GraceVBS2025. Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential. Talk with Pr. Kirsten if you can help!

VBS Volunteers Needed

Volunteer sign ups were emailed out last week, or contact the office if you'd like to sign up. **Here is what we need each day of camp June 23-27:**

- **8:00-9:00am** Ride the bus with the group to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley (will need to arrange a ride home unless you would like to spend the day at camp with us)
- **9:00-11:30am** Small Group Asst (assist group leaders with children)
- **11:00am-1:00pm** Prepare and serve lunch, clean up (Monday & Wednesday only)
- **12:30-3:00pm** Small Group Asst
- **3:00-4:00pm** Ride the bus with the group from Trinity Lutheran Church back to Grace

Free Shredding Event



Saturday, May 17 | 9am-Noon Thrivent 884 (Tanglefoot Lane, Bett) Bring your confidential papers and documents you would like to shred as well as a donation of school supplies for local schools. This event is free and no registration is necessary. The next shredding event will be September 20.



Progressive Dinner Saturday, May 31 | 5:30pm

You are invited to the IFF (It's Food & Fellowship) Progressive Dinner! Our hosts will be the Rocks and the Janssens. We will gather at 708 and 710 Wells Fargo Trail in Le Claire. (Right next door to each other). **Please RSVP by May 21, to Jane Rock by texting or calling 563-340-8022.** Details of what to bring will come later. Hope you can make it for a fun evening of food and conversation!

Sunday, May 11

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

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

9:00am Quilters
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting
2:30pm Outreach & Welcome Meeting
4:00pm Tri-T (private event - FH)
6:00pm CYF Meeting
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

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

Thursday, May 15

2:00pm ImpactLife Blood Drive
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00pm THE STORY Evening Bible Study

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17

Synod Assembly @ Grandview University, DSM
8:30am Page Turners
9:00am Piano Recital (private event)

Sunday, May 18

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Farewell Reception
10:30am Contemporary Worship
1:30pm Piano Recital (private event)

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

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



Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: May 13-14 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. The quilts & projects made are donated to the community and LWR. Contact Gloria Lange langejg1@msn.com 563-271-1542 or Kathy Miller 563-676-0914 kathyk1679@aol.com.



Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: May 17 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). **May Book:** *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris **Host:** Gloria Lange 563-332-7170 **Location:** Valley Country Cafe (24487 Valley Drive, Bettendorf)



THE STORY Bible Study

Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am (on hiatus - resumes May 14)
Monthly - First Thursdays, 7pm (on hiatus - resumes May 15)
Understand God's Word and powerfully engage 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.



Naomi Circle

Next Gathering: May 20 Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September - May, 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com 563-340-0350.



Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: May 21 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

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday and now that the weather is warmer, we meet at VanderVeer Park). 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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Graduates

Do you know someone graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to recognize them in worship the first Sunday in June. Please email the office names and photos of students who are graduating and where they're graduating from and any future plans.

Happy 100th Birthday!

Alice Dominacki turns 100 on May 27! Her daughter, Patti, is asking for cards to be sent later this month to help Alice celebrate, and/or you are invited to attend the birthday party on May 27, 1:30pm. Her address is: The Vistas at Bettendorf, 2500 Grant St, Room 222, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Special Congregational Meeting Notice

July 27, 9:40am The sole agenda item is an amendment to our constitution which would enable a shift in the way our endowment funds are invested. Members will have opportunities to discuss the proposed changes with council members in June and July prior to the July 27, meeting.



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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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arranged by Albin Whitworth

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *He Leadeth Me*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 much we need your tender care.
 In your pleasant pastures feed us,
 for our use your fold prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have bought us; we are yours.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
 be the guardian of our way;
 keep your flock, from sin defend us,
 seek us when we go astray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear us children when we pray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
 poor and sinful though we be;

you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

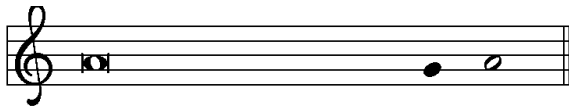
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Greeting

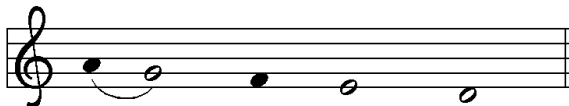
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

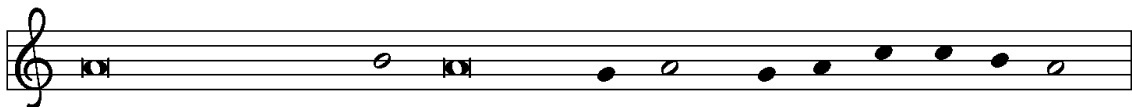
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ELW p. 147-148



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



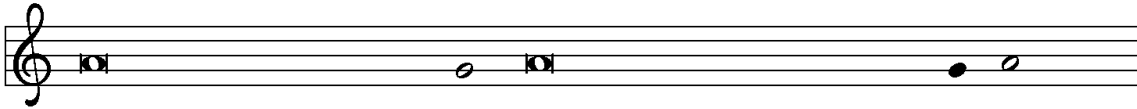
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



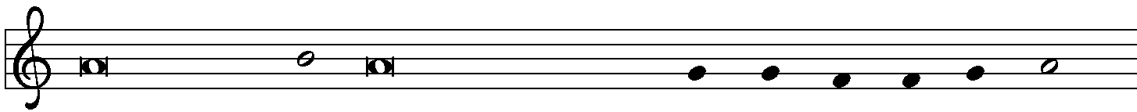
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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. 149-150

Refrain

Assisting minister

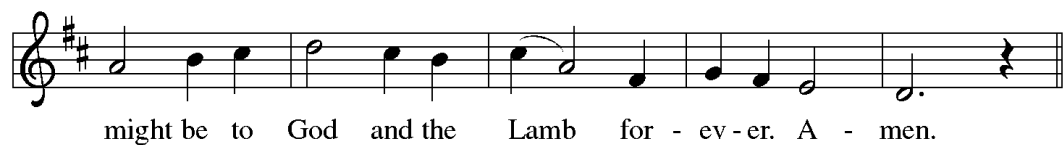


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of peace, **you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 Shepherd, You Supply My Need Traditional American Melody, arr. by Hal Hopson

*O Shepherd, you supply my need; you are Lord and holy is your name.
In pastures green you make me feed beside the living stream.
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your way.
O lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through valleys dark with death your presence is my stay.
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand in sight of all my foes shall still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*O God, still be my strength and hope, attend me all my days.
O may your house be my abode and all my life be praise.
There would I find a lasting rest while others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Children's Message

First Reading | Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time, she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So, Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and

seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me
along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel | John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Shepherd Me, O God..... ELW 780

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,

you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*

3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray. God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace


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

Call to Offering

We have responded to God's invitation to generously share our gifts of grace, love, forgiveness, and time. Therefore, let us give abundantly so that the church's mission can extend to each of us and far beyond these walls.

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.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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.

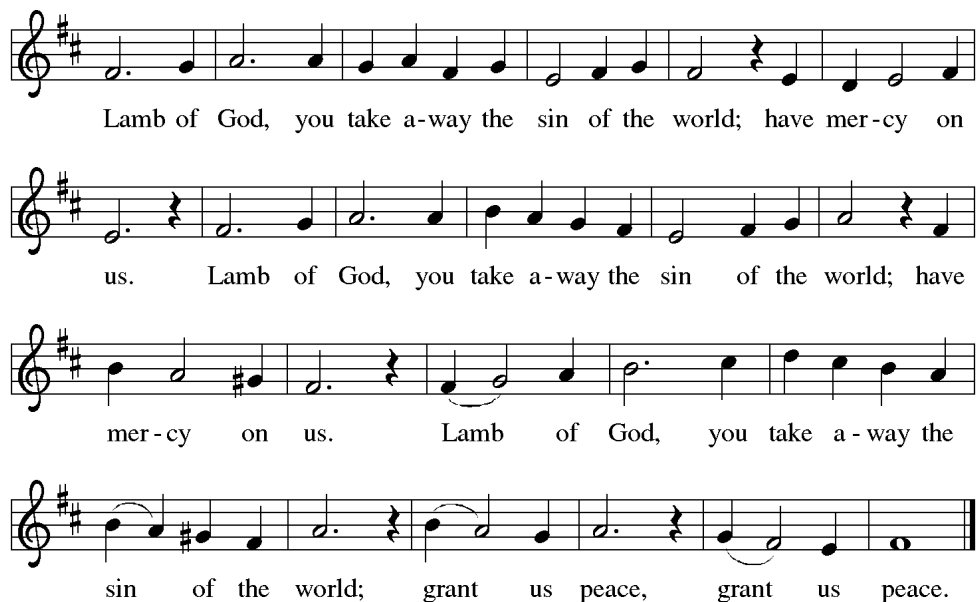
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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

Lamb of God ELW p. 154



Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me ELW 767

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.

- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
unto the end.

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Sending

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is..... Victor Johnson



Junior Bible Study | Today: New Beginnings

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 & Presiding Today: Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Ken Krumwiede
Communion Assistants	Ken Krumwiede, Cindy Lee, Nancy Boehme, Kathy Shriver
Communion Bread	Anne Pacha
Acolyte	NEEDED
Crucifer	NEEDED
Greeters	Dave & Elizabeth Linde
Ushers	Dennis Boehme
Jr Bible Study	Jane Krumwiede,
Sound System	Chuck Lehman
Prayers	Chryss Hartman
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	Ann & Joel Lorentzen, Kathy Miller

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