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Looking Ahead

- **May 26** Memorial Day - Office Closed
- **May 30** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner Service
- **May 31** IFF Progressive Dinner
- **June 8** Pastor Pilar Installation
- **June 16-20** M.A.D. Camp @ St. Mark
- **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 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **August 31** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **September 1** Labor Day, Office Closed

Hope at the Brickhouse

Friday May 30 | 1431 N Ripley St, Davenport

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, and **we are still in need of a fruit/vegetable and a dessert**. If you have any questions please contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or kcjewel21@gmail.com.



2025 Graduates

Do you know someone graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to recognize them in worship next Sunday June 1. Please email the office names and photos of students who are graduating, where they're graduating from, and any future plans.



Save the Date | June 8, 3:00pm Pastor Pilar's Installation

You are invited to attend the installation of Pastor José Pilar Alvarez Cabrera on Sunday, June 8, 3:00pm. Bishop Amy Current will be presiding. Pastor Pilar's church, *Iglesia Camino de Emaus*, meets at St Mark Lutheran, 2363 W 3rd St, Davenport, and the installation will be here there.



Birdies for Charity

Grace Pray & Play is again participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity, 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.

Scan for the Current
Weekly Update Email



Food Pantry Sunday

Our next food pantry collection June 1.

The pantry didn't call us with a count in May, but it was a LOT. Let's make this our best year yet! Suggestions and ideas are in the weekly update email. Bring your non-perishable donations on Sunday and set them before the altar.

VBS Day Camp!

**June 23-27 | ages 4 - 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 have been emailed, or contact the office if you'd like to sign up. **Here is what we need each day of camp:**

- **8:00-9:00am** Ride the bus with the group to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley
- **9:00-11:30am** Small Group Asst
- **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 back to Grace

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Sunday, May 25

Pastor Kirsten Vacation

9:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

10:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 26

Pastor Kirsten Vacation

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, May 28

11:00am THE STORY Bible Study

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Narthex

Thursday, May 29

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, May 30

5:15pm Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner

Saturday, May 31

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Booklet Directories

Booklet-style member directories are done and available in the narthex. More can be printed and I'm happy to pop one in the mail to you if you prefer. Please let the office know of any directory changes or updates as they arise to help us keep our database current.



Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: June 4 Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall (in June, July, and August). 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.



Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: June 10 and 11 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914 .



Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: June 21 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). **June Book:** *Woman of God* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro **Host:** Luanne Taylor 563-370-1747 **Location:** TBD



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).



THE STORY Bible Study

Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am **Monthly - First Thursdays, 7pm** 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.



Men's Lunch

Men's "Lunch and Conversation" meets every Wednesday 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.

Happy Birthday!

Alice Dominacki celebrates 100 on May 27! Her daughter, Patti, is asking for cards to help Alice celebrate, and you are also 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.

Exploring Faith

Finding a faith community can be a personal and sometimes complex journey. That's why the ELCA is introducing a new "Get Connected" tool at [ExploreFaith.church](https://www.explorefaith.church). The Exploring Faith site is designed to connect people who are unfamiliar with the ELCA or new to their area with affirming Lutheran communities that are ready to support them as they discern their faith. Whether you're exploring faith or seeking a community with which you resonate, this Get Connected tool makes it easier to discover how you can grow in devotion. Go to the link above to begin exploring your faith today!



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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 9:30am

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 Hope Is built on Nothing Less..... Arranged by Phillip Keveren

Announcements

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less..... ELW 597

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,

oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Bountiful God, **you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading | Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Holy Gospel | John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Music

We Believe

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

Peace

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

Call to Offering

We honor the many ways you guide us to be witnesses in the world towards justice. Let's commit to sharing our time and resources generously, fostering relationships that can help us create a new world and a transformed community.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. O God, **who calls us to go out into the world with generosity, may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort and towards a faith journey that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Anointing with Oil for Healing and Wholeness

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Loving God... **Your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.**

Siblings in Christ, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Compassionate God... **the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.**

All-knowing God... **source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.**

Loving God... **our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.**

God of great and abundant mercy... **with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 Song

Old Church Choir

Sending

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God!

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

Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Paul Lewellan
Healing Assistants	Janice Gibbs, Ruth Naber, Chuck Lehman, Ruth McAndrews
Acolyte	Janice Gibbs
Greeters	Mark & Sue Janssen
Ushers	Stacy Morrison, Mike Kirby
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Nancy Boehme
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	Deb Kirby, Chryss Hartman

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