



Kids Fall Party!

Register to attend at
[bit.ly/GraceKidsNov14](#)
or scan the QR Code ↓

Friday, November 14 | 5:30-7:30pm

For Kids Ages 3 Years and Up ~ Dinner Included

Grace Lutheran Church | 1140 E High St | Davenport, IA

Questions?
Or would you
like to help?
Talk with
Pastor Kirsten



Games **Crafts** **Bible Stories** **Pizza**

Give Thanks Brunch

Sunday, November 16 | Between Services

Let's celebrate with one another our faithful and generous giving by sharing a meal ~ God's gifts to us are plentiful!

Thanksgiving Boxes

Garfield Elementary has asked us to provide 13 Thanksgiving boxes to families. We have compiled a list of supplies, and you can sign up for the items on the **posters in the narthex** or through the **online sign up** that was emailed/texted. If you prefer, you may donate funds to be used for Hy-Vee gift cards. **Items are due to Grace by Wednesday, November 19** (non-perishables can be brought sooner). Questions? See Pastor Kirsten



Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 23 | 5:30pm @ Grace

Join us at Grace as we worship together with St. Mark members for a service of thanksgiving with music, readings, scripture, reflections, and prayers.

Blood Drive Update

Five Grace members donated blood during October. The year-to-date total is 95. If you donated at Grace's drive on Sept 23, you are eligible to donate again on Tuesday, Nov 18. The in-house blood drive dates for 2026 are Jan 15, May 14 and Sept 17.



An Afternoon with Bishop Current

Sun, Nov 16 | 2-4pm | Faith Lutheran 500 W LeClaire Rd, Eldridge

Spirit, Open Our Hearts Bishop Current will share stories of the impact of mission support over the last year with words of gratitude. This gathering is for anyone interested in gathering with people from other area congregations and hearing more about the ministry we do together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond.



Looking Ahead

- **November 9** Stewardship Sunday
- **November 14** Kids Fall Party
- **November 15** POW Journals
- **November 16** Stewardship Brunch
- **November 19** Thanksgiving Box items due
- **November 23** Pictures into Memories
- **November 23** Thanksgiving Worship
- **November 25-Dec 1** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **November 27-28** Office Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday
- **November 30** First Sunday in Advent
- **December 1** Pray & Play
- **December 14** Candles & Carols
- **December 24** Christmas Eve Worship



DON & SALLY HAUGEN INVITE YOU TO
JOIN THEM IN THE NARTHEX FOLLOWING
THE 10:30AM SERVICE IN HONOR OF
THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



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1140 E High St | Davenport, IA



**POW Journals
of Ray Walton**

**Saturday, November 15
9:00am in Pat Bell Hall**

The Grace Page Turners group invites you to a special presentation: Mike Walton will be presenting the *Prisoner of War Journals of Ray Walton* from Mike's father's experiences as a POW during World War II. Please join us. If you have any questions, call Carol Keller 563-340-9013. There are couple of copies of the journals in the church office to check out.

A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY



Much like a chorus, a congregation works to create something beautiful together. As a community we praise God, serve God and share the Good News. The goal of **A Chorus of Generosity Stewardship Appeal for 2026** is to increase our gifts and offerings by **\$31.980 or \$615 a week**.

Please pray for a generous response to this Stewardship Appeal. Consider increasing your giving as the Spirit leads you. Be ready to share your commitment on **Stewardship Sunday, November 9**. You can bring your statements of intent to church, mail them in, or enter your pledge into our online form. Then we will celebrate on **November 16 with a Give Thanks Brunch** and by singing our favorite hymns and songs.

Sunday, November 9

Stewardship Sunday

- 8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
- 9:30am Coffee Hour
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship
- 11:30am Haugen Reception - Narthex
- 2:00pm Sherry McCarty Birthday Party - FH

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

- 9:00am Quilters
- 10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
- 1:30pm Social Ministry - Narthex
- 2:30pm Outreach Meeting
- 3:00pm Personnel Meeting - PBH
- 6:00pm CYF Meeting
- 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, November 12

- 9:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
- 6:30pm Finance Meeting
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 13

- 11:00am Story of Paul Bible Study - PBH

Friday, November 14

5:30pm Kids Fall Party

Saturday, November 15

- 9:00am POW Journals - PBH
- 1:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, November 16

- 8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
- 9:30am Stewardship Brunch
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 17

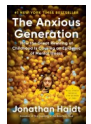
- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 4:30pm Centering Prayer
- 6:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen



Story of Paul Bible Study

November 13, 20 | 11:00am | Led by Pastor Stephanie

Please contact the office at office@gracewelcomesyou.org or 563-322-0769 if you are interested. There is a participant book with only a few pages of reading for each session. Pr. Stephanie can answer any questions. Classes will resume in January.



The Anxious Generation Book Study

Watch for the next scheduled class | Led by Pastor Kirsten

Anyone is welcome at anytime - this study is open to the community, so please invite your friends and family! Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: Nov 5 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: November 11 & 12 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: November 15 See the POW Journals information (over).

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: November 18, 9:00am Meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept-May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Joyce Marinaccio 563-343-3404 or gsgopher50@gmail.com.

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).

Men's Lunch

The Men's Lunch meets at noon every Wednesday at church. 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.

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current Weekly
Update email



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

22nd Sunday

After Pentecost

November 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

What Wondrous Love Is This? arr. Albin Whitworth

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *My Soul Waits for God*

A Chorus of Generosity

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the world that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**We are the people God has made, creative and generous,
made in the image of a creative and generous God.**

Let us rejoice! Let us create! Let us be generous!

Come, let us worship God!

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Lord of Light..... ELW 688

- 1 Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

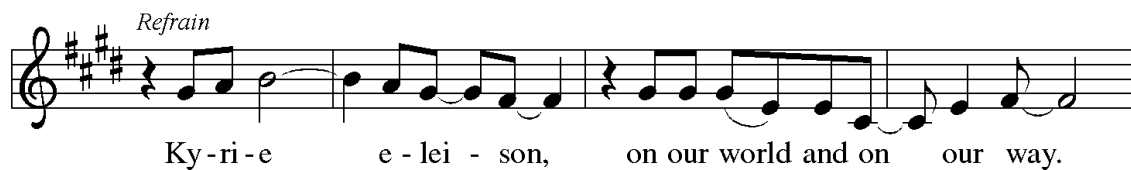
- 2 By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*
- 3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*
- 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one: *Refrain*

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

Kyrie Eleison, On Our World and On Our Way ELW p. 184



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 187

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, **by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Wondrous Love.....From the Southern Harmony, arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul; O my soul;
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul; O my soul;
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life
To lay aside His crown for my soul, for my soul;
To lay aside His crown for my soul.*

*And through my earth-bound days, I'll sing praise, I'll sing praise;
And through my earth-bound days I'll sing praise;
To God the Lamb I'll sing and Him my praises bring;
Whose death bought precious life for my soul, for my soul;
Whose death bought precious life for my soul.*

Children's Message

Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray. So many intents, God. So many electronic commitments. So many promises about what we will do and achieve together. Bless these high hopes. Turn these pledges and offerings into opportunities for healing, reconciliation, and celebration. Make us like you: people who keep their promises and put them into action. **Amen.**

First Reading | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose, he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?..... ELW p. 188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading | Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God,

being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

As Saints of Old..... ELW 695

- 1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
 of orchard, flock, and field
 to God, the giver of all good,
 the source of bounteous yield;
 so we today firstfruits would bring,
 the wealth of this good land,
 of farm and market, shop and home,
 of mind and heart and hand.
- 2 A world in need now summons us
 to labor, love, and give;
 to make our life an offering
 to God, that all may live.
 The church of Christ is calling us
 to make the dream come true:
 a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
 all life in Christ made new.
- 3 In gratitude and humble trust
 we bring our best today
 to serve your cause and share your love
 with all along life's way.
 O God, who gave yourself to us
 in Jesus Christ your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

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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. Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering

God urges us to nurture our communities and churches in this world. By utilizing our skills, resources, and time, may we strive to establish safety and refuge for all of God's children.

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat written and setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. 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

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup ELW 492


Refrain




Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



I I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Blessing

Friends, the service has ended; now the wider service begins. Go now in peace, just as you are – God's children, creative and generous, made in the image of a creative and generous God. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and † Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

Closing Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing ELW 537

1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Sending

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fuga..... Josef Seeger



Junior Bible Study | Today: Elijah & Elisha

Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!

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.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Nancy Boehme
Communion Assistants	Nancy Boehme, Russ Finkler, Hollie Swain, Scott Jewel
Communion Bread	Hollie Swain
Acolyte	NEEDED
Crucifer	NEEDED
Greeter	Kathy Higgins
Ushers	Scott Jewel, Dennis Boehme
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten
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	Mark & Sue Janssen, Karen Jewel

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