



Looking Ahead

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- **March 18** Midweek Lenten Worship



Lutheran Day on the Hill

Thurs, Feb 26 Registration is now open! This free event, is open to anyone who wants to learn more about citizen advocacy and engage with issues impacting our communities. Visit [LSIowa.org/LDH](#) for info about these issues and to register. This year's legislative focus includes:

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Iowa's Mental Health System

Goal: By fostering a more inclusive mental health system that prioritizes equity and accessibility, Iowa can pave the way for a brighter, healthier future for all its residents.

Refugees

LSI supports policies at the local, state, and national levels that lead to greater inclusion and integration of immigrants into our workplaces and communities. Goal: We must continue to invest in the services that support new Iowans with skills, education, and training to leverage their skills and entrepreneurship in Iowa communities.

Large Print Bulletins by request - ask an usher.



FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATES & MORE!

Wondering what to get for a special valentine? We have wonderful Fair Trade chocolate bars and hot cocoa, along with olive oil, coffee, & tea. Check out our supply in the narthex and pick up a special gift. Prices are listed and payment can be made by cash or check (memo: Fair Trade) in the offering plate or leaving it in the office, or online. Additional products can be ordered at [shop.equalexchange.coop](#).



Pictures into Memories

February 8 | Between Services

Did you find a photo of your first dog Queenie? Or stumble across a snapshot of your 7th grade friend Jim? Do you have a memory you want to capture before you lose it. Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services. Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let your memories get lost.



Quilters Clearance Sale!

Sunday, February 22 | 9-11am

Our quilters are having a sale! Sewers love to make things, and we need to clear out some of our inventory. Many of the items could be yours with a donation. Some items will be priced. So, think ahead...Perhaps you are looking for a unique gift for someone in the future or perhaps you will see something that you would enjoy having. The proceeds from this sale will support Grace outreach programs. We will display and discuss some of our other projects.



ImpactLife Updates

Changing The World Together



Grace members, friends, and neighbors made 20 donations of blood during January. The 13 that gave at the drive on the 15th are eligible to donate between March 12 and 24. Anyone that gives before March 24, can donate at Grace's in-house drive on Tuesday, May 19, if they choose to do so.

The staff at ImpactLife wants everyone to know the timeline of March 12 through March 24 falls during a higher time of need for blood. Most of the local school districts and colleges have their Spring Break during this time. This means the numbers of blood drives and donors are lower. If you are interested in donating blood you can reach ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or go to [bloodcenter.org](#).



Pray & Play Helpers

Our wonderful helpers at Pray & Play are vital to the program's success. You can volunteer for as little or as long a time as you'd like, and helpers are needed both on-site with the kids or behind the scenes (like preparing snacks/lunch, wiping tables, clean up, etc.). **Spring dates are: February 2, April 6, and June 1**, and Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.

New Office Hours

Our new office hours are now in effect: 8:30am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday (same as before) and **Closed Fridays**. If you have an event on a Friday, please contact the office beforehand to schedule a pick up for a building key.



Coffee Hour Hosts

New this month! Sign up at the coffee kiosk to be a host in February. You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks - or all three if you wish. Anyone is welcome to help out, and we'd love to see some new volunteers hosting on Sunday morning.

Story of Paul Bible Study

Thursdays at 11:00am Discover how Paul went from someone who persecuted Christians to being a significant early church leader. *Final class will be *Wednesday, February 11. (*Note day change)*

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 Group

The Men's Lunch Group meets at noon every Wednesday at church. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: February 10 & 11 | 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.

Naomi Circle

Next Mtg: Tues, February 17, 9am Naomi Circle 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 gsgopher50@gmail.com or 563-343-3404.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: February 18 Grief Support Group meets the first & third Wednesdays of the 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.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: February 21 New Year's resolution - read more books! 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). **February Book: We Are All Guilty Here: a Novel** by Karin Slaughter **Host: Sally Haugen** 563-514-9335 **Location: Valley Country Café** (24487 Valley Dr, Bettendorf)

Immigration Forum: Fact, Fiction, Solutions

Friday, February 13 | 1:30-2:30pm

Location: Rock Island Library (Watts-Midtown Branch, 2715 ~ 30th St)

Free Community Forum: What has been our country's history with immigration? What is the role of immigration and what are possible solutions to today's immigration issues? Featured speaker will be Peter Kivisto, Ph.D., the Richard A. Swanson professor of social thought emeritus at Augustana College.



Sunday, February 8

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

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

9:00am Quilters
11:00am Final Paul Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
6:00pm Confirmation @ St. James
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 12

Pastor Stephanie Vacation

Friday, February 13

Pastor Stephanie Vacation
1:30pm Immigration Forum

Saturday, February 14

Pastor Stephanie Vacation
1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

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

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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.



5th Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

Prelude

Sing the Glad Song Franklin Ritter

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Lord of Light* Isaak Sund viola

Lord of Light, come with might, show us the sight of your glory.

In the night of sin and fright, dawn on your righteous people.

May your bright light over us shine.

Remembrance of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit
† keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

Arise, Your Light Has Come! ELW 314

- 1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

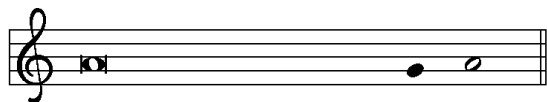
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Greeting*

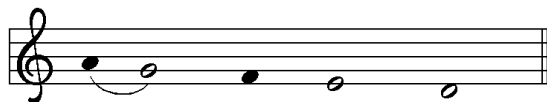
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie*

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



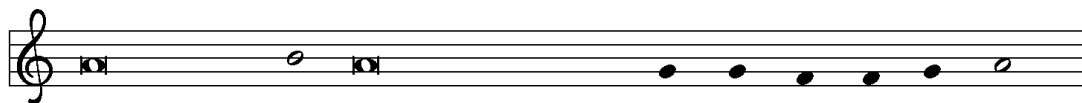
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise*

This is the Feast.....ELW p. 149

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Lord God,

with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Heavenly Light.....A. Kopylow, arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine.

O Light Divine!

May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light!

Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!

All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!

Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love!

Show us the way unto our God, we pray!

Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places

and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-10

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken; the righteous
will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their
teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel* | Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Lord, Be Glorified..... ELW 744

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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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*

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God:
lead us by your light.

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace*

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

(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)

Call to Offering

The prophets tell us that devotion is revealed in the way we lighten each other’s load – right here in our streets and neighborhoods, where strain is real and hope needs partners. Let our offering be simple and true: open hands, willing hearts, and commitment to our shared life.

(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering ELW 692

- 1 We lift our voices, We lift our hands
 We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.

- 2 Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands
 Lord, use our lives, they are yours: We are an offering

- 3 All that we have All that we are
 All that we hope to be We give to you, we give to you.

- 4 We lift our voices We lift our hands
 We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering, We are an offering.

Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verse 1)..... ELW 815

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer After Communion*

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing*

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*

This Little Light of Mine ELW 677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Sending*

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine..... African American Spiritual



Junior Bible Study | Jesus Walks on Water 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.

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Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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Communion Assistants	Joel Lorentzen, Russ Finkler, Deb Alejo, Adolfo Alejo
Communion Bread	Mark & Ann Jepson
Acolyte	Deb Alejo
Crucifer	NEEDED
Greeters	Jim & Sue Cruchelow
Ushers	Adolfo Alejo, Paul Lewellan
Jr Bible Study	Jane Krumwiede, Carol Keller
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Paul Lewellan
Altar Guild	Jackie Cain
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee Hour	Karen Jewel

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