

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



Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026 † 9:30am
Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA
Pastor Stephanie Wood

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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Hayes/Wagner/Atkinson

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind ELW 400

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

- 2 God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!

- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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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.**

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. O God, **on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35^{b*}

How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel* | John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

Sermon

Song*

On Earth as in Heaven..... Projected

Affirmation of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, and our light and our salvation. **Amen.** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with Amaya and Evelyn as they make affirmation of their baptism into Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and

confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Addressing the Confirmands: You have made a profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support Amaya and Evelyn and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Parents, godparents, mentors, and family members may come forward and stand behind the confirmand, placing your hands on their head, shoulder, or arm.

Affirmation Prayer

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Amaya and Evelyn the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Amaya and Evelyn, we rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.
Amen.



ON THIS DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026

Amaya Lee
and
Evelyn Peterson

AFFIRM THEIR BAPTISM INTO CHRIST TO

LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND
SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN
CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED

SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING
THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND
PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH

Prayers of the People*

We celebrate our graduates in the prayers today

Alex Colton is graduating from North High School. Alex has also graduated with his associate degree from Scott Community College. Alex plans to attend the University of Iowa for physics and mass communication. He hopes to become a meteorologist.

Abbi Lee is graduating from Central High School. Abbi plans to go to Wartburg College for biology and environmental science.

Carlin Peterson is graduating from Central High School. Carlin plans to go to the University of Toronto for visual studies and arts media management.

Luke Haugen is graduating from Simpson College with a degree in graphic design.

Maggie Patten, granddaughter of Kathy Higgins, is graduating from Luther College in Decorah with a major in Psychology and a minor in Identity Studies. She has been accepted into the Masters program in School Counseling at the University of Iowa.

Henry Higgins-Freese, grandson of Kathy Higgins is graduating from City College in Iowa City. He will be attending the University of Iowa majoring in Mathematics.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

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

As a united community, we extend our hands and hearts to share the wonderful gifts God has trusted to us, giving generously and selflessly to ensure that every need is fulfilled. Let us offer our gifts in gratitude and dedication to both the church and the world.

(Members place their offering in the offering plates by the door as they exit the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin to give online.)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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.

*(You are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and anointing.
As you come forward you may kneel or stand in the front pew.
After you have been blessed and anointed, you may return to your seat.)*

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*

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Song*

Soul on Fire..... Projected

Sending*

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office 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'd like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Online Giving

Supporting Grace is easy with e-giving. Go to bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline or scan this QR Code to donate one time or to set up recurring gifts. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity!



Serving in Worship

Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Preaching Today: Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Paul Lewellan
Healing Assistants	Stacy Morrison, Deb Gustafson, Chuck Lehman, Janice Gibbs
Acolyte	Matt Levsen
Greeters	Sue & Jim Cruchelow
Ushers	Ann & Mark Jepson
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Paul Lewellan
Altar Guild	Karen Jewel
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee Hour	Jim & Gloria Lange

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Life & Legacy Series

10:45am - 12:00pm
Thursdays in May



There is no cost to attend the classes, and light refreshments will be served. Registration is helpful but not required. Contact the church office at 563-322-0769 or office@gracewelcomesyou.org.

May 28: Funeral Planning, Endowment and Leaving a Legacy

Pastor Stephanie will share insights and different resources to help guide you in planning a funeral or Celebration of Life service.

Paul Lewellan will share ideas and resources for preserving your cherished family stories and memories ensuring that future generations have a means to share them.

Rich Garrett, Sr. Philanthropic Advisor and Director of Gift Planning. Quad Cities Community Foundation

Rich has 30 years of financial investing experience, along with another 6 in the non-profit world assisting donors and investors. Rich earned the Certified Financial Planner designation CFP, and is using that knowledge at the Quad Cities Community Foundation, to help donors leave a lasting mark on the place they call home, the Quad Cities, through the process of intentional estate planning discussions.



Large print bulletins by request - ask an usher

Affirmation of Baptism

Amaya Lee and Evelyn Peterson will affirm their Baptism into Christ today during worship, and we offer blessings and congratulations on this milestone of faith.

Looking Ahead

- **May 24 Joint Worship at 9:30am**
- **May 25 Office Closed Memorial Day**
- **May 28** Life & Legacy: Endowment & Funeral Planning
- **May 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **May 30** Abbi Lee Grad Party (offsite)
- **May 30** Wellnitz 60th Anniversary Party
- **June 1** Pray & Play
- **June 2** Primary Election Polling Location
- **June 7** Summer JBS
- **June 15-19** VBS Day Camp
- **June 22-July 3** Annie Vacation
- **June 29-July 6** Pastor Kirsten Vacation
- **July 5** Joint Worship at 9:30am



Hope at the Brick House

Dinner Service Friday, May 29

5:15pm arrive | 5:30pm Serve | 6:30pm Clean Up

We will once again be providing dinner! We'll be making tacos, rice & beans, fruit, dessert, and milk. We usually serve 20-30 adults and children. Please look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Karen Jewel at [kcjewel21@gmail.com](mailto:kjewel21@gmail.com) or 563-323-0322.

VBS Volunteers

Volunteers help to make VBS a great experience! Here is what we need each day **Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19:**

- **9-11:30am** Small Group Assistant
- **11am-1pm** Prepare/serve lunch, clean up (Monday & Friday only)
- **12:30-3pm** Small Group Assistant

An online sign-up through Breeze has been emailed out, or talk with Pastor Kirsten. Trinity, St. James, & Zion will also have volunteer sign ups for other times during the week.

VBS Donations

Please talk with Pastor Kirsten if you'd like to donate any of the following: hamburger buns, ketchup, mustard, chips (any variety), goldfish crackers, and granola bars. She will be able to tell you what's still needed.



Help Support Pray & Play!

Birdies for Charity is a primary funding source for our Pray & Play program where children meet friends, enjoy Bible stories, songs, and prayer, snacks/lunch, and community programs.

There are two ways to Donate (Donation deadline is June 28): **By Check** pick up a brochure at church, make your check out to "Birdies for Charity" (not Grace), return both the brochure and your check to the church office, or mail them both together directly to the Birdies office. **Online** go to birdiesforcharity.com/donate. Click on "donate now", enter **1943** when prompted to enter a charity ID number. Thank you for your donations! Pastor Kirsten can answer any questions.

ImpactLife UPDATE

Changing The World Together

The blood drive at Grace last Tuesday secured 17 donations.
The next in-house drive is Tuesday, September 15.

SUMMER Junior Bible Study

During the summer months, Pastor Kirsten will lead a short JBS for children between services. There will be a short lesson, fun craft, and a snack. **The dates for these will be June 7, July 12, and August 9.**

Scan for
the current
Weekly
Update email



Grace members are invited to attend
the 60th Anniversary Celebration for

Ken & Shirley Wellnitz!

Saturday, May 30 ♥ 2-4pm

at Grace Lutheran Church

Come enjoy live music and to celebrate Ken & Shirley.

RSVP to 563-459-9315, and please, no gifts.

Grace members are invited to
the graduation party for

Abbi Lee!

daughter of Pastor Kirsten & Chris Lee

Sat, May 30 🇺🇸 9am-Noon

at Argrow House Café
(3811 Harrison St, Davenport)

Abbi graduates from
Davenport Central this month.

Sunday, May 24

Affirmation of Baptism Sunday

9:30am Joint Worship

10:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, May 27

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

Thursday, May 28

10:45am Life & Legacy Series - PBH

Friday, May 29

5:00pm Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner

Saturday, May 30

9am-Noon Abbi Lee Grad Party (offsite)

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

2-4pm Wellnitz 60th Anniversary Party - FH

Sunday, May 31

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, June 1

Pray & Play 8:30am-4pm

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

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 noon Wednesdays at VanderVeer Park. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. In case of rain or cold weather, we'll meet at church. Contact Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 if you have questions about the meeting location.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: June 3 Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month in June, July, & August **5:30pm** in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: June 9 & 10 | 9am-Noon

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

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: June 20 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:** Twice by Mitch Albom **Host:** Luanne Taylor 563-370-1747 **Location:** Home of Luanne Taylor (701 Titus Ct, LeClaire)

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks, or even all three if you wish. Anyone is welcome to help out - and we can show you how the coffee pots work, where the supplies are kept, etc. Contact the church office if you'd like some pointers. (clipboard in narthex)

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: Tues, Sept 15, 9:30-11am Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month September thru May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! Contact: Nancy Boehme 563-320-6203

VBS Day Camp! June 15 - June 19

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

Cost: \$50 | Reg ends June 1 **Who:** ages four through grade six

Grace kids will take a bus from Grace to Trinity each day, and staff from Camp Ewalu will lead the kids in our own local camp experience with crafts, games, music, and more! Register online at bit.ly/GraceVBS2026. Contact Pastor Kirsten for more info. Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential.



Grace Listening Campaign

Purpose

- † Reconnect with each other and create a deeper sense of belonging
- † Seek new direction/vision for Grace's future
- † Grow Grace member's listening and leadership muscles

What is a "Listening Campaign"?

It's what happens when a team of specially trained people listen one-on-one to others during a set period of time.

Who Are We Listening To?

Our hope is to listen to half of our active members, folks from different services, ages and ministries.

The Team

Gail Walton (coordinator), Deb Kirby, Lori Haugen, Deb Gustafson, Becky Kelly, Mark Jepson, Joel Lorentzen, Chuck Lehman, Ruth McAndrews, Pastor Stephanie

When

Nine weeks: Sunday, April 12 to Sunday, June 14

What Can I Expect?

- A team member will reach out to you and ask for 30-45 minutes of your time for a natural, but uncommon conversation.
- They will ask only for your time, trust, and story. *It will not be a recruiting or fundraising visit.*
- Then, the team will discern themes and God's calling to do something together, before mobilizing Grace to answer God's call.