

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



The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026 † 8:30am
Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
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

Prelude on "Nicaea" David Lasky

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*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! ELW 413

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, 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. Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Genesis 1:1–2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So, God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth,

and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So, God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So, God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to

every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your
enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

**Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.**

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song*

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity ELW 412

- 1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.

- 2 Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.

- 3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!

- 4 Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

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*

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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* *(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering *(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)*

Gracious God, just as you have met all our needs through your acts of creation, you have entrusted us with the care of your wonderful creation. May we embrace the call to be faithful disciples, seizing the chance to rely on your provision and the generous spirit you have instilled within us.

Offering Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart..... ELW 186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace, **you have blessed us with our bodies, our minds, our hearts, our communities, and the resources of this earth. Lead us and**

guide us to use these gifts in accordance with your will, for the sake of the one who is with us to the end, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Blessing*

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song*

God, Whose Almighty Word ELW 673

- 1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
- 4 Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:

boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Sending*

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy..... NICA EA, arr. by Douglas Wagner

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.



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Serving in Worship

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| Presiding & Preaching | Pastor Stephanie Wood |
| Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry | Pastor Kirsten Lee |
| Assisting Minister | Carol Keller |
| Acolyte & Crucifer | Kathy Shriver |
| Greeters | Mark & Sue Janssen |
| Ushers | Ruth McAndrews, Scott Jewel |
| Sound System | Chuck Lehman |
| Prayers | Sundays & Seasons |
| 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 | Gail & Gene Carber |

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VBS VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We are still in need of volunteers for VBS to ensure adequate supervision. Please consider taking a few hours one or two days during one of these shifts. **Sign up through the link that was emailed/texted or talk with Pastor Kirsten:**

Small Group Assistants are needed on the following dates and times:

- **Monday, June 15** Noon-4pm
- **Tuesday, June 16** 9am-1pm
- **Tuesday, June 16** Noon-4pm
- **Wednesday, June 15** Noon-4pm
- **Thursday, June 18** 9am-1pm
- **Thursday, June 18** Noon-4pm
- **Friday, June 19** Noon-4pm Snack helper and Small Group Assistant

Small Group Assistants help with a specific age group engaging with the kids in arts & crafts and other activities. You are a support for the EWALU counselors. Detailed duties for each shift will be in the June newsletter.

VBS DONATION NEEDS

During the week of VBS, Grace is providing lunch and snacks on one of the days. Between the four churches and the camp staff, we are expecting to feed 75 people. **All food will need to be dropped off to church by Wednesday, June 10.**

- Starting today there are cards with food items in the narthex. Similar to our Christmas Angel Tree, you take a card and purchase the food item listed on the card, and then bring it to the church by the due date.
- If you prefer to **sign up online** for a donation, you can go to bit.ly/VBSFood2026 or scan the QR Code for additional items. (We are trying a new sign-up program. You will be prompted to create an "account" which is just a user name and password.)
- **Monetary donations** are also welcome to help us purchase the food. In addition to our lunch commitment, all churches are contributing toward pizza on Friday. Checks can be made out to Grace, with the memo of "VBS donation".



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.**

Looking Ahead

- **June 1** Pray & Play
- **June 2** Primary Election Polling Location
- **June 7** Summer JBS
- **June 15-19** VBS Day Camp
- **June 21** Pictures into Memories
- **June 22-July 3** Annie Vacation
- **July 28** Coffee with Council
- **June 28** IFF Ice Cream Social
- **June 29-July 6** Pastor Kirsten Vacation
- **July 5** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **July 12** Summer JBS



Help Support Pray & Play!

Donation deadline is June 28

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:

- **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.

Scan for the current Weekly Update email





Grace Milk Ministry

So far in 2026 we've donated 420 gallons of milk to Café on Vine! A HUGE thank you to Jim Bayles for purchasing and delivering the milk to the Café each week! Please consider donating to this important ministry; just put milk ministry on your check memo line, or online by scanning the QR Code on the back of your bulletin, or go to bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline and scroll to "Milk Ministry".



Food Pantry Sunday

Our next food pantry collection is Sunday, June 7

With grocery prices soaring the need is greater than ever! Suggestions for donations are in the Grace Notes newsletter. Bring your non-perishable donations on Sunday and set them before the altar.

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

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

Tuesday, June 2

Primary Election Location

- 10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
- 1:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting - PBH
- 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting
- 6:00pm CYF Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, June 3

- 12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
- 5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

Thursday, June 4

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

- 1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, June 7

Food Pantry Sunday

- 8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
- 9:30am Coffee Hour
- 9:30am Jr Bible Study
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship