



Welcome ~ Thank you for joining us!

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa † Pastor Stephanie Wood

August 16, 2026 † 8:30am

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

Large Print bulletins available by request – ask an usher.

Prelude Music *Fantasia* Tomas de Santa Maria

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen. Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

Praise the Lord! O Heavens ELW (back of Red Book) **823**

- 1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;

worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.

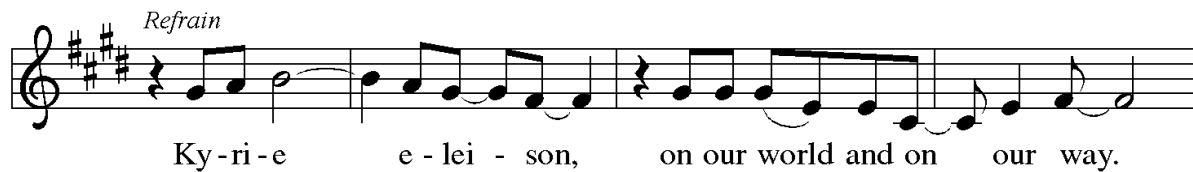
- 2 Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;
never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

Text: Foundling Hospital Collection, London, 1796

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*.....ELW (front of Red Book) p. 184-185



- 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

Verses continue on the next page



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 (front of Red Book) p. 187-188



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



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. God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling..... Will Thompson

Laura Toland, Kathy Shriver
Bill McCullough, Russ Finkler *quartet*

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

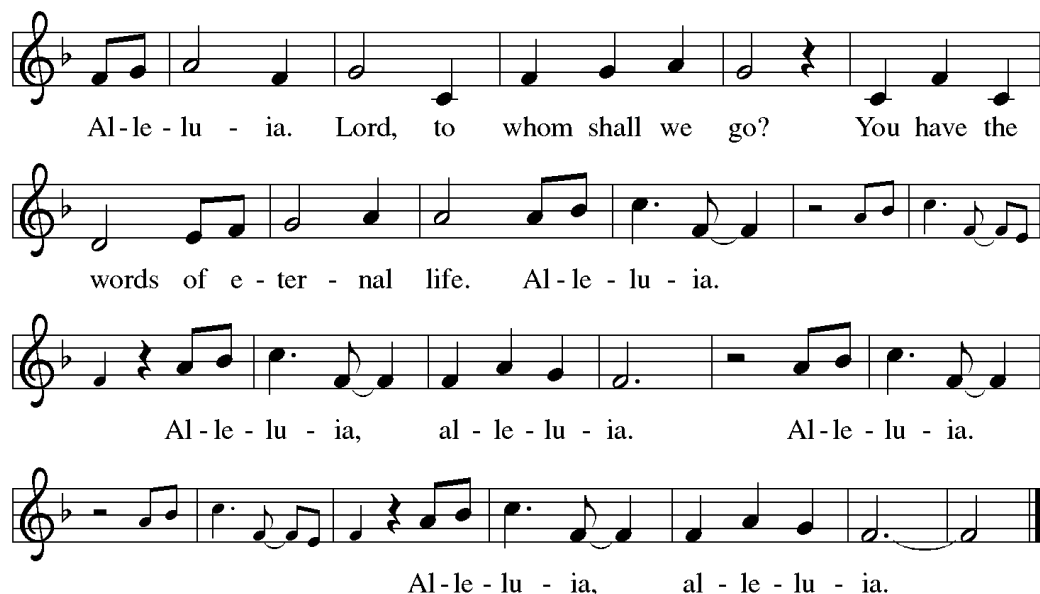
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
May God give us blessing and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW (front of Red Book) 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.

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her

away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Break Now the Bread of Life ELW (back of Red Book) **515**

- 1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!
- 3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Prayers of the People*

Let us pray. With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the 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.)*

Recognizing that every good and perfect gift originates from the God, let's share the blessings entrusted to us, giving with generosity and love in the name of the God.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering ELW (back of Red Book) **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.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us 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.

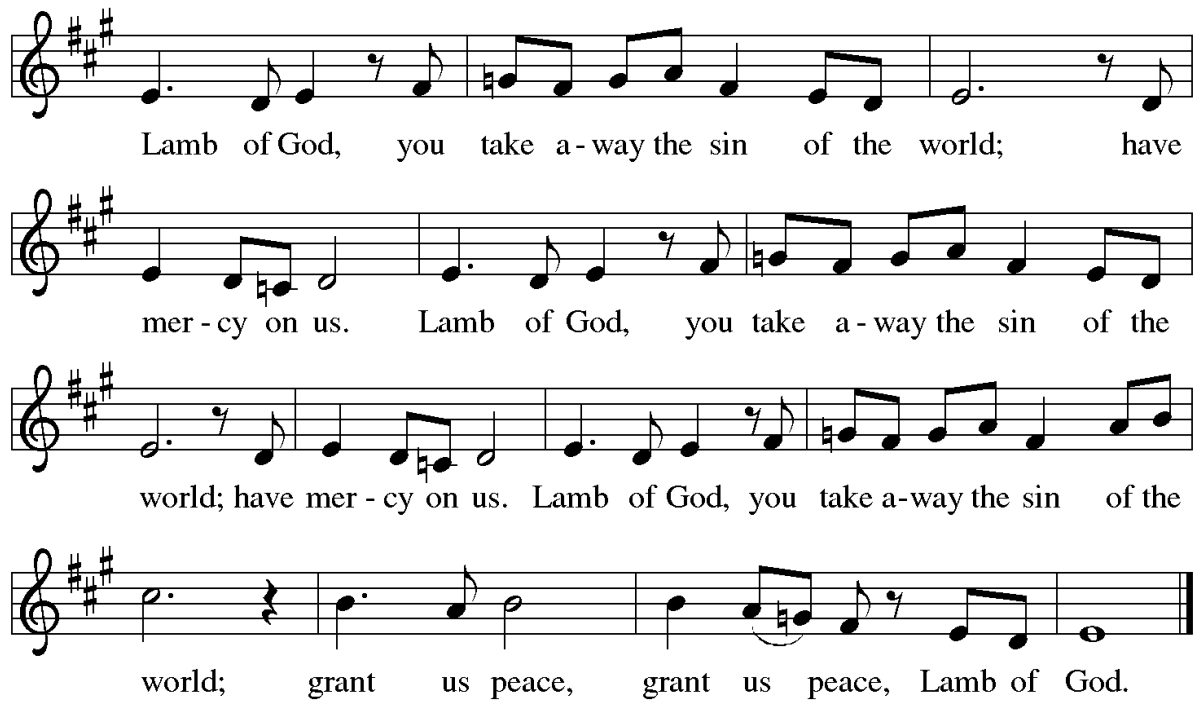
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This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

Lamb of God ELW (front of Red Book) p. 191



Invitation to Communion

Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion. 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*

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing*

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

Closing Hymn*

Go, My Children, with My Blessing..... ELW (back of Red Book) **543**

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

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Sending*

Heaven has come near.

Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Jubilation*..... Donald Callender



Coming Up at Grace

Scan to view the current Weekly Update Email

Women's Vocal Ensemble

Rehearsal Wednesday, August 19, 7pm | Sing Sunday, August 23, 8:30am

Calling all Women! Please join us for our annual Women's Ensemble. We will be singing "This Little Light of Mine" and it will be fun! Please bring any and all of your friends. All women are welcome. See you then! Questions? Call or text Jane Rock (563) 340-8022.

Grace2Dine

Friday, August 21 | Noon The Grace2Dine group will be gathering for lunch on Friday, August 21 at noon at the QC USA Family Restaurant (4910 ~ 22nd Ave, Moline). If you would like to join us, please contact Hollie Swain (563-514-4022 or 563-650-3213). This group is very welcoming and we'd enjoy your company!

Pictures into Memories

Sunday, August 23 | Between Services Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services on Sunday, August 23. Bring a picture from the campfire, or the lake cottage, or the bike trip that ended in the ER. Bring photos of grandpa with his biggest fish, or of your mother frying it. Share your summer memories. Get advice on how to pass them on. Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let precious memories get lost.

Back to School Blessing

Sunday, August 23 at Both Services Students & Educators - Bring your backpacks, briefcases, laptops, and school supplies on August 23. We will have a special blessing as you begin a new year of learning, growing, & fun!

Coffee with Council

Sunday, August 30 | Between Services and After the Second Service

Council members will meet in Pat Bell Hall between services to update you on recent council actions and to answer questions. Council members will also be available in the Narthex immediately after the second service to talk with folks who couldn't make the earlier conversation. They will have cookies to share.

In House Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 15 | 2-6pm Become a blood donor! Less than 10% of the population gives blood, so donors that give on a regular basis are important to meet these needs. Grace members donated blood nine times during July. The year-to-date total is 74. Questions? Mark Jepson 563-508-9091 or majepson55@netscape.net.



LWR School Kits, Fabric Kits, & Personal Care Kits

See the display in the narthex. All kits should be returned to Grace by September 13.

Special Project Grants

The Grace Church Council has established a Special Projects Fund with revenue from Grace's Endowment, and we're looking to YOU for ideas and to lead projects that foster innovation and creativity in ministry and further the on-going mission of Grace. Application forms are available at church or can be emailed to you. Questions? Contact: Paul Lewellan, plewellan@mac.com

QC Interfaith Creation Care Video Screening

Sunday, August 30, 4:00pm at St Paul Lutheran Church (2136 N Brady St, Davenport)

We'll be screening one of the videos from *Caring for the Earth, Stories from Faith Communities* focusing on climate justice. We believe it is vital to have meaningful conversation about how climate disasters often impact most of our vulnerable communities. The video is 15 mins, followed by discussion about local projects, get collaboration, etc. Would love to have you plus any friends and other interested folks you know. Let us know you are coming so we have enough cookies! Contact: Dr. Becky Wiese rlawmd@yahoo.com 563-210-6200

Ongoing Ministries



See the next *ongoing ministry meeting dates and times in the "Looking Ahead" section below and grab a pew card listing our ongoing ministry programs. Feel free to get in touch with the group contacts with any questions. (You can also scan this QR Code for our recent newsletter.)

Looking Ahead

**Men's Lunch Wednesdays at Noon*

**Centering Prayer Mondays at 4:30pm*

Aug 23 Back to School Blessing

Aug 23 Pictures into Memories

Aug 30 Coffee with Council

Sept 2 Grief Support Group*, 5:30pm

Sept 6 Food Pantry Sunday

Sept 6 Joint Worship 9:30am

Sept 7 Office Closed Labor Day

Sept 8 & 9 Quilters*, 9am-Noon

Sept 13 LWR Kits Due

Sept 13 First Fall JBS

Sept 14 Pray & Play

Sept 15 Naomi Circle*, 9:30-11am

Sept 15 In-House Blood Drive

Sept 16 Grief Support Group*, 5:30pm

Sept 19 Page Turners*, 8:30am

Sept 20 Fall Block Party

Sept 27 Pet Blessing

Sept 27-29 Prs at Theological Conf

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. Your offerings support and nurture ministries at Grace along with support for local and global organizations. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity!

Calendar

Sunday, August 16

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

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, August 19

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
6:00pm Finance Meeting - PBH
7:00pm Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, August 20

10:30am Prayer Group
12:00pm Council Reports Due

Friday, August 21

12:00pm Grace2Dine

Saturday, August 22

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, August 25

Annie out of the office
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, August 26

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

Thursday, August 27

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, August 30

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee with Council
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Coffee with Council

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Ken Krumwiede
Communion Assistants	Jane Krumwiede, Hollie Swain, Kathi Parrish, Paul Lewellan (basket)
Communion Bread	Hollie Swain
Acolyte & Crucifer	Kathy Shriver
Greeters	Ann & Mark Jepson
Ushers	Paul Lewellan, Mark Jepson
Sound System	Chuck Lehman
Prayers	Chryss Hartman
Altar Guild	Nancy Boehme
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee Hour	Vicki Liebber

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

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the 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 here 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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