

Welcome ~ Thank you for joining us!

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa † Pastor Stephanie Wood

August 30, 2026 † 8:30am

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

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Prelude Music *Te Deum*..... Charles Callahan

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*

Morning Has Broken..... ELW (back of Red Book) **556**

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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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, **we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and
recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Will You Come and Follow Me.....ELW (back of Red Book) **798**

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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)

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.

Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O God, **who calls us to go out into the world with generosity, may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort and towards a faith journey that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Blessing*

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

Closing Hymn*

Amazing Grace ELW (back of Red Book) **779**

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Sending*

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

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Voluntary in F..... Robert Lau



Coming Up at Grace

Scan to view the current Weekly Update Email

Coffee with Council

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

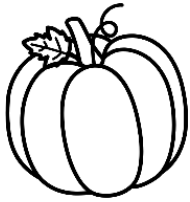
Council members will meet in Pat Bell Hall between services and after the second service to update you on recent council actions and to answer questions.

Joint Worship 9:30am | Next Sunday September 6

Next Sunday, September 6, we will have ONE joint service at 9:30am, and the church office will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

Next Sunday is Pantry Sunday!

Bring your non-perishable pantry donations to church and place them in front of the altar.



Fall Block Party!

Sunday, Sept 20 | 10:30am Outdoor Worship | 11:30am-1:30pm Block Party!

Join us Sunday, September 20, for our annual Fall Block Party with outdoor worship, sloppy joes, bingo, music, activities, and more! Watch for sign-ups to come via email this week for volunteer help and donations.

Grace2Dine

Friday, September 11 | Noon | Home of the Boehme's (2632 W 34th St, Davenport)

Dennis & Nancy Boehme are our hosts, and they are going to provide the taco meat and we are to bring the extras. Talk with the Boehme's or Hollie (514-4022 or 650-3213) with your RSVP and item you will be bringing. All are welcome!

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. To schedule your donation, contact Mark Jepson 563-508-9091 or majepson55@netscape.net.

Pray & Play Helpers Needed

Pray & Play is for kids ages 5-10 to enjoy a day of activities on Davenport Schools Teacher In-Service days and is possible due to our wonderful helpers and volunteers! There are both behind-the-scenes and hands-on duties where help is needed. Please talk with Pastor Kirsten if you'd like to help or if you know of a family that would like to register. Fall Dates: September 14, October 5, November 30

Junior Bible Study

JBS begins again Sunday, September 13, and kids are invited for Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and fun! Watch for more info about gathering times. Pastor Kirsten can answer any questions.

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

Ongoing Ministries



*See the next *ongoing ministry meeting dates and times in the "Looking Ahead" section below and grab an ongoing ministry pew card. 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*

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 11 Grace2Dine

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 & Pet Food Collection

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!

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the office for information about joining Grace. 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.

Calendar

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 - Zoom

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

Food Pantry Sunday

9:30am Joint Worship & Livestream
10:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, September 7

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

9:00am Quilters
10:00am Pastor's Text Study
1:30pm Social Ministry Mtg - Narthex
2:30pm Outreach Mtg - PBH
7:00pm Worship Mtg - PBH

Wednesday, September 9

9:00am Quilters
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Noon Grace2Dine @ Boehme's

Saturday, September 12

Sunday, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

Pray & Play 8:30am-4pm
10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, September 15

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex
10:00am Pastor's Text Study
2:00pm In-House Blood Drive

Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Nancy Boehme
Acolyte & Crucifer	Matt Levsen
Greeters	Vicki Liebbe, Cindy Lee
Ushers	Mark Jepson, Dennis Boehme
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Nancy Boehme
Altar Guild	Nancy Boehme
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Coffee Hour	Colleen Levsen

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

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THREE REASONS TO JOIN THE CHOIR

- Joining choir adds a new **dimension to your faith-based life**. Here, we become a new family of friends supporting each other with a common goal of making music to and for our Lord.
- Wednesday rehearsals provide a reprieve from the weekly grind, a **breath of spiritual air** and a mid-week recharge. Sunday services allow us to service Sunday worship, leading the congregation in worship and reflection.
- The words and music we rehearse over and over, and sing in a Sunday offering mingle in our hearts throughout the weeks to form a **spiritual devotion** to our Lord.

This year, choir season starts Wednesday, Sept 9, at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Contact: Sally Meier, Choir Director
309-292-0281 or tonalworkout@gmail.com

The word "CHOIR" is rendered in large, stylized, 3D block letters. Each letter has a unique color and texture: 'C' is teal with wavy lines, 'H' is green with a dotted pattern, 'O' is yellow with horizontal stripes, 'I' is blue with a zigzag pattern, and 'R' is red with wavy lines. The letters have a slight shadow and a glossy finish.

CHOIR

YOU ARE INVITED TO SING!

THREE WAYS YOU CAN JOIN THE CHOIR

- **Join choir for the entire season.** Come to rehearsals Wednesday nights from 7-8pm, and sing on scheduled Sundays. Can't commit to EVERY Wednesday and Sunday? That's okay! Nobody can. Come as OFTEN as you can. We rehearse several Sunday anthems at once, so you will always be prepared.
- **Join choir for the Advent and Christmas season.** This includes Candles and Carols, a beautiful service of scripture, prose and song. This is a seasonal commitment that involves only three to four rehearsals, the Candles and Carols service, and the option of Advent and Christmas Eve services.
- **Join Choir for Easter.** Easter Sunday is always a big and joyful service! Singing along with others in the balcony on Easter Sunday lifts our hearts and spirits even more as we praise God for God's glorious gift of salvation! This seasonal commitment involves two to three rehearsals, Easter Sunday, and the option of singing anthems on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.