



Welcome ~ Thank you for joining us!

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa † Pastor Stephanie Wood

October 4, 2026 † 8:30am

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

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Prelude Music

Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Trust in the Lord*

Confession & Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.** Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty.....ELW (back of Red Book) **533**

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
 Zion, let me enter there,
 where my soul in joyful duty
 waits for God who answers prayer.
 Oh, how blessed is this place,
 filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
 come thou also unto me;
 where we find thee and adore thee,
 there a heav'n on earth must be.
 To my heart, oh, enter thou,
 let it be thy temple now!

- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
 here thy seed is duly sown;
 let my soul, where it is planted,
 bring forth precious sheaves alone,
 so that all I hear may be
 fruitful unto life in me.

- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
 let me keep thy gift divine;
 howsoe'er temptations thicken,
 may thy word still o'er me shine
 as my guiding star through life,
 as my comfort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
 let thy will be done indeed;
 may I undisturbed draw near thee
 while thou dost thy people feed.
 Here of life the fountain flows;
 here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, 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.**

Kyrie

(from *Now the Feast & Celebration*)..... setting by Marty Haugen

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy.

A - men.

Hymn of Praise*

Now the Feast and Celebration written and setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Beloved God, **from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation..... Latin Hymn, Arr. by Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-15

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land. The mountains
were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

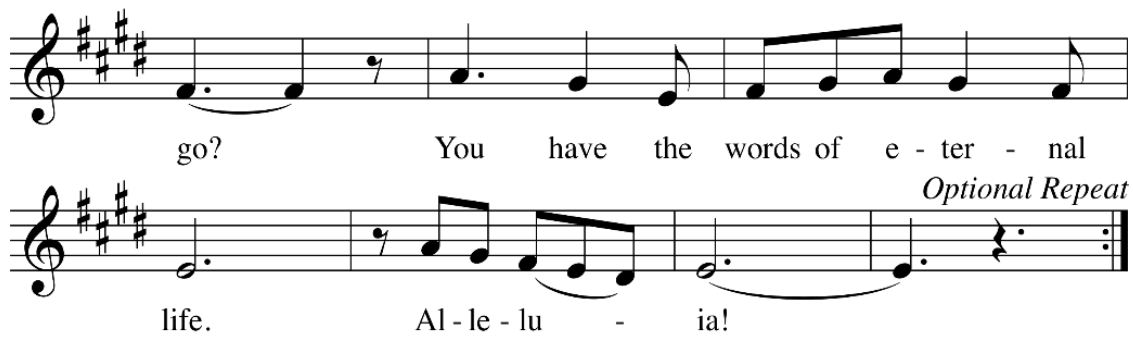
Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
**The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia setting by Marty Haugen





Holy Gospel* | Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Word of God, Come Down on Earth ELW (back of Red Book) **510**

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

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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*

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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)*

Like a bountiful Autumn harvest, let us bring forth gifts from our abundant blessings. May we give in thanksgiving and hope for the ministry of this faith community and God's church.

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat ELW (back of Red Book) **465**

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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 setting by Marty Haugen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer · on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing*

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing.....ELW (back of Red Book) **544**

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983, alt.; Text © Oxford University Press.

Sending*

Go out in joy.

Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Recessional..... Rex Koury



Coming Up at Grace

Scan to view the current Weekly Update Email

Green Bag Sunday

Today! | Between Services

We are again delivering weekly food bags to elementary children facing food insecurity. Join us today, between services to pack bags and learn about the project. **How can you help?** You can go grocery shopping from a list or fill or deliver the bags. You can donate food items: spaghetti sauce (no glass jars, please), pasta, mac and cheese, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, granola bars, instant oatmeal, canned chicken or tuna, healthy snacks. You can donate money to purchase food by marking your offering Green Bag Project. For more info, contact Pastor Kirsten or Paul Lewellan paullewellan@mac.com.

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Display

Our wonderful Grace Service Day Quilters have been hard at work all year to create quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary with a special blessing on October 11.

NAMI Walk

Saturday, October 10 | 8:30am Activities Begin | **10:00am** Walk!

Veteran's Memorial Park (1645 23rd St, Bett) Join us for NAMIWalks Greater Mississippi Valley 2026! MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL remains the life-changing and lifesaving mission at NAMI! To register to walk and/or donate funds go to the Grace/St. Mark Page: namiwalks.org/teams/86611. *Jane will not be at the NAMI walk, but Peg and Bill McCullough will be there. Donations can still be given to Jane. She will personally deliver all donations to the NAMI office. Or you can donate online.*

Short Stories by Jesus

11am Thursdays | Begins October 8

It is challenging to wrap our head around life centuries before us. This fall we will dive into Jesus' short stories, his parables, by looking at the cultural context they were rooted in and how the original Jewish audience understood them. This Bible Study will follow along with Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus*, but you don't need to read the book to participate. She will be our resident expert as a scholar in New Testament and Jewish Studies. We will meet seven times on Thursdays at 11am, beginning October 8. Contact Pastor Stephanie if you have any questions.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Series

Join Megan Olsen, Regional Manager of Community Engagement at the Alzheimer's Association®, between services as she shares information about the following topics: **October 18** Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia; **October 25** Alzheimer's Behaviors and Communication, Caregiver Stress; **November 1** Linger questions and topics.

Junior Bible Study

Today During Both Services

This fall, JBS is during worship for the first three Sundays of the month, and the fourth Sunday will be between worship services. This year we are using **Wonder on the Go** inviting children to wonder about the characters in Bible Stories and what we can learn about God.

IGNITE Youth Event

Wednesday, October 14 | 6pm | Faith Lutheran, Eldridge

Join youth from around the Quad Cities for a fun night of games, snacks, and friends! Questions? Talk with Pr. Kirsten 563-322-0769 pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org. We will meet at Grace at 5pm and travel to Faith in Eldridge together.

Thank You for the Pet Supplies!

Thank you to everyone that was able to help with the supplies and food for Rescued. They were so very happy to see this delivery.....again thank you for your participation! Donations: 88.1 lbs of dry cat food; 85.9 lbs of dry dog food; Two cans of cat food; Four boxes of large dog treats; Three bags of large dog treats; One large Konga; One medium dog lead; Eight pet pillows!

Join Choir!

You are invited to join our Heart and Voice Choir! Rehearsals are 6:30-8pm the first Wednesday of the month and 8:00am on Sundays when the choir sings. Questions? Sally Meier, Choir Director 309-292-0281 or tonalworkout@gmail.com.

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*

October 4 & 11 LWR Quilt Display

October 5 Pray & Play

October 7 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm

October 10 NAMI Walk

October 13 *Naomi Circle *(date change)*

October 13 & 14 *Quilters 9am-Noon

October 15 Short Stories Bible Study

October 17 *Page Turners 8:30am

October 18 Alzheimer's & Dementia Talk

October 18-21 Pr. Stephanie Continuing Ed

October 21 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm

October 23 Kid's Club

October 25 Reformation Sunday

October 25 Alzheimer's & Dementia Talk

October 29 Short Stories Bible Study

October 30 Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner

October 31 Playground Meetup

October 31 Trunk or Treat

Calendar

Sunday, October 4

Food Pantry & Green Bag Sunday

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Display

8:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Confirmation Class @ Zion

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

11:00am Short Stories Bible Study

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Nami Walk @ Veterans Memorial Park

Sunday, October 11

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Display

8:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

9:00am Quilters
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
6:00pm IGNITE @ Faith, Eldridge

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.



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!

Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Ken Krumwiede
Communion Assistants	Jane Krumwiede, Hollie Swain, Debbie Alejo, Adolfo Alejo (basket)
Communion Bread	Hollie Swain
Acolyte	Debbie Alejo
Crucifer	Denise Eads
Greeters	Sue & Mark Janssen
Ushers	Adolfo Alejo, Mark Jepson
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten, Denise Eads
Sound System	Mike Savely
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Jackie Cain
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Coffee Hour	Gloria & Jim Lange

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

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GRACE'S GREEN BAG PROJECT

What is the Green Bag Project?

At the beginning of last school year, Garfield Elementary asked Grace if we would consider helping some families who needed additional food on the weekend. Up until this school year, River Bend Food Bank had provided food for kids to take home over the weekend. This program was no longer available, and they needed Grace to fill in this gap.

Under the leadership of the Social Ministry Committee, we deliver bags of food for eight to nine families every week. Originally conceived as an eight-week project, it has now become ongoing. The contents of the bag are governed by three things: weight (light enough for a child to carry home), cost (the amount of food we can buy for \$6.00-\$7.00 dollars a bag), and balance (the basis for two meals, breakfast items, fruit, vegetables, and healthy snacks).

The food has been purchased through Thrivent Grants, monetary donations, and Social Ministry funding. The food is delivered in green bags, thus the name of this ministry was created!

(How you can help - over)

GREEN BAG SUNDAY

How Can You Help?

- **Go grocery shopping**

We'll supply the list

- **Help Fill Bags**

on Green Bag Sundays

- **Help Deliver the Bags**

Talk with Pr. Kirsten for scheduling (we are currently using a two-week scheduling option)

- **Donate Food Items**

spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), pasta, mac & cheese, canned fruits & veggies, soup, granola bars, instant oatmeal, canned chicken/tuna, healthy snacks.

- **Make a Monetary Donation**

to purchase food by marking your offering Green Bag Project.

All help is valuable and appreciated!

For further information, contact
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