



Welcome ~ Thank you for joining us!

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa | Pastor Stephanie Wood

October 11, 2026 † 8:30am

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

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Prelude Music

All Now Sing Forth in Praise Edward Broughton

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Blessings for 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*

All Are Welcome ELW (back of Red Book) **641**

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain

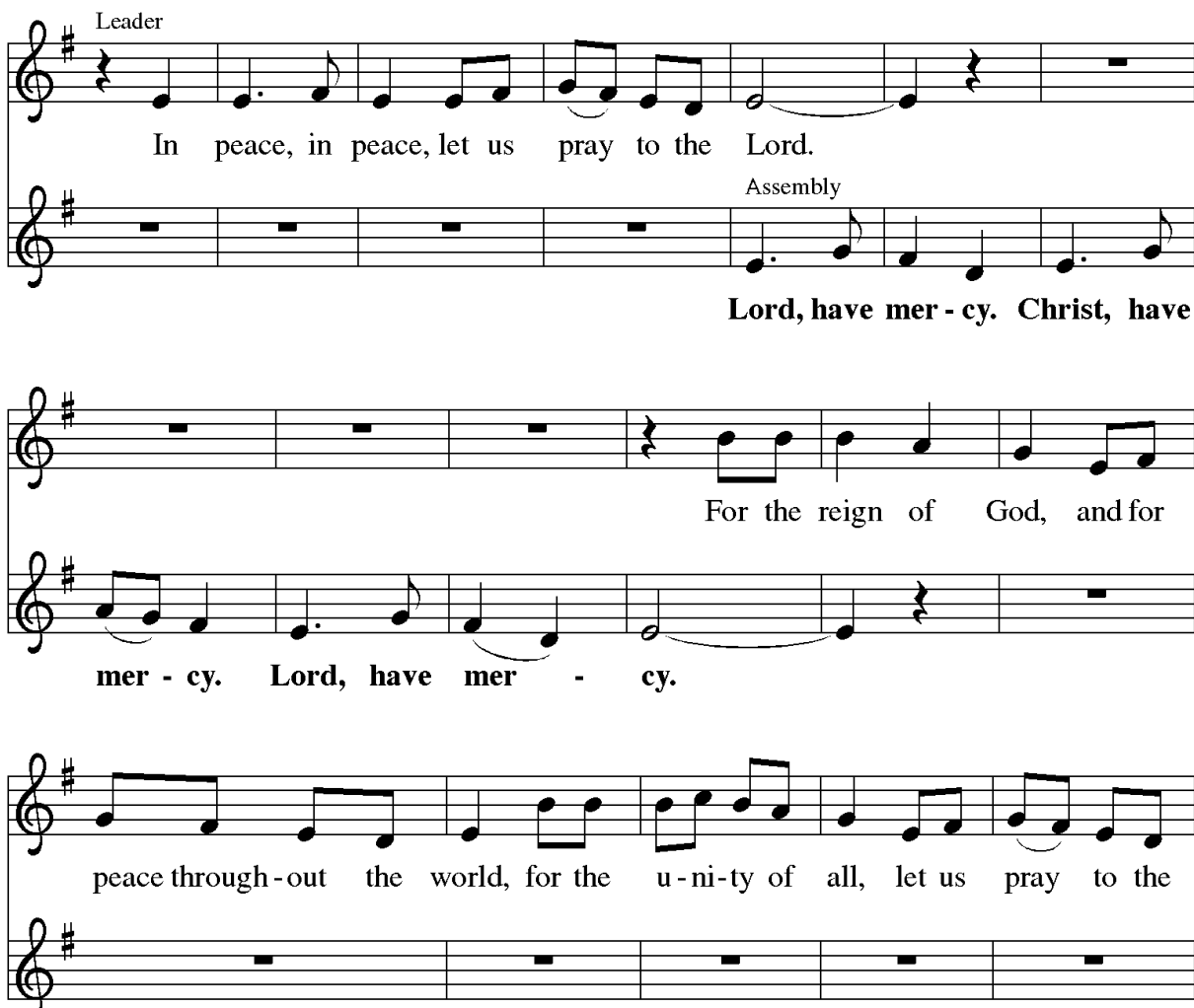
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Greeting*

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.**

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.

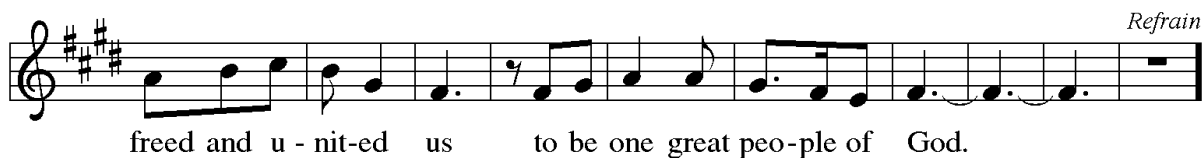
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Hymn of Praise*

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



Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

The Shepherd Psalm Words by Tom S. Long, Music by Allen Pote

*The Lord is my Shepherd, there's nothing I need.
And by the still waters my Shepherd will lead.
In meadows of peace he brings me to rest,
And shows me the way, the path that is blest.*

*Then shadows of death I face without fear,
For I know in my heart my Shepherd is near.
My Shepherd is near.*

*The Lord is my Shepherd, there's nothing I need,
And by the still waters, my Shepherd will lead.*

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

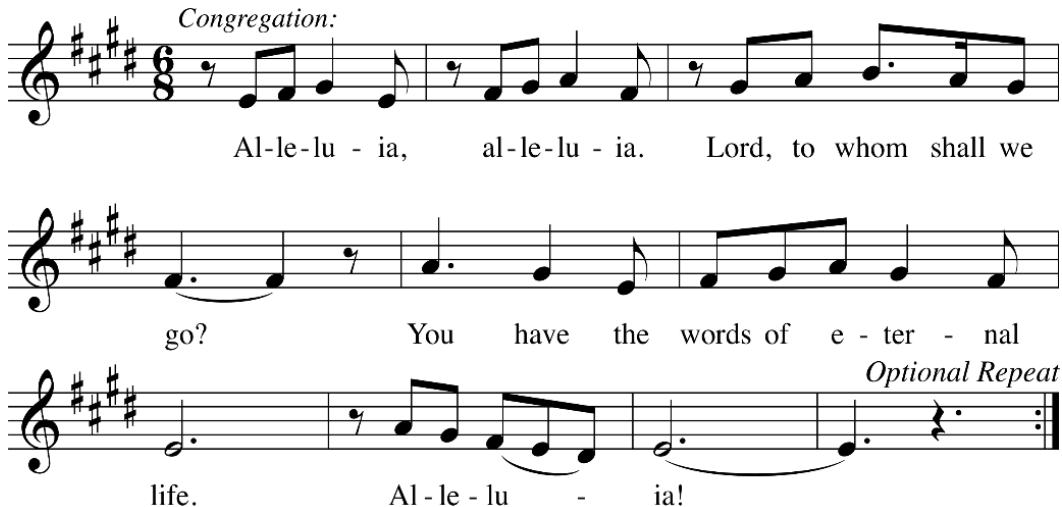
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia setting by Marty Haugen

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent

his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

As We Gather at Your Table ELW (back of Red Book) **522**

- 1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

- 2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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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.

Blessing of the Quilts *See last page*

Prayers of the People*

Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.)*

Generosity serves as a response to God's abundant creation, trustworthy provision, and compassionate care. When we share our blessings, we accept that God has given more than enough for us to share. Let us give in faith, trust, gratitude, and love.

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*

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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 - cy on us, mer - cy 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*

Blessing* (Pastor)

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*

On Our Way Rejoicing ELW (back of Red Book) **537**

- 1 On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

- 2 Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Sending*

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Preludium and Fugue in A Minor Johann Simon, ed. Wayne Wold



Coming Up at Grace

Scan to view the current Weekly Update Email

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Display

We will have a special blessing today for these beautiful quilts before they are sent overseas through Lutheran World Relief.

Short Stories by Jesus

11am Thursdays

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 study will follow along with Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus*, (book not required). She will be our resident expert as a scholar in New Testament and Jewish Studies. Contact Pastor Stephanie with 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.

Kids Club!

Friday, October 23 | 5:30-7:30pm

Join us for pizza, s'mores, games, Bible stories, and pumpkin painting! Parents, you get a couple hours to yourself while the kids share time together. Register to attend at bit.ly/Oct23KidsClub or contact Pastor Kirsten to be added to the registration list. For Kids Ages 5 Years and Up.

Hope at the Brick House

Dinner Service Friday, October 30

5:15pm arrive | 5:30pm Serve | 6:30pm Clean Up; Breakfast was a HIT when we served in July, so we will once again be providing breakfast for dinner! 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 563-323-0322 or kcjewel21@gmail.com.

Families Playground Meet Up

Saturday October 31 | 9-11am

Tentative Location: Garfield Park Join other families with little ones for some group play at the playground. Watch for more details.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31 | 5pm Set Up

Join us for the 20th annual Trunk or Treat at Grace! We will gather at 5pm to decorate our trunks. Candy & treats will be handed out until they are all gone. If you plan to attend, please let Hollie Swain know at 563-514-4022 or 563-650-3213 or email k75hollie@gmail.com. The past several years we have treated over 200+ children. Contact Hollie if you are unsure about the weather.

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

Wed, Oct 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.

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



October
Newsletter

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 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

November 1 All Saints Sunday

November 1 Alzheimer's & Dementia Talk

November 3 General Election Polling Location

November 8 Coffee with Council

November 15 Be a Blessing Sunday

November 22 Give Thanks Worship & Brunch

Calendar

Sunday, October 11

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Display & Blessing

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 - Library
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

Thursday, October 15

11:00am Short Stories Bible Study

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

8:30am Page Turners

Sunday, October 18

8:30am Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
9:40am Alzheimer's/Dementia Talk - PBH
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

Pastor Stephanie Continuing Ed
10:00am Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, October 21

Pastor Stephanie Continuing Ed
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

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.

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.

Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Paul Lewellan
Communion Assistants	Russ Finkler, Janice Gibbs, Gloria Lange, Paul Lewellan (basket)
Communion Bread	Deb Kirby
Acolyte	Janice Gibbs
Crucifer	NEEDED
Greeters	Sue & Jim Cruchelow
Ushers	Deb & Mike Kirby
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten, Carol Keller
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Chryss Hartman
Altar Guild	Jackie Cain
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Coffee Hour	Gene & Gail Carber

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



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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Quilt Blessing

God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

Let us pray. God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

Amen.



The Quilt & Kit Ministry: Our Longest Running Program

LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year.

LWR Mission Quilts are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. Your careful adherence to our quilt-making guidelines will ensure that every quilt is useful, consistent and fair.

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, a Baby Care Kit, a School Kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Grace is sending God's love to the very ends of the earth. No matter how far away our neighbor lives, our quilts and kits are reaching them and wrapping them in comfort and hope. May God's promise keep us steadfast in our work so that all may feel God's love.