



Welcome ~ Thank you for joining us!

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa | Pastor Stephanie Wood

October 18, 2026 + 8:30am

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

Large Print

Prelude Music

Simple Gifts Russell Schulz-Widmar

Announcements

Gathering*

The promise of changing seasons, the sun rising and the air we breathe. God's creation. **This is grace in action.**

We are blessed. **To be known by God.**

We are blessed. **To know God's grace.**

We are blessed to be a blessing. **We are Grace in action.**

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*

Lord of Light ELW (back of Red Book) **688**

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: *Refrain*

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

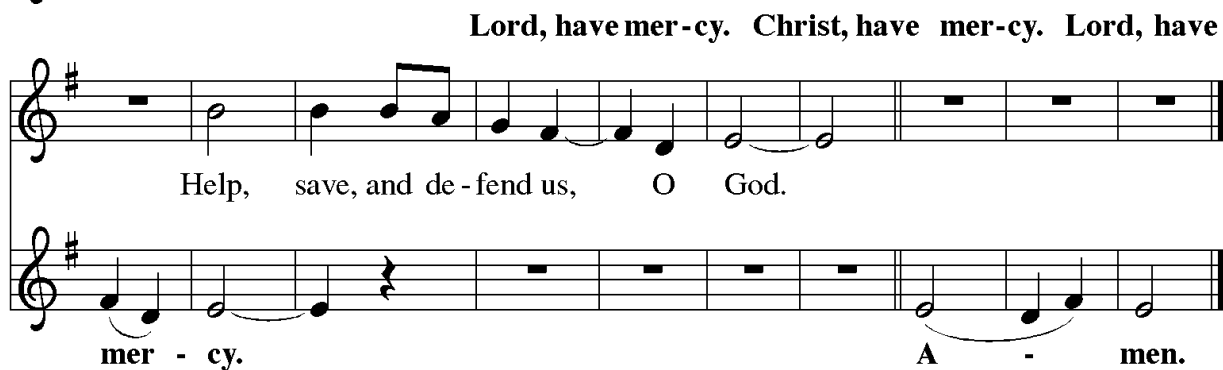
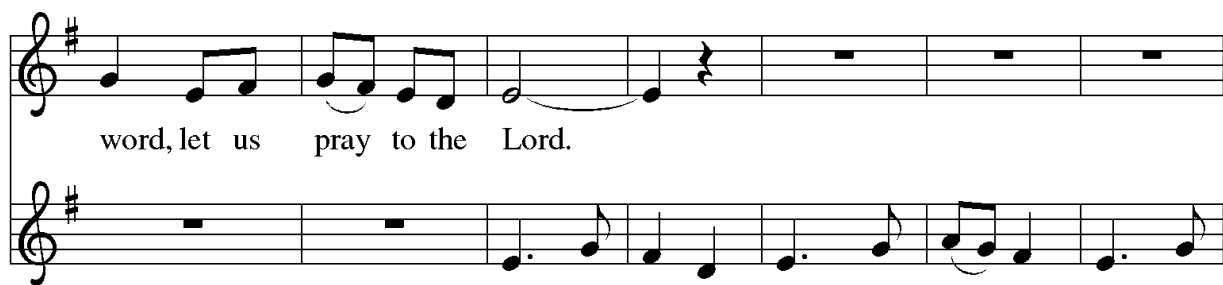
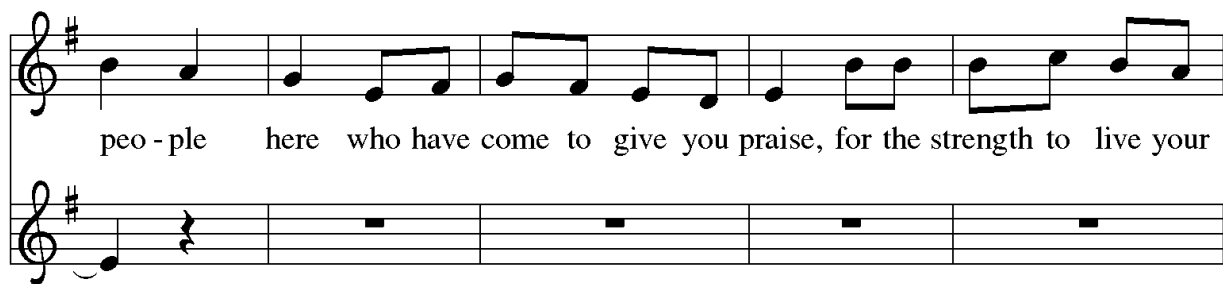
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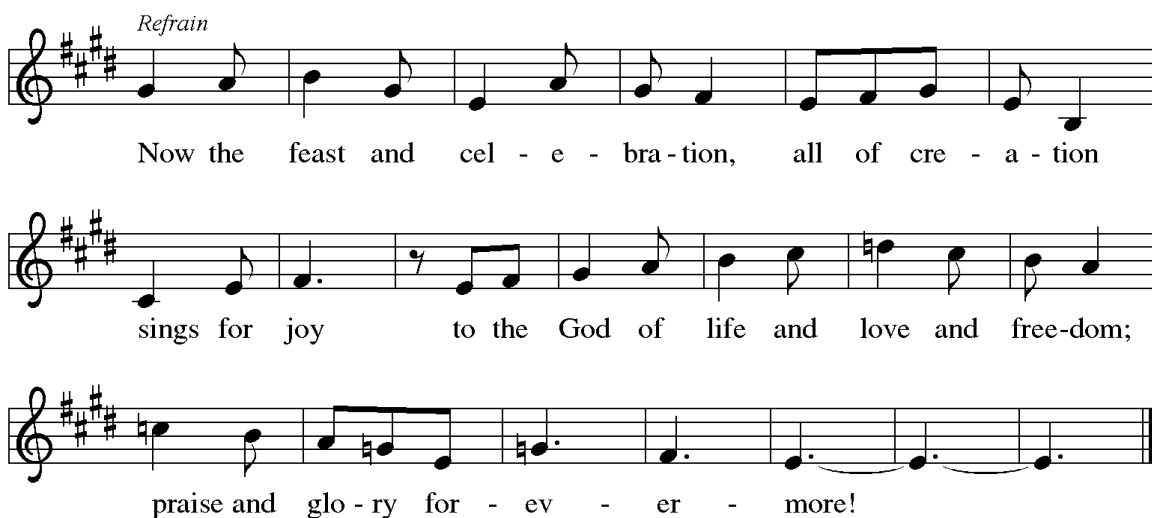
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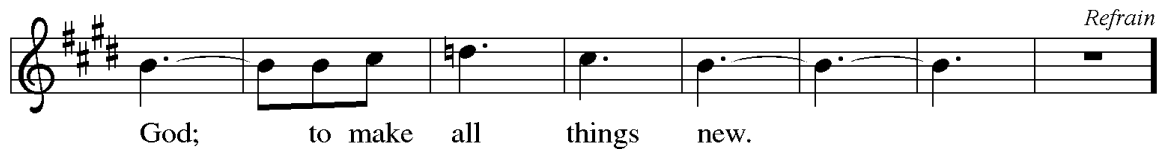
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Hymn of Praise*

Now the Feast and Celebration written and setting by Marty Haugen





Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So, he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,
for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not
lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord and
vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the company of those who seek
him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Gospel Acclamation*

Blessed Assurance..... ELW (back of red book) **638**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So, they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Closing*

Blessed Assurance..... ELW (back of red book) **638**

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Blest Are They ELW (back of Red Book) **728**

- 1 Blest are they, the poor in Spirit
 Theirs is the kingdom of God
 Blest are they, full of sorrow
 They shall be consoled

Refrain

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

- 2 Blest are they, the lowly ones
 They shall inherit the Earth
 Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
 They shall have their fill *Refrain*

- 3 Blest are they, who show mercy
 Mercy shall be theirs
 Blest are they, the pure of heart
 They shall see God *Refrain*

- 4 Blest are they, who seek peace
 They are the children of God
 Blest are they who suffer in faith
 The glory of God is theirs *Refrain*

- 5 Blest are you, who suffer hate
 All because of me
 Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom
 Shine for all to see *Refrain*

Apostles' Creed (Pastor)

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: 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)*

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* (Pastor)

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*

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*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing ELW (back of Red Book) **547**

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Sending*

Go out in joy. Blessed to be a blessing!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Variants on "St. Anne" Richard Williamson/William Croft



Coming Up at Grace

Scan to view the current Weekly Update Email

Church Office Closed Monday

The church office will be closed Monday, October 19, however there will be a volunteer answering phones/doorbell 8:30am-Noon (thanks Ruth!).

November Worship Volunteers & Newsletter Items

If you haven't already, please let Annie know by end of the day this Tuesday, October 20, of any dates in November you are unable to serve as a worship volunteer, and please have November newsletter items to the office by Monday, October 26. Thank you!

Alzheimer's and Dementia Series

Today Between Services

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** Lingering questions and topics.

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.

Meal Train Opportunity

Our Listening Campaign brought focus to many member outreach needs, one being a "Meal Train" for members who are having surgery (or other medical procedures) that may like some meals while they are recovering at home. **Would you be interested in being invited to provide meals for future Meal Trains?** If yes, please call or email the office or sign up on the list in the narthex, and you can be added to the list of future meal train invitations to provide meals. Thank you all for your willingness to support and serve fellow Grace members! **Note:** *Saying YES does not mean you are committing to provide a meal. It just means you are open to being invited when the need arises.*

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.

IFF Birthday Bash!

Sunday, November 1 | 3-5pm

Everyone is invited to a Birthday Bash at the **Village Cooperative** (4700 Village Dr, Davenport). Bring a simple appetizer or munchie of your choice, and a wrapped birthday present with a value of no more than five dollars. Come join in the fun and have your cake and eat it too! Don't worry! No one has to share their age. RSVP to Kathy Shriver at 563-650-1952. If you text, please include your name. See you there!

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.

Kids & 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.

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

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 at Grace.

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 the October newsletter.)*



Looking Ahead

**Men's Lunch Wednesdays at Noon*

**Centering Prayer Mondays at 4:30pm*

October 18 Alzheimer's & Dementia Talk

October 18-21 Pr. Stephanie Continuing Ed

October 19 Church office closed

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 1 Green Bag/Food Pantry Sunday

November 1 IFF Birthday Bash!

November 3 General Election Polling Location

November 4 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm

November 8 Coffee with Council

November 10 & 11 *Quilters

November 15 Be a Blessing Sunday

November 17 *Naomi Circle 9:00am

November 18 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm

November 21 *Page Turners

November 22 Give Thanks Worship & Brunch

November 24-30 Pr. Stephanie vacation

November 26 & 27 Office Closed

Calendar

Sunday, October 18

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

Monday, October 19

Church Office Closed (there will be a volunteer to answer phone 8:30am-Noon)
Pastor Stephanie Continuing Ed
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom
6:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

Pastor Stephanie Continuing Ed
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
4:30pm Confirmation Class @ St. James
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

Thursday, October 22

Pastor Stephanie Continuing Ed/Vacation
12:00pm Council/Committee Reports Due

Friday, October 23

5:30pm Kid's Club!

Saturday, October 24

Sunday, October 25

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

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, October 28

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

Thursday, October 29

11:00am Short Stories Bible Study

Friday, October 30

5:15pm Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner

Saturday, October 31

9:00am Playground Meetup
5:30pm Trunk or Treat (set up 5pm)

Sunday, November 1

Food Pantry & Green Bag Sunday
8:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
9:40am *(Tentative)* Alzheimer's/Dementia
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Confirmation Class @ Zion

Monday, November 2

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

Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Nancy Boehme
Communion Assistants	Nancy Boehme, Ruth McAndrews, Dennis Boehme (basket), Paul Lewellan (basket)
Communion Bread	Vicki Liebke
Acolyte & Crucifer	Kathy Shriver
Greeters	Vicki Liebke, Cindy Lee
Ushers	Dennis Boehme, Paul Lewellan
Jr Bible Study	Jane Krumwiede, Pastor Kirsten
Sound System	Chuck Lehman
Livestream Tech	Dan Carney
Prayers	Nancy Boehme
Altar Guild	Jackie Cain
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Coffee Hour	Ruth McAndrews, Carol Keller

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



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