

Welcome ~ Thank you for joining us!

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa | Pastor Stephanie Wood

November 22, 2026 † 9:30am

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

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A Service of Thanks & Praise

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the the Kiikaapoi, the Sauk and Meskwaki, the Myammia, the Očhéthi Šakówin, and other indigenous people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshiping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region.

Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People and
Come and Now Thank We All Our God ..... arranged by Robert Vandall

Susan Senn *organ*, Kathi Parrish *piano*

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Majestic Is Your Name, O Lord*

Welcome*

O Lord open my lips.
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Fill us with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Hymn*

Come Ye Thankful People, Come .....ELW (Back of Red Book) **693**

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,

free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

On Bended Knee We Come*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the only Sovereign,
who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess the ways in which we come up short in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled.
You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.
For all the times when we mistreat and misuse your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

Hymn*

Change My Heart, O God (sing through 2 times) .....ELW (Back of Red Book) **801**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953; Text © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services

Forgiveness*

Our God who is a generous in love. Gracious in forgiveness. Calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Choir Anthem

Bind Us Together..... Bob Gillman

Refrain: *Bind us together, Lord, bind us together*
with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord; bind us together in love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body. That is why we can sing. Refrain

You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire. You are the glorious new wine. Refrain

Litany of Praise from Psalm 100

Come before the Lord with joyful songs,
because he is good,
because he is generous,
because we lack nothing.
Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Serve the Lord with gladness,
because of his greatness and justice,
because he puts an end to war,
and to all forms of violence.
Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Come before the Lord with joy
because he is faithful to his promises,

because his Word is eternal.
Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Know that the Lord is God, and we are
his people, his community, his family.
Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

It is he who has made us to praise his name,
and therefore today, in the same spirit,
we have a festival to celebrate his peace.
Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

from Fourth Sunday in Advent: Living Together in Peace, from the World Council of Churches website http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/

Prayer

Let us pray. O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; stir up compassion within me, and may I be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. In your name we pray. **Amen**

~Adapted from "Remembering Others" by Samuel F. Pugh

Children's Message & Music

Reading of Thankful Things

Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude to the
Giver of all good and perfect gifts. **The Lord be praised.**

Scripture | From Philippians 4:4-7

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Reading

"Gratitude goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy." *~Henri J.M. Nouwen*
Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Gospel Reading* | Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Moment of Reflection

Praise Band Song* *10,000 Reasons*

Readings

Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all. *~William Faulkner*

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity. It turns problems into gifts, failures into success, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. *~Melody Beattie*

Scripture | Colossians 2:6

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Reading of Thankful Things

Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude
to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. **The Lord be praised.**

Prayer Litany: A Generous Harvest

Inspired by 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Sung (Taizé): ***Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.***
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

Creator God, autumn is all around us, beautiful in scarlet and gold. We have heard the Spirit of God in the rustling leaves and are grateful for the harvest you provide. Renew in us our commitment to care for your creation, a gift of immeasurable value. Lord hear our prayer.

Sung (Taizé) ***Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.***
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

God, source of all life, make us awake to your presence. Help us be attentive to

the millions of things that come together and live together in order for us to take even one breath of air. Lord hear our prayer,

Sung (Taizé): ***Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.***
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

In this time of thanksgiving, steer us from passive receiving to active response, from old quarrels to reconciliation, and from overconsumption to true gratitude. Be with all those who struggle with isolation and loneliness. As we grieve the absence of loved ones who now rest among the saints, help us to celebrate the moments of joy and find hope in the midst of heartache. Lift the spirits of any who are in need especially those we name silently or out loud. Lord hear our prayer,

Sung (Taizé): ***Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.***
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

Transforming God, shift our hearts from a fear of scarcity to a heart of generosity. Help us sow your seeds of justice, peace, and joy. May the fruits of our harvest be for all the earth. **Amen.**

Sung (Taizé): ***Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.***
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

Adapted from "A Generous Harvest" by Peggy M De Cuehlo, *Bread of Tomorrow*,

Readings

Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides… When you are aware of all that has been given to you, in your lifetime and the past few days, it is hard not to be humbled and pleased to give back. *~Anne Lamott*

"Like humility, generosity comes from seeing that everything we have and everything we accomplish comes from God's grace and God's love for us . . . Certainly it's from experiencing this generosity of God and the generosity of those in our life that we learn gratitude and to be generous to others." *~Desmond Tutu*

Call to Offering & Noisy Offering

You may place your offering in the offering plates by the door as you exit the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin to give online.

Our noisy offering today will be distributed to the Green Bag Project.

Offering Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God .....ELW (Back of Red Book) **866**

We are Giving…
We are Singing…
We are Dancing…

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984;
Tr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

Offertory Prayer

God our creator, **you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Give us truly thankful hearts for all your abundant gifts. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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.

Special Music..... Carol Keller *vocals*, Kathi Parrish *piano*

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.

Post Communion Prayer*

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have blessed us with your never-ending mercy. May this meal and our songs of praise and thanksgiving strengthen our hearts for a lifetime of gratitude, until we ourselves become an act of praise. **Amen.**

Readings*

Before we can count, we are taught to be grateful for what others do. As we are broken open by our experience, we begin to be grateful for what is, and if we live long enough and deep enough and authentically enough, gratitude becomes a way of life. *~Mark Nepo*

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven. *~Johannes A. Gaertner*

Blessing*

May the Lord of all creation shower
God's blessing and favor upon you. **Amen.**

May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table
with God's presence and fill your loved ones with peace. **Amen.**

And may almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and
Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Praise Band Song *Old Church Choir*

Dismissal*

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Grace Happenings

Scan to view the current Weekly Update Email

Be a Blessing Stewardship Appeal

Our goal for next year is to focus our efforts and resources on the four key ministry areas: worship, relationships, children's ministry, and outreach, increasing our 2027 gifts and offerings by $500/week continuing our many ministries. If you haven't already, please bring your Statement of Intent to church, fill one out here, or mail in your pledge. You may also submit your pledge online at the link included in the Weekly Email. Pray for a generous response to this 2027 Stewardship Appeal. Consider increasing your giving as the Spirit leads you.

Give Thanks Brunch

Join us after worship today in Pat Bell Hall as we give thanks for our stewardship appeal and for all our blessings this Thanksgiving season.

Exciting Giving Tuesday Opportunity with Thrivent

For one day only – Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – Thrivent will match gifts made through their giving platform from a shared pool of up to $3 million in matching funds. ➔*In other words, every dollar you give is matched and given back to Grace*➔. Here is how it works:

- **When** Tuesday, December 1, 2026 ONLY – midnight to 11:59pm in the donor's time zone
- **How it works** Thrivent has set aside a shared pool of up to $3 million in grant funds. Every eligible donation made through their platform on December 1, receives a match from that pool.
- **Who can give** Anyone – you do not need to be a Thrivent member or client to donate
- **Transaction fees** Thrivent covers 100% of transaction fees
- **How** Go to **choice-org-search.apps.thrivent.com/details/100244194980** to access the Grace Lutheran Church giving page (or use the link sent in the weekly update).

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Donations must be made December 1
- Donations must be made online only at the Grace link above
- Donations can only be made using credit/debit card (fees covered by Thrivent).
- For more information and details go to: **thrivent.com/offers/giving-tuesday**

Poinsettia Orders Due by Noon November 25

It's time once again to order poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas! Complete your order form and place it in the offering plate or in Annie's mailbox. Payment can be made by cash, check (memo: poinsettias), or online at **bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline**. You may take your plant home any time after the last Christmas Eve worship service.

Junior Bible Study

Today During Worship

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.

Short Stories by Jesus

11am Thursdays through December 10

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.

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 November newsletter.)

Looking Ahead

*Men's Lunch Noon Wednesdays at Church
*Centering Prayer Mondays at 4:30pm
November 24-30 Pr. Stephanie vacation
November 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30 Pray & Play
December 2 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm
December 3 Short Stories Bible Study
December 6 Food Pantry
December 6 & 13 Fair Trade Sales
December 8 *Naomi Circle 11:30am *offsite*
December 8 & 9 *Quilters
December 9 Bonfire Church
December 10 Short Stories Bible Study
December 11 Kids Club!
December 13 Candles & Carols
December 14 Christmas Dinner RSVP Deadline
December 16 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm
December 20 Children's Christmas Joint Svc
December 24 Office Closes at Noon
December 24 Christmas Eve 5pm & 7pm
December 25 Christmas Dinner at Grace
December 27 Christmas Hymn Sing Joint Svc

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, November 22
8:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Give Thanks Worship
10:30am Give Thanks Brunch

Monday, November 23
11:15am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer – Zoom
7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, November 24
Pastor Stephanie Vacation
10:00am Pastor's Text Study – PBH

Wednesday, November 25
Pastor Stephanie Vacation
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 27
Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 28
Pastor Stephanie Vacation

Sunday, November 29
Pastor Stephanie Vacation
8:30am Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Give Thanks Brunch

Monday, November 30
Pastor Stephanie Vacation
8:30am Pray & Play to 4pm
4:30pm Centering Prayer – Zoom
7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, December 1
10:00am Pastor's Text Study – PBH
1:30pm Personnel Mtg - PBH
6:00pm CYF Mtg - PBH

Wednesday, December 2
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
5:00pm Property Mtg – Narthex
5:30pm Grief Support Group – PBH
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 3
11:00am Short Stories Bible Study

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

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 ..... Russ Finkler, Colleen Levsen, Chuck Lehman, Ken Krumwiede (basket)
Communion Bread ..... Carol Keller
Acolyte ..... NEEDED
Greeters ..... Sue & Mark Janssen
Ushers ..... Rod Levsen Sr, Rod Levsen Jr
Jr Bible Study ..... Jane Krumwiede, Pastor Kirsten
Sound System ..... Russ Finkler, Anne Pacha
Livestream Tech ..... Dan Carney
Altar Guild ..... Jackie Cain
Heart & Voice Choir Director ..... Sally Meier
Organist ..... Susan Senn
Pianist ..... Kathi Parrish
Praise Band Leader ..... Rob Leveridge
Coffee Hour ..... Join us in Pat Bell Hall for Brunch!

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