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Welcome!

**We are delighted you've joined us for
worship!**

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Announcements

**We welcome you to community worship on Wednesdays at
6:30pm in Sylvania Park!**

**Thank you to our ecumenical partner churches who are sharing
in today's worship service as well!**

God's Work. Our Hands!

@ Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 13 at 9:30am

Worship | Service Projects | Picnic

Gathering Music

“Awake My Soul”

(Please join us in singing the songs today!)

- 1 Breathe in me breath of God
breathe in me
Breathe in me breath of God
breathe in me
I come alive I'm alive when You breathe in me
I come alive I'm alive when You breathe in me

Chorus

Awake awake awake my soul
God resurrect these bones
From death to life for You alone
Awake my soul



- 2 Speak to me Word of God
speak to me
Speak to me Word of God speak to me
I come alive I'm alive when You speak to me oh
I come alive I'm alive when You speak to me **(Chorus x2)**

Welcome & Invite

Pastor Allison

Worship Songs

“Graves Into Gardens“

- 1 I searched the world but it
couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

- 2 I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
 My failures and flaws
 Lord You've seen them all
 And You still call me friend
 'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
 And there's not a place
 Your mercy and grace won't find me again **(Chorus)**

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing
 You give beauty for ashes
 You turn shame into glory
 You're the only one who can
 You turn graves into gardens
 You turn bones into armies
 You turn seas into highways
 You're the only one who can **(Chorus x2)**

You turn graves into gardens
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“Holy Water”

- 1 God I'm on my knees again
 God I'm begging please again
 I need You
 Oh I need You
 Walking down these desert roads
 Water for my thirsty soul
 I need You
 Oh I need You



Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)

- 2 Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You
Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh **(Chorus)**



Bridge x 2

I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change **(Chorus)**

Ending

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water

Freed by God's Love

Pastor Cory

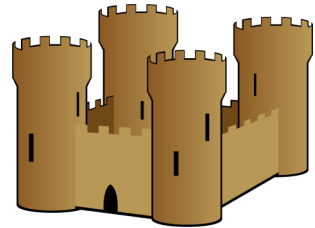
Gracious God, we come before you as broken people from our mistakes, problems, choices and traumas. We have gone on our own selfish ways and not your ways of love and obedience. We are truly sorry. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus so that we are forgiven, healed and made whole. You call us your beloved children. Help us to walk in your love and your light.

Words of God's Grace**Pastor Cory**

You are forgiven and called sisters and brothers in Christ. Amen

Worship Song**“How Deep the Father's Love For Us”**

- 1 How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory
- 2 Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished
- 3 I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Pastor Jeff

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”



Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Pastor Jeff

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The

scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Gospel Reading and Message: Matthew 14:22-33

Pastor Cole

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Offering: “There Was Jesus”

Jen Kahler & Steph Johnson

Apostles Creed - Pastor Cory

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,

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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 - Pastor Allison

Response: *"Hear Our Prayer"*

Holy Communion

Pastor Allison

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
 be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen

"This Is Amazing Grace"

- 1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
 Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
 The King of Glory the King above all kings

- 2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
 And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
 The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
 This is unfailing love
 That You would take my place
 That You would bear my cross
 You laid down Your life That I would be set free
 Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

- 3 Who brings our chaos back into order
 Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
 The King of Glory the King of Glory
 Who rules the nations with truth and justice
 Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
 The King of Glory the King above all kings **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy worthy worthy **(Chorus)**



Blessing and Sending

Pastor Cole

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Thank you for worshipping at this special summer service!

Our worship is led by:

Rev. Dr. Allison Cobb: Grace Lutheran Church
Rev. Jeff Adams: First United Methodist Church
Musicians: Praise Band

Rev. Cole McCormick: Grace Lutheran Church
Rev. Cory Germain: First Congregational UCC
Tech: Blake Potthoff

All Are Welcome to the Blessing of the Animals!



Bring your furry family member to Sylvania Park on Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30PM for an animal themed worship service. Our praise band will lead us in silly animal songs and all of our scriptures and prayers will focus on God's gift of animals. The service also includes a time of bringing your animal forward to receive a blessing, even if it is from a cell phone picture or in an enclosure. Well-mannered creatures only, please. Small farm critters are welcome too!

Grace Lutheran Church Fall Worship Schedule

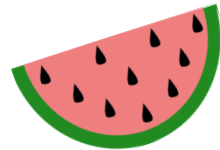
Beginning September 20!

Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:35am Adult Education and Fellowship Hour
10:45am Contemporary Worship

Wednesday

4:30 - 6:00pm Open Door Community Meal
5:30 - 6:25pm BLAST (Prek- 6th grade)
6:30 - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday
6:30 - 7:45pm Confirmation (7th - 10th grade)
7:00 - 7:45pm Senior High Class



Save the Dates

August 26th- BLAST Teacher Orientation at 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

September 9th- Back to Fall Night for BLAST and Confirmation Families 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with worship following.

September 13th- God's Work. Our Hands 9:30am Worship with blessings for BLAST Teachers, Confirmation Adult Small Group Leaders, and backpacks. (Kids are invited to bring your school backpack to worship.)

September 16th- BLAST & Confirmation Begin

September 27th- 2nd Grade Bible Workshop at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall & 2nd Grade Bible Presentation at 8:30am and 10:45am Worship Services.

October 25th- Reformation Confirmation Sunday

Watch our Facebook for more detailed information to come!

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

God's work. Our hands.



God's Work. Our Hands! At Grace Lutheran Church

Mark your calendars for a morning of worship, service, and fellowship on Sunday September 13. We will be worshipping at 9:30AM with the blessing of BLAST teachers, confirmation adult small group leaders and kids are invited to bring your backpack for a blessing. Then we will assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief, and share in a variety of projects. At noon, we will gather for a pork lunch.

Lutheran World Relief Health Kit Donations Needed!

For God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, we will be assembling kits and need the following items. Please drop off new items, still in original packaging, in the Gathering Space. Our goal is to assemble **125 kits** to be shipped to people in need around the world. If you have a Thrivent Action Team card that you would like to donate for this project, please see Pastor Cole.

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (Try to find 4 oz. bars)
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ONE sturdy wide-tooth comb
- ONE metal nail clippers suitable for adults

NOTE: Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name OR any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. All individual donations must be dropped off at church by the end of the day on **Wednesday, September 9!**

First Congregational UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of August 10 – August 16, 2026

Mon Aug 10: 9:30 Pastor's Office closed, 5:30 Hospital Foundation

Tue Aug 11: 6:00 Facilities board

Wed Aug 12: 6:30 Wednesday Community Worship at the Park (Sylvania Park)

Sun Aug 16: 10:00 Worship, 11:30 Meeting about membership

Birthdays for Aug 9 – Aug 15, 2026

Aug 9 Britney Goerndt

Aug 10 John Larson

Aug 11 Donna Holstine

Aug 13 Deb Adams, Amanda Cain

Aug 15 Preston Rachuy-Davis

Anniversaries: Aug 9 - Aug 15, 2026

Aug 12 Eric & Rowena Johnson 26 yrs

Aug 13 Billy & Jenna McAlister 15 yrs

Are you new to First Congregational United Church of Christ? Have you attended here for several years without officially joining? We want YOU to become a MEMBER! We'll meet after worship on August 16 and 30 (*only one session is required —RSVP with the church office for one or the other*), and plan to welcome you into official membership during worship on September 20!

The Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) will be meeting on August 23rd. They welcome all communication from the Pastor and congregation. Please feel free to contact one of the members: Jon Neitzel, Sherry Larson, Ruth Ann Jones or Marilyn Forstrom.

The green flags on the church lawn are marking a drainpipe underground. Please leave them where they are located. Thanks, Facilities board

The August Free Community Meal is on Wednesday, August 26th. Rotary Club will be serving a meal starting at 5:30 PM. Menu TBD. All are Welcome!

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Wednesdays: Noon – evening meetings & appointments

**Pastor Cory is available for counseling and home visitation when requested, as well as hospital visitation when informed. Call the church office or cell.*



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