Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA
Fairmont, MN

WAYS OF GRACE

Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.

November 2026

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 22nd at 9:30am



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Gather Together



We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month, we gather to give thanks to God, not only with loved ones around the table, with plates full of turkey and dressing, but also with our loved ones gathered around God's heavenly table. The psalmist writes, *5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* (Psalm 23:5-6)

As November worship begins with All Saints Day, we remember those gathered at God's heavenly table. During the service, we will read the names of congregation members who have died in the last year, lighting a candle and ringing a bell for each one. The congregation will then be invited forward to light candles in memory of other saints who have gone home to God. We give thanks for those who nurtured our faith and shared their love of Jesus so that we, too, might know his grace, love, and forgiveness. All Saints Day reminds us that we are held in the baptismal promise of resurrection and will one day be reunited with those we love.

Later in the month, we are invited to gather for *One Big Sunday of Thanks*, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22, for one 9:30AM worship service. The Cherub, Alleluia, Celebration, and Chancel choirs will all be singing during this special service as we bless the food collected during our November *Fill the Altar* food drive and thank God for all our blessings. After worship, the congregation is invited to the fellowship hall for pumpkin bars and hot cider, then back to the sanctuary for the *Hanging of the Greens*!

The *Hanging of the Greens* is a fun time of holiday cheer as we decorate the sanctuary for the season of Advent which begins on Sunday, November 29. We bring out the Christmas trees, garland, manger, and Advent wreath and need many hands to decorate! Pizza will be ordered to share lunch together when we are finished, which will likely be by 12:30pm. From kids to elders, all are invited to participate as we prepare to welcome the baby Jesus on Christmas!

November is a time of gathering around tables: the communion table, the dinner table, and the heavenly table. The Holy Spirit continues this work of bringing the body of Christ together so that all are welcomed, fed, and sent forth sharing the good news of the gospel. Who can you invite around one of these tables this month? We hope to see you, and some new faces, during this special season as we walk the path of our beloved saints, and share the faith.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Allison



WORSHIP



Sundays: 8:30AM Traditional,
10:45AM Contemporary

Tuesdays: 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12
(pre-recorded)

Wednesdays: 6:30PM WOW, Worship on Wednesday!

***Communion** is offered each Sunday and Wednesday.

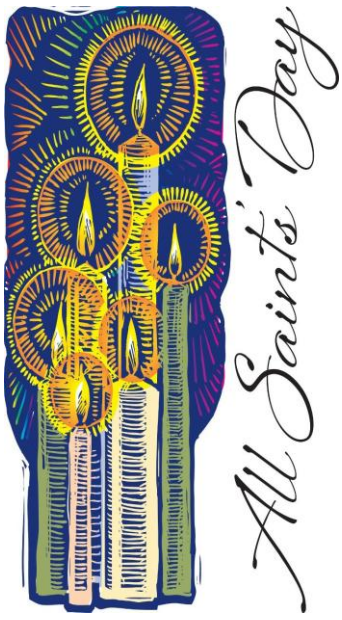
***All services will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.**



Senior Living Worship Services this Month: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10AM on the Memory Care side with Communion at Goldfinch, and every 2nd Monday of the month, 10AM, at Lakeview Methodist home in the chapel, with communion. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!



Thanksgiving Worship: Let's Give Thanks to God Together! On Sunday, November 22, come to worship and praise God at our annual worship services of thanks. Many of Grace's choirs will be singing! We will be blessing the food that you have donated in our Fill the Altar Food Drive and consecrate our pledge cards that you have faithfully filled out during our 2026 Stewardship Campaign, *Gather. Grow. Give: Stewards of God's Grace.* Thank you to everyone who has contributed to both feeding our neighbors and prayerfully considering your financial support for Grace in the coming year. We will have one worship service at 9:30am. We will share this Thanksgiving theme with a special fellowship hour in the Gathering Space after worship, where pumpkin bars and cider will be served. Invite your friends for a festive celebration of thanks to God!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, we will honor and remember all those saints from our congregation who have passed from this life to their eternal home. As their name is read, a bell will be rung and a candle will be lit in their honor, and in remembrance of them. Below is our list of saints who have passed away since November 2, 2025.

Mavis Anderson
Helen Bellin
Vickie Berhow
Wilma Bird-Swanson
Susie Davis
Diane Evans
Delphine Hanson
DeeAnne Helfritz
Elayne Hested
Maynard Johnson
Reily Junkermeier
Lois Kessler
Patricia Knewtson
Joyce McKee
Lorraine Reiter
Ted Schaefer
Tom Sime
Betty Snyder
Bette Stevens
Bob Strom
John Thomas
Velma Vickerman
Marcia Willard
Bob Witty

BUSINESS OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
10/18/26

Present: Corey, Mark, Joyce, Cindy, Brenda, Jane, Pastor Allison
Absent: Andy, Katie, Nancy, Stephanie, Terry, Pastor Cole
Note: No quorum.

Items discussed:

Minutes approved via email. Financial and team reports were accepted.

Day care to open 10/19/26. Hours are 7-5, Monday through Friday.

Service Team has been working on several projects including lawn care, working to get the roof leaks taken care of.
New maintenance man has been hired and will begin working November 1.

Profinium bank has given a grant of $2,000+ to help with lower-level handicap bathroom as part of a community fund.

The Star Tree Team has connected with several non-profits and will have tree and stars up November 7. Cindy to reach out to Travis for set-up of Star and Sock Trees.

Discussion on re-allocation of unused portions of ministry line items in the budget to repurpose for worship tech assistance. Pastor Cole will also work with the Missions Team to invite them to provide bi-annual newsletter articles to share about the organizations Grace mission dollars support. Ministry team budgets are due November 1 to Jane.

Worship Committee to discuss ideas for a musical remembrance for DeeAnne Helfritz's memorials.

Council brainstormed congregation members to ask to serve on next year's Council to provide a balance of worship services, ministries, and time at Grace.

Next Meeting: November 15 at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Wohlhuter



Memorials

Ted Schaefer Memorial

Bruce & Connie Donnelly	Undesignated
Arv & Joanne Soma	General

Bob Strom Memorial

So. Central Chapter 32	Undesignated
Curt & Ellen Nelson	Undesignated

Thank you

for your memorial gifts!



Want to Fund a Building and Grounds Project at Grace???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

Lower-level paint project	$100
Wall Repair	$500
LED Lights for Fellowship Hall	$1200
New Toilets	$2000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	$10,000

For more project information, please contact the office. Thank you!



The church office will be closed November 26 for Thanksgiving!

November Open Door Meal Schedule

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Evenings from 4:30-6:00pm.

Nov. 4: Meatballs

Nov. 11: Soup/Chili

Nov 18: Spaghetti

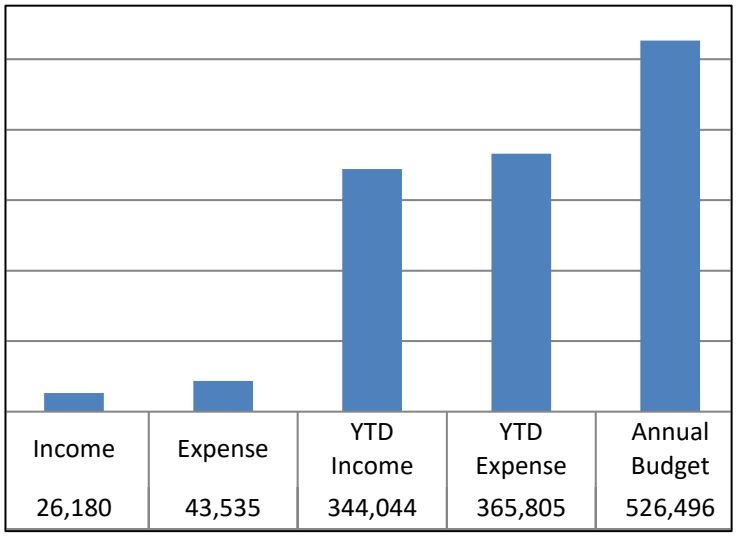
Nov. 25: NO MEAL



October Baptisms

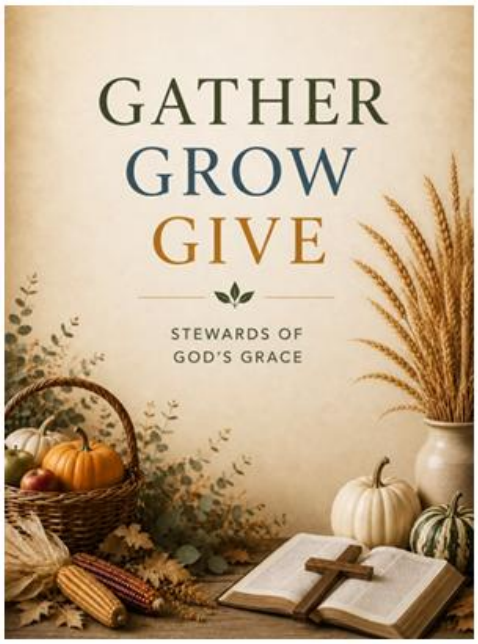
We celebrate the baptism of:
Bryer William Borchardt

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR SEPTEMBER



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

GATHER.GROW.GIVE: STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE



What defines your life? Is it wealth? belongings? faith? Many of us live with a scarcity mentality, worried that we must gather and hoard as much as possible, saving for some imagined "rainy day." Others go to the opposite extreme, focusing on self-gratification. But the Bible promises both God's blessings and joy for those who choose to live another way.

Our stewardship focus this year is being good stewards of God's grace. To do this, God gathers us together as the body of Christ, helps us to grow in our faith through worship, study, and service, and then calls us to give back to the ministries which help others know Jesus.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as stewards of God's varied grace." --1 Peter 4:10

As you prayerfully consider your giving in 2027, a great question to ponder is, "Where do you gather, grow, and give through the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church?" As we look at the ministries of Grace, your financial giving supports six main areas: Administration, Worship, Youth and Families, Fellowship and Outreach, and Facilities and Maintenance. Volunteering your time and sharing your skills also enables the ministries of Grace to not only continue but to grow.

The Holy Spirit is constantly encouraging and leading us as we invite others to hear God's Word at Grace, experience table fellowship, and serve together. God speaks to each of us in various and different ways, and every gift of financial support, time, and hospitality is welcomed and needed to do God's work through Grace. Where is the Holy Spirit nudging you to share your blessings to bless others?

Later this month, you will be receiving an Estimate of Giving Commitment Card in the mail. The commitment card is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what offering you will make to God through our church in the coming year. For those experiencing financial hardships, we understand and hope you will consider giving of your time and talents, especially through attending worship. This is where we hear God's love for us, receive words of forgiveness and assurance, and are fed at God's table for the week ahead. Please fill out the card and bring it with you to worship or the office in November. If you prefer to email in your pledge card, please take a picture with your phone, or scan the card, and email it to office@gracelutheranchurch.org. This pledge card is confidential and only seen by our financial staff. Thank you for your generosity and gifts!

Stepping Up In Faith: Weekly Giving by Percentage of Income

Thank you for prayerfully considering your weekly financial support of Grace Lutheran and stepping up 1% if possible. For those beginning to give, starting at 1% is wonderful!

Annual Income	Weekly Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
$ 10,000	$ 192	$ 1.92	$ 3.85	$ 5.77	$ 7.69	$ 9.62	$ 11.54	$ 13.46	$ 15.38	$ 17.31	$ 19.23
$ 20,000	$ 385	$ 3.85	$ 7.69	$ 11.54	$ 15.38	$ 19.23	$ 23.08	$ 26.92	$ 30.77	$ 34.62	$ 38.46
$ 30,000	$ 577	$ 5.77	$ 11.54	$ 17.31	$ 23.08	$ 28.85	$ 34.62	$ 40.38	$ 46.15	$ 51.92	$ 57.69
$ 40,000	$ 769	$ 7.69	$ 15.38	$ 23.08	$ 30.77	$ 38.46	$ 46.15	$ 53.85	$ 61.54	$ 69.23	$ 76.92
$ 50,000	$ 962	$ 9.62	$ 19.23	$ 28.85	$ 38.46	$ 48.08	$ 57.69	$ 67.31	$ 76.92	$ 86.54	$ 96.15
$ 60,000	$ 1,154	$ 11.54	$ 23.08	$ 34.62	$ 46.15	$ 57.69	$ 69.23	$ 80.77	$ 92.31	$ 103.85	$ 115.38
$ 70,000	$ 1,346	$ 13.46	$ 26.92	$ 40.38	$ 53.85	$ 67.31	$ 80.77	$ 94.23	$ 107.69	$ 121.15	$ 134.62
$ 80,000	$ 1,538	$ 15.38	$ 30.77	$ 46.15	$ 61.54	$ 76.92	$ 92.31	$ 107.69	$ 123.08	$ 138.46	$ 153.85
$ 90,000	$ 1,731	$ 17.31	$ 34.62	$ 51.92	$ 69.23	$ 86.54	$ 103.85	$ 121.15	$ 138.46	$ 155.77	$ 173.08
$ 100,000	$ 1,923	$ 19.23	$ 38.46	$ 57.69	$ 76.92	$ 96.15	$ 115.38	$ 134.62	$ 153.85	$ 173.08	$ 192.31
$ 110,000	$ 2,115	$ 21.15	$ 42.31	$ 63.46	$ 84.62	$ 105.77	$ 126.92	$ 148.08	$ 169.23	$ 190.38	$ 211.54
$ 120,000	$ 2,308	$ 23.08	$ 46.15	$ 69.23	$ 92.31	$ 115.38	$ 138.46	$ 161.54	$ 184.62	$ 207.69	$ 230.77
$ 130,000	$ 2,500	$ 25.00	$ 50.00	$ 75.00	$ 100.00	$ 125.00	$ 150.00	$ 175.00	$ 200.00	$ 225.00	$ 250.00
$ 140,000	$ 2,692	$ 26.92	$ 53.85	$ 80.77	$ 107.69	$ 134.62	$ 161.54	$ 188.46	$ 215.38	$ 242.31	$ 269.23
$ 150,000	$ 2,885	$ 28.85	$ 57.69	$ 86.54	$ 115.38	$ 144.23	$ 173.08	$ 201.92	$ 230.77	$ 259.62	$ 288.46

Stewardship Is Taking Many Forms at Grace!

A lawn crew has been working to clean up our grounds and set up things to get roof repairs done. Paint is being refreshed around our church and Star tree volunteers are gathering lists from several organizations to help schools and non-profits with Christmas gifts.

Office volunteers are getting service items ready for our Thanksgiving Sunday and for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Stewardship takes a sewing form too and we thank Dar Parks for sharing her gift of quilting and making a banner for the fellowship hall.

All these contributions are so important to Grace and appreciated by all.

AND… as we contemplate what commitment we can make to cover our budget, we cannot forget that funds are also needed. Please consider giving back to God what God has given you.

Your Stewardship Team





CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Living Out Our Faith Together



- **Celebration Choir**: Practice Sundays at 9:30AM, Sing at 10:45AM worship services, during program year.
- **Chancel Choir:** Practice Wednesdays at 5:15PM, Sing at 8:30AM worship services, during program year.
- **Care Ministers**: Call, visit, and possibly share communion with a homebound member! Contact Pastor Allison for more information.
- **Service Team**: Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30PM monthly to discuss budgets, building, and more!
- **Stewardship Team**: Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM monthly to oversee year-round stewardship of time, talents, and treasures.
- **Fellowship/Outreach Team:** Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm to discuss Grace Pantry, fellowship, and special events such as Oktoberfest, Fill the Altar Food Drive, and service days.
- **CYF Team**: Meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30PM to connect about youth ministry and events.
- **Worship Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm to plan inclusive and welcoming worship for all ages.
- **Meal Ministry Team:** Deliver a meal to someone struggling or in need! Contact Nancy Backer at nurse_nancyb@hotmail.com to join this group.
- **Prayer Team:** Meets every Tuesday at 1pm to pray over the congregation's prayer list.



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form:



I would like to buy a Poinsettia:

IN MEMORY/ HONOR OF:

_____

FROM:

_____

_____ **6" Red $12.00**

One the line beside the size, please write in the amount you would like to purchase. Please drop off this order form and payment in church office. Deadline for orders is November 9th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are excited and blessed to welcome Tim Siegler as our new Maintenance Manager here at Grace Lutheran Church! Tim has a wealth of experience in maintenance, holds a Minnesota 2B boiler license, and will be overseeing the upkeep of our church grounds and building. His dedication ensures that our spaces remain inviting for worship, fellowship, and ministry. Tim will begin his role on November 2nd. Please join us in giving Tim a warm greeting and praying for his success in this important role.



Now Hiring: Travis Anderson, our part-time maintenance worker, has resigned, and we thank him for his service at Grace. We are now hiring a 14 hour a week Maintenance Worker whose primary responsibilities include bi-weekly cleaning and assisting Tim, our Maintenance Manager, with set-up, light maintenance, and sidewalk shoveling and salting. The Maintenance Worker job description and application are found on the Grace Lutheran Church website.



Fill the Altar Food Drive! It is that time of year when we thank God for the bounty of the harvest and give to those who are hungry. Fill the altar food drive will be happening throughout November. Microwave meals, SPAM, canned tuna/meat, canned pasta, canned soup, protein bars, toilet paper, easy mac, ramen shelf stable milk, salt and pepper, can openers, small sized laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, deodorant, small hand sanitizer are all welcome. Much will be dispersed through our pantry and 10% will be shared with Heaven's Table.

The Sock Tree Returns: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, proclaim peace, who bring good tidings! (Isaiah 52:7) You are invited to bring new socks for all ages to keep the feet of God's beloved warm and toasty. Good quality new socks are needed which will be given locally to our schools for children needing socks, Options Pregnancy Center for women and children, the Salvation Army, and Grace Care Bags for our guests this winter. Decorate the bare trees in the Gathering Space with your socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas.





Christmas Star Tree: Each year Grace has a Star Tree where our members can take a star to purchase gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Each Star lists the gender, age, and gift request and whether your package should be wrapped or unwrapped. The Star Tree will be ready on Sunday, November 9 and gifts should be returned on or before December 6. Please be sure to sign out your Star with your name and phone number. If you know of someone that you would like to add to our giving list or if you have any questions or if you would like to pick a star, but shopping is inconvenient for you, please contact Cindy Wohlhuter 507-236-4403. Thank you!

Let Us Walk to the Manger Together! The season of Advent will soon be upon us, and there is a place for you here at Grace! Each Wednesday in Advent, we will be offering *Joyous Light* at 6:30PM. Come for supper from 4:30-6:00pm and then enjoy a time of peaceful worship in the sanctuary. Confirmation students are asked to invite their mentor to join them for worship, with discussion to follow, ending at 7:15PM. This replaces our regular weekly class. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their students at the parking lot entrance and pick them up at 7:15PM. The Staff at Grace wish you and yours a blessed Advent season!





Homes for Homeless Snowmen Sale: On November 8,11, & 15 we will have our snowmen adoption sale in the gathering area. Adopt one of these snowy figures with a donation and give it a place in your home or office this winter to remind you of the help you provided for area homeless and others in need! Donations will go to programs which serve the homeless. Thank you!



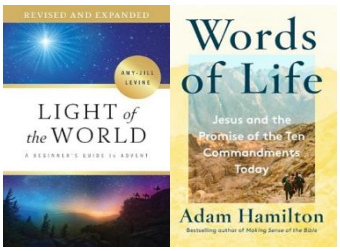
Men's Breakfast: Men of all ages are invited to a monthly breakfast at The Ranch restaurant on the first Monday of the month at 7:00AM. Come for a devotion, fellowship, and good breakfast food.
When: Monday November 2 at 6:30AM
Where: The Ranch Restaurant
Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!



Cup of Hope Welcomes You On Tuesday November 3rd at Noon! Anyone experiencing grief, whether new or old, is welcome to Grace's monthly Cup of Hope grief coffee. This gathering will include a brief devotion on grief and time for coffee and conversation. As the Apostle Paul tells the early church, through Jesus, we have hope in the promise of new life to come where we will be reunited with those we love. We will meet in the Lounge on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Noon. Feel free to bring a lunch as we share in this walk together and hear encouraging words of God's love and comfort along the way. For more information, please see Pastor Allison. Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." – John 16:20



Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 22: All Ages are invited to help with hanging of the greens on Sunday, November 22nd after the 9:30am service. This is when we decorate Grace for Advent and Christmas. We will have a special activity for all the kids and pizza will be served. Many hands make lighter work. Please contact Del Prescott or Pastor Cole if you can help. We will meet in the Gathering Space to decorate at 11:00am. Many hands are needed to get the trees up in the sanctuary and Gathering Space, the manger by the altar, change the flags and paraments to blue, and put out the Advent wreath. With your help, we hope to have this accomplished in an hour. Come for as long as you are able as we prepare God's house in anticipation of Jesus coming at Christmas.



Adult Education: Grab your coffee and donut holes and head to the Lounge for casual conversation and faith formation at 9:40am in the Louge. We continue with a series entitled *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today.* Then on November 29 we begin our 4-week Advent study. This year we will be talking about *Light of the World. A Beginners Guide to Advent.* Hope you will come and invite a friend!

GLC Missions Christmas Tree Sales: Lot set up will be November 7 or 14 depending on the weather. Volunteers will be needed on November 21 to unload, unwrap, stage, and tag the trees. Many hands make light work. We are hoping to get 12-16 people to assist with this project as we will be opening the lot the next day.



Instead of opening the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we will be opening the Sunday before. We also are shifting our hours to open an hour sooner and also close an hour earlier. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, usually raising between $7-9K. We appreciate those than can help with set-up and sales during this fundraiser.

Sign-up Genius Link for Christmas Tree Volunteers:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-66887852-2026

Adult Faith Formation at Grace! Did you know that Grace offers Sunday School for adults during the school year? We meet in the Lounge between Sunday morning worship services for coffee and conversation. Each class has a video segment and discussion, and there is no homework! Pastor Allison chooses a variety of speakers and topics throughout the year, some from the Old Testament, some from the New Testament, others on certain Bible characters or topics like faith and doubt. Below are this program year's topics. Please invite a friend and we hope to see you there!



- Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today by Rev. Adam Hamilton
- Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine
- Questions Jesus Asked: A Six-Week Study in the Gospels by Rev. Magrey DeVega
- Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross by Rev. Susan Robb
- Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit by Dr. Matthew L. Skinner



Do You Like to Sing??? The choirs at Grace need your voices and passion for praising God! The Chancel Choir sings at 8:30AM Traditional service and practices on Wednesdays from 5:15pm-6:15pm. The Celebration Choir sings at 10:45AM Contemporary service and practices at 9:40AM on Sunday mornings. We welcome you to join in the fun, make some new friends, and be a part of worship!

Office Volunteers Needed: We are looking to "staff" the office with volunteers from 9:00am to Noon and Noon to 3:00pm. During that time, volunteers would greet guests and answer phones. This will allow our office administrator, Nicole Kolbe, to have uninterrupted time for working on the church newsletter, two weekly bulletins, and the ministry minutes. Volunteers can knit, read, or spend their time in an activity of their choosing while covering the phones. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer. 507-238-4418 | office@gracelutheranchurch.org





Gift wrapping fundraiser on Sunday, December 6th. Everyone is invited to bring in your gifts to be wrapped by our youth between 8am and 1pm in the fellowship hall. We will have slips you can use to mark if the gift is for a girl, boy, or adult. Pick them up after the worship service you attend, drop them off and stop back before 1pm, or wait while you enjoy some hot coco and treats. Proceeds will be used for National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis summer of 2027, youth lock in January 2027, future youth trips, and youth attending Lutheran Bible camps.

Thrivent Grant Ideas:

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Please sign up on the calendar by the Care Table in the Gathering

Building & Misc.
Lawn Care Supplies
Office Postage
Cleaning Supplies

Congregational Care
Prayer Shawl Yarn
Grief Packets
Homebound Christmas Gifts

Fellowship
Council Retreat
Palm Sunday Brunch
Meal for God's Grace is Amazing Day
Octoberfest Dinner
Cocoa and Carols
Christmas Eve

Outreach & Missions Mission
Phantom Tea
Open Door Meal
Grace Pantry
Care Bags God's
Grace is Amazing Day
God's Work. Our Hands
Apple Pie Bake
Glows Parade Candy
Mission Christmas Tree Lot
Community Carols Singalong
Sock Tree
Star Tree
Fill the Altar Food Drive

Worship
Communion Elements
Paper for Bulletins
Baptism Bags
Altar Guild Supplies
Thanksgiving Sunday Treats

Youth
End of Year Party
Camp Fees
Bible Camp Scholarships
Supplies for Faith Formation

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

Wednesday Schedule

Open Door Meal: 4:30PM - 6:00PM - All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.
BLAST, PreK-6th Grade: 5:30PM- 6:25PM - This includes Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons, and fun!
WOW: Worship on Wednesday: 6:30PM - 7:00PM in the Sanctuary
Confirmation, 7th - 9th Grade: 6:30PM - 7:45PM
Senior High Class 10th -12th Grade: 7:00PM - 7:45PM in the Lounge

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Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmands!
May God bless you and may you always remain strong in your faith!

Madelyn Campbell
Kylie Flanagan
Holden Junkermeier
Peyton Klusmeier
Audrey Nemmers
Jaxson Weihe
Georgia Werre
Jenna Fett
Lidya Gronewold
Kaylee Kloeckner
Raelynn Meyerdirk
Emma Schmidt
Corinn Wells
Cooper Wiederhoeft



Confirmation Service Project: Glows Parade: Confirmation youth will be walking behind the Grace Lutheran Church float. On Friday, November 20th, we will be handing out bags with candy and information about our Christmas Eve worship services. More details will be emailed out later this month about where to meet and be picked up. The lineup is at 5:15pm, parade kicks off at 6pm. It begins at Downtown Plaza and goes to Lincoln Park. Come for a fun night and a great way to begin the holiday season.



BLAST Reminders: Cherub and Alleluia choirs sing at the 9:30am Thanksgiving worship on 11/22
11/26 – No Wednesday evening activities

Confirmation Reminders: Next worship note on Sunday, November 22nd Please continue to watch the reader and confessor schedule and switch with someone in your small group if you are unable to come on a Sunday that you have been assigned. Readings can be found on the church website front page on Thursday of each week.



Baby Bible Class: Baby Bible class meets next on Wednesday, November 4th 5:30pm in room 107 on the lower level. This class is for newborn through age 2 along with parents, grandparents, etc. We will be reading the story of Joseph and his brothers from Genesis, continue to learn the song BIBLE, small activity, and have snacks.



Pizza Ranch Fundraiser: Another amazing turnout on Tuesday, October 20! Thank you to everyone that was able to come and eat and to all the volunteers that were able to help. We raised $450 for the National Youth Gathering this Summer of 2027. Thank you so much for the continued support of our youth!

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER

8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Nov. 1	Sunday, Nov. 8	Sunday, Nov. 15	Sunday, Nov. 22 9:30am Worship	Sunday, Nov. 29
Communion Preparer	Jennifer Moore Sharon Elliot	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Joyce Eisenmanger Peggy Jones	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Jennifer Moore Sharon Elliot
Communion Server	Allen & Karen Struck	Nancy Backer Ben Jordan	Joyce Eisenmanger Peggy Jones	Allen & Karen Struck	Marian Holland Ben Jordan
Lector	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever	Debbie Morris	Ben Jordan
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang Blake Potthoff	Justin Schmidt
Ushers	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler

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10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, Nov. 1	Sunday, Nov. 8	Sunday, Nov. 15		Sunday, Nov. 29
Communion Preparer	Becky & Dave Johnson	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Brenda & Randy Lubenow		Elayne Baumgart Ardel Prescott
Communion Server	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson		Elayne Baumgart Ardel Prescott
Lector	Connie Donelly	Amber Hansen	Brian Roggow		**Need Volunteer**
Sound Tech	Louise Hendricks	Enos Breitbarth	**Need Volunteer**		Amber Hansen
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Amber Hansen		Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris		Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris

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WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, November 2 – ALL SAINTS DAY
All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16
Second Reading: 1 Kings 17: 17-24
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 8 - Pentecost 24
Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15 - Pentecost 25
Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22 - Pentecost 26
On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 29 - Advent
Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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1 **All Saints Day** **Daylight-Saving Time Ends** 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:40am Adult Education 10:45am Contemporary Worship	2 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm - 2:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	3 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am Sewing Circle **12:00pm Cup of Hope Grief Group** 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 4:00pm - 5:00pm Organ Practice	4 Women's CBS 4:30pm - 6:00pm Open Door Community Meal 5:30pm - 6:25pm Baby Bible Class 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW: Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm - 7:45pm Senior High Class	5 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	6	7
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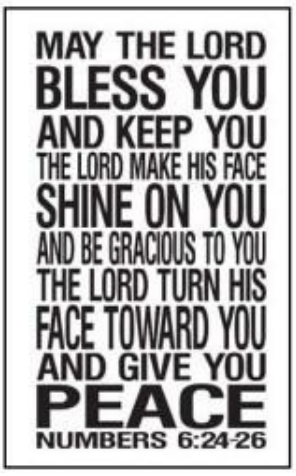
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