
Grace Lutheran Church

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Divine Service: Sunday 10:30 AM

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Our Vision: Welcoming people to grow in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace.

For Our Guests

Dear friend, welcome to Grace! Make yourself at home. Grace Lutheran Church is a family made up of regular, imperfect people growing in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace, rejoicing together in God's restoration and forgiveness, and celebrating our new life in Christ Jesus. If you have any questions for us, please don't hesitate to speak with an usher or the pastor.

If you're in Niagara Falls on vacation right now, thanks for coming! We pray this worship service refreshes your spirit by showing you a wonder even more beautiful than the mighty Falls He made: the depth of His amazing love for you.

If you live in the area, we pray you find comfort, peace and joy through the worship service today. We would be delighted to worship with you again, and if you don't have a church home and you'd like to become part of the Grace family, please speak with an usher or the pastor.

RESTROOMS are located in the parent's room (back of the church) and next to the parking lot door.

** I have children, and they're not always quiet. Do you mind?*

We warmly welcome children to worship just like Jesus did, and we love the liveliness they bring to the service. If your little one's crying is making you uncomfortable, there's a cry room in back for your convenience. Don't worry about coming and going if that's what you need to do. We're parents and grandparents too. We've been there and we understand!

** The plate's coming. Do I have to give an offering?*

Members of Grace have the privilege and responsibility of stewarding the mission of our congregation through generous giving. God teaches that giving comes from a joyful heart, not under compulsion. If you are visiting today, you are not expected to participate in the offering; please direct your gift to your home congregation.

** What about Holy Communion?*

Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and in other special services. We believe what Jesus says about Holy Communion: that it is His body and blood, not symbolically but actually present, given to us for the forgiveness of sins. The Bible cautions that anyone who receives Communion without this understanding will be receiving it to their great harm.

For this reason, out of sincere love, we ask that those who commune at this altar are baptized Christians who, having been instructed in the faith, regret their sins and desire to receive Christ's real Body and Blood for forgiveness, trusting in God's Word as He revealed it in Scripture. If you are not a member of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with the pastor before you commune.

If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward for a pastoral blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail. There is non-alcoholic white wine on each tray for those who require it. Finally, those who have difficulty walking may indicate such to an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

In the timeless tradition of the Christian church, the Common Cup is offered to all. If you desire to commune using the common cup, raise your hand as the individual cups approach, then assist the Elder by holding the chalice at its base and guiding it as you receive.

Members and Guests: Please help us serve you by indicating your presence today, and any special needs, on the fellowship sheet in your bulletin & place in offering plate.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026

– based on Divine Service 1: LSB 151 –

This symbol () means that part of the service is found in the Lutheran Service Book hymnal.

Welcome, Announcements

Hymn of Invocation: “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

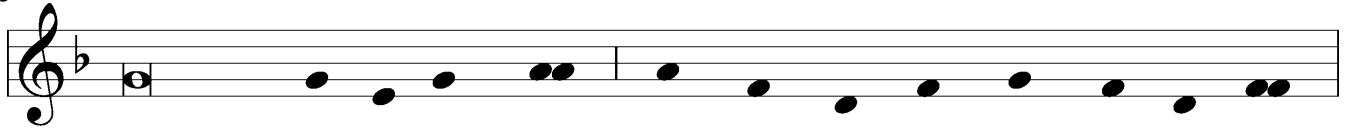
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



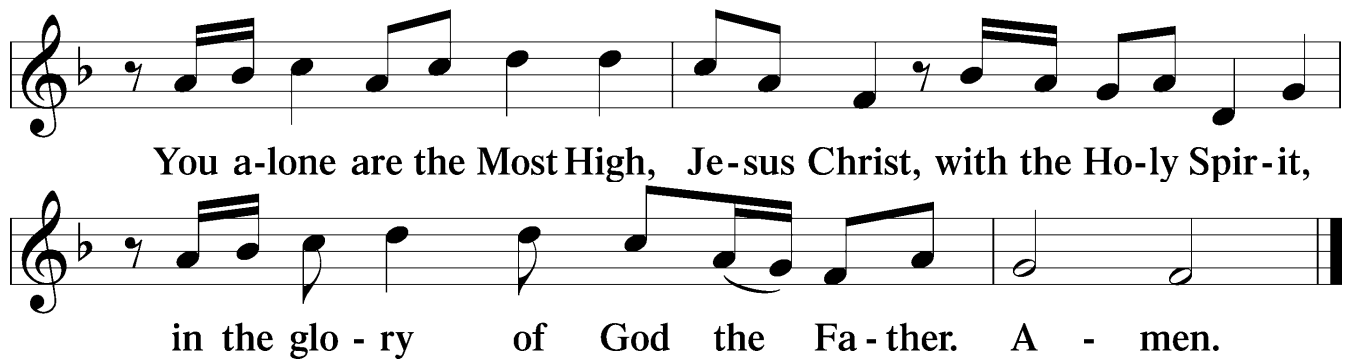
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



C He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel



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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P ...This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

 **Hymn of the Day:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

Sermon

 **The Apostles’ Creed**

Back Cover of Hymnal

Prayer of the Church

The Leader will close each section: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,

Then please respond:

C Hear our prayer.

C 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C** Amen.

 **Sending Hymn:** “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

LSB 917

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THOSE ASSISTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor & Organist: Rev. Ben Bahr
Acolytes: Michael Bahr & Sherry Cassatt
Head Ushers: Mark Andrews & Neil Stenzel
Readers: Daniel & Lacey Bahr
Tech Crew: Mark Binkley & John Bahr
Altar Care: Sherry Cassatt & Virginia Markel

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY – 10/11/26

9:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Worship

MONDAY – 10/12/26

6:30 pm Survivors' Group

TUESDAY – 10/13/26

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

THURSDAY – 10/15/26

6:00 pm Young Adult Group

FRIDAY – 10/16/26

10:00 am Grace Ladies Field Trip

SATURDAY – 10/17/26

9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

SUNDAY – 10/18/26

9:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Worship

Statistics for the week of
October 4, 2026

Worship Service: 71 Attended, 44 Views
Adult Education: 17
Youth Education:
Education Staff: 4

Offering: \$4,455.84
Mission of the Month: \$268.00
Sunday School: \$6.00
Energy fund: \$500.00

* Weekly budget needs \$4,206

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit new announcements

*by **Wednesday 12pm:** office@gracenf.org.*

Office Hours: 1st Sun 8:30-12:30, M/W/Th 10-2

***GIVING:** Options at www.gracenf.org*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS are Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, and Matthew 22:15-22.

TRUNK OR TREAT is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, from 3 - 4:30 p.m. We invite you to bring your family and friends to trick or treat in the parking lot (held inside if raining). And it is not too late to join the fun with your trunk. Decorating your cars or wearing a costume or fun T-shirt adds to the festivities, but is optional. We also appreciate donations of candy or other treats to help those who bring their cars. Donations can be left on the tables in the narthex or chapel.

OCTOBER MISSION ENVELOPES will support the Niagara Gospel Mission's "**FEED THE FALLS**" free Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Niagara Gospel Mission anticipates that they will serve at least 2000 dinners this year for Thanksgiving, and more for Christmas. Because generous community partners have stepped up, the Mission can provide each dinner for just \$2.50. That means a \$25 donation in your mission envelope will feed 10 people a holiday meal. Our donations will help the Gospel Mission provide a nutritious holiday meal to everyone who walks through their doors.

HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION: Our annual food drive to support St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Military Road has begun and will continue until the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Shopping lists of their most-needed items are located on the donation tables in the chapel and narthex, but all non-perishable food items are appreciated. **PLEASE** be sure your donations do not expire before the end of 2026.

TURKEYS AND HAMS donations are now being accepted to help our city's soup kitchens provide a holiday meal for those in need. Donations can be placed in the freezer in our basement kitchen. If you need help carrying, please ask an usher.

POTTER'S FIELD CHRISTMAS CHILD: Many of the children that attend Potter's Field activities live in situations of poverty and neglect. Christmas gifts are not part of the life that they know. If you would like to help Potter's Field provide gifts for each of their children, **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE GLASS CASE BY NOVEMBER 8.** Virginia Markel will provide you with a child's name, age, and wish list for shopping ideas. Bring your wrapped gift(s) back to church marked with the child's name, and Virginia will make sure they get to Potter's Field.

GRACE LADIES: Today is the last deadline to sign-up for our special Fall field trip to Becker Farms on Friday, October 16th. We will carpool from church at 10am, lunch at 11am, then tour, and ending with our pie. Sign-up on glass case in chapel and choose your 3 pie choices. Cost is \$12 – payable at farm. All invited!

CHURCH COUNCIL meeting will be held this Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30pm.

IN SEARCH OF a used laptop, iPad or notebook for use in the church.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held here at Grace next Saturday, October 17th starting at 9am.



About the Cover

Isaiah gives us the vision of the great feast on the Lord's holy mountain that will be given to us on the great day of the Lord. It will be a feast filled with all the best food and drink for all people. However, according to Isaiah's prophecy, the Lord will be consuming a meal as well. He will swallow up death and will wipe away our tears (Isaiah 25:8). This is our promise in Christ, who has already defeated death by His death on the cross and resurrection. He drank from the cup of His suffering and death to give to us the cup of salvation (Matthew 26:39; Psalm 116:13).

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9

- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of
well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged
wine well refined.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this
mountain
the covering that is cast over all
peoples,
the veil that is spread over all
nations.
- ⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away
tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he
will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have
waited for him, that he might
save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited
for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.”

Epistle: Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I
will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”