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August 2, 2026 10th Sunday after Pentecost

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+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +
Today's Praise
August 2, 2026

Ringling of the Bells & Greeting

Song of Invocation "In Christ Alone"

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath



Books of the Bible Word Scramble



1.	svrbproe	_____
2.	ervleaonit	_____
3.	smtletanaoni	_____
4.	omrnas	_____
5.	gnsesie	_____
6.	bwserhe	_____
7.	eouxsd	_____
8.	haeos	_____
9.	snaaltagi	_____
10.	ojnha	_____
11.	eudtermooy	_____
12.	rcahahezi	_____
13.	nbuesmr	_____
14.	nsppailiph	_____
15.	seiephans	_____
16.	oieplmnh	_____
17.	eihemjra	_____
18.	eugjds	_____
19.	hobaaid	_____
20.	hrtsee	_____

This Week at Grace Lutheran +

Sun, August 2: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am
Bible Study at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm
4-H at 4:00 pm

Mon, August 3: Bible Study at 9:30 am
Board of Elders at 7:00 pm

Sat, August 8: Mission Central at 11:00 am

Sun, August 9: Worship at 9:00 am
Bible Study at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Those Serving Us this Week
August 2, 2026

Elders: Darrell K / Allyn A / Ryan Z
Ushers: Christ Colt / Mark H
Reader: Ryan Zittritsch
Trustee: Roy Thoms
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Ushers

Those Serving us Next Week
August 9, 2026

Elders: Allyn A / Ryan Z / Darrell K
Ushers: Mark H / Chris Colt
Reader: Ryan Zittritsch
Trustee: Andrew Schwartz
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Ushers

Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen!

Confession and Absolution of Sins

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess to You that we have sinned. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgiving us all that is past and granting us the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.

God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent. The Lord keep you in His grace and favor and bring you to everlasting life. 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 X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Introit Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17
I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
O Lord, I am Your servant;

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

**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.**

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

Collect of Day

Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still
You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your
Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for
all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1–5

1“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who
has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money
for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does
not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and de-
light yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me;

Is there a third grader in your house: At Grace we have a special tradition of gifting a Faith Alive Student Bible to third graders. If you have a third grader this year please call the office so we don’t miss anyone. The bibles will be presented to the third graders on Rally Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 am.

New Thrivent Choice Changes! In Mid April, Choice Dollars were designated up front as **a single annual lump sum**. Members can now direct their full amount anytime between now and December 31, instead of after each quarter. NOW, ALL Thrivent members receive Choice Dollars, expanding the reach of generosity. Call 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for your support for this program at Grace.

Pool Party: Pastor and Susan are hosting a private pool party at the outdoor pool in LeMars on August 29 from 6-8 pm. Everyone is invited from Grace. Bring your whole family and join us for a night of Christian fellowship and fun. Cost is free! No glass containers are allowed. The concession stand will **NOT** be open. There will be a surprise treat at the end of the night. If you are not a swimmer you can still come and fellowship with us. Lots of seating.

Answers to Old Testament Trivia:

ACROSS

4. Abraham, 6. Joshua 7. Saul 9. Caleb 10. Moses 11. Esau 14. Esther 15. Adam 16. Cain

Down

1. Jonathan 2. Jacob 3. Noah 5. Abraham 8. Cloud 12. Miriam
13. Isiac

Financial Stewardship Update:

As of July 12, 2026, Grace Lutheran Church is currently behind our projected ministry budget by \$46,631.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for your endless blessings and provision. We return a portion of what you have given us as an act of worship. Please bless these gifts. Use them to further your work, strengthen this church, and serve our community. In Jesus' name, Amen

Up to a Challenge? This month, we invite our church family to be the hands and feet of Christ by reaching out to those who may need encouragement, companionship, and prayer. A simple visit, phone call, or note can make a tremendous difference in someone's day.

God's Word reminds us, "Encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Please take a moment to visit with some of our most often forgotten about members. A list of some of those needing encouragement can be found on the poster in the Fellowship Hall.

Safe the date: August 16th at 5:00pm our next pot luck here at Grace Lutheran. Please bring a dish to share and invite your neighbors. Check out the posters!

Grace is collecting items for the Orphan Grain Train again this year. Let's fill a truck from Grace showing our love and support for those in need. We will be collecting thru August. Please put your donations in the board room. The list of items can be found on the tables in the fellowship hall. **No** books or furniture items will be taken. Any questions please call Lois Ohlendorf.

School Kits: We are collecting for school kits for the Orphan Grain Train. Items needed are Backpacks, spiral notebooks, pens & pencils and pencil sharpener, construction paper, 24 count crayons, rulers, glue sticks, scissors, 12 count colored pencils, single pocket folder and Rectangular pink erasers. There is a basket in the fellowship hall table to put your donations in. Happy shopping.

hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson Romans 9:1–5

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:13–21

13 Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 - When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17They said to him,

“We have only five loaves here and two fish.” 18And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Confession of Faith-Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

+ News and Notes +

Stuff Cluttering Up Your Life? Then you won't want to miss Pastor Geitz's preaching and teaching series called "Uncluttered Faith," starting September 13th. This 6-week preaching/teaching series will walk through the importance of uncluttering not only your physical life, but more importantly, your spiritual life. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

Don't Have Cash Today? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift.

Visitors: You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with.to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

Holy Communion: If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine.

On Main Street : August 9 airing

This Is the Life – “Some People Need Help” – An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

Worship Service – Rev. Merle Mahnken of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, IA, delivers the message “What God Can Do With Our Little Faith” based on Matthew 14:22-33. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

Chorus

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Chorus

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Chorus

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Song of the Day LSB #801 How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

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Sermon "Invitation to What?" Isaiah 55:1-5

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

Words of Institution by Pastor
Distribution

Distribution Song: “We Are an Offering”

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You,
We are an offering,

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have, All that we are,
All that we hope to be,
We give to You, We give to You

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You,
We are an offering, We are an offering

All that we have, All that we are,
All that we hope to be,
We give to You, We give to You

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You,
We are an offering,

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are Yours
We are an offering, We are an offering

Distribution Song: “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

1. Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I’m so glad You’re in my life;
I’m so glad You came to save us.

Refrain:

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.

2. Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I’m so glad You’re in my life;
I’m so glad You came to save us.

Refrain:

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.

Blessing of Those Who Communed
Amen

Prayer After Communion
Amen

benediction

The grace of our Lord...be with you all.
Amen.

Closing Song “There Is a Redeemer”

Verse 1
There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One