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September 6, 2026 Labor Day Service

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Labor Day Weekend Service
September 6, 2026
“Hear...and...Do!”

Prelude Music, Candle Lighting, Bell

Opening Hymn: #906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

**1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” The triune God confess.**

**2 This day at earth’s creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav’n,
And thus this day most glorious A threefold light was giv’n.**

**3 This day, God’s people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav’nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.**

**4 That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.**

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Invocation:

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

Amen

Litany of Labor:

Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

Creator God, you placed us in a world of wonder and gave us

This Week at Grace Lutheran +

Sun, Sept 6: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am
Bible Study at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Tues, Sept 8: Circuit Meeting

Wed, Sept 9: Mandatory confirmation meeting at 7pm

Sun, Sept 13 Rally Sunday at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Those Serving Us this Week
September 6 , 2026

Elders: Darrell K / Allyn A / Ryan Z
Ushers: Christ Colt / Mark H
Reader: Allyn Andersen
Trustee: Roy Thoms
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Ushers

Those Serving us Next Week
September 13, 2026

Elders: Allyn A / Ryan Z / Darrell K
Ushers: Mark H / Chris Colt
Reader: Allyn Andersen
Trustee: Ray Eickholt
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Confirmation kids

Confirmation Sponsors: We are in need of sponsorships for the confirmation program. The cost this year is \$75 dollars this includes all materials and suppers for the entire year. Please consider sponsoring a child in this important step in their faith life.

Rally Sunday is September 13 at 9:00 am. This years theme is Jesus loves you smore much! Come and enjoy the morning with Grace family.

Confirmation Meeting is September 9 at 7:00 pm. Mark you calendar for this mandatory meeting. 5 thru 8 grade.

To our church family: We want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, meals, and visits. They mean so much to us. Love Gene and Diane Petersen.

Board of Ed: We are hosting a trunk or treat this year at Grace! Everyone is invited to participate. Bring your car open up your trunk and decorate how you want and then hand out candy. It is easy and fun. If you are willing to be a participant please call the office or talk with Melinda Schwartz. It is going to be October 31 from 5– 8 pm. Be at the parking lot and set up by 4:30pm. If you rather not participate with the trunk bring your kids and grandkids to the parking lot. Should be lots of fun.

Please join us on Sunday September 13 at 2:30 pm for a presentation from our circuit delegates to the 2026 LCMS Convention. Jon Burt (Trinity Hawarden) and Rev Thomas Batchelder(Faith Orange City) will share about their experiences and some of the decisions that were made.

This will be also a give an opportunity for you to share any question, comments, or concerns you may have regarding the convention proceedings, or things in our circuit or district. This is at Faith Lutheran in Orange City.

Love to Cook: Looking for someone to cook on Wednesday night for confirmation kids. If interested please talk to Pastor or Susan. We have someone to do the clean up and serve the food just need someone to make the food. Thank you.

hands to work. You call us to tend the earth and care for one another.

We give thanks for the gift of work and the energy to labor.

We remember today all who work hard to feed, clothe, heal, and protect our communities. We pray for farmers, builders, teachers, caregivers, and all who serve.

May their labor be valued, and may they receive a just and fair reward.

Lord, we lift up those who cannot find work, those who face unfair treatment, and those who labor in dangerous conditions.

Give them strength, open doors of opportunity, and soften our hearts to seek justice.

Teach us to honor every honest job. Help us to share our resources and support the weary.

As you have given us rest, let us work together to build a world of fairness and peace. Amen.

Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Old Testament Lesson: Amos 5:11-15

11 Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. 12 For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. 13 Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. 14 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. 15 Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson: James 1:19-27

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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Gospel Lesson: John 6:5-14, 26-27

5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing

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September 6, 2026 – Proper 18 (Pentecost 15) Scripture: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." — Matthew 18:20 **Stewardship Sentence**: Gathered by Christ around His Word and promise, we offer our presence, resources, and gifts in love for His Church and for reconciliation with one another.

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.

You are invited to Celebrate Redeemer Lutheran's Church 100th anniversary. "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Hope" Special celebration Service is Sunday September 20, at 2 pm. Former Pastor Paul Sieveking will be sharing the message. Cake reception following special service.

Save the Date: Junior Youth Gathering is October 24-25 at the Sheraton hotel in West Des Moines. More details to come later. If interested please speak to Courtney Clark.

Hey Kids! And Parents Too! The Bible Buddies are back for Sunday School! They are camping out on the table in the fellowship hall waiting for you to come and give them a new home! "Adoption" papers and instructions are included. Any questions, contact Eileen Anderson.

+ **News and Notes** +

Flowers Today are given to God's glory and thanks for 80 years of life given to Pastor Gus George.

Pastor Gus George is turning 80. He would like to invited everyone to a reception after service today. Stop by and wish him a happy birthday. Everyone is invited.

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.

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.

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.

On Main Street September 13 airing
This is the Life – "No Laughing Matter" – A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present. Worship Service – Rev. Bruce Lesemann of St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, IA, delivers the message "I Forgive You" based on Genesis 50:15-21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional in-

may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to Thee, O Lord!

The 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 worshipped 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.

Sermon Hymn: #894 For the Fruits of His Creation

1 For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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Sermon: "Hear...and...Do!" James 1:19-27

The Prayers of the Church

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
Amen

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns: 620, 617, 628

The Blessing

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Amen

The Benediction

The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...
Amen

Closing Hymn: #789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

3 Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

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