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✞ Order of Worship ✞
Divine Service III with Communion
October 18, 2026

Ringing of the Bells & Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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The Calling

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Evangelist
One Spirit
Gentleness
Knowledge
Diligence
Doctrine
Shepherd
One Hope
Humility
Prisoner
Teacher
Prophet
Apostle
Pastor
Faith
Unity
Saint
Grace
Body



Invocation and Responses p. 184

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

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession and Absolution (left side) p. 184-185

O almighty God, merciful Father,
I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 189

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Chronicles 29:10-18

10 Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of

Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

14 "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 15 For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. 16 O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. 18 O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 6:2-10
2 Teach and urge these things. 3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Those Serving Us this Week
October 18 , 2026

Elders:	Tony H / Allyn A / Ryan Z
Ushers:	Chris Colt / Mark H
Reader:	Allyn Andersen
Trustee:	Ricky Harris
Music:	Ruth Alexander
Acolyte:	Tegen L / Leveye L

Those Serving us Next Week
October 25, 2026

Elders:	Tony H / Ryan Z / Allyn A
Ushers:	Mark H / Chris Colt
Reader:	Allyn Andersen
Trustee:	Ray Eickholt
Music:	Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte:	Asher Zittritsch

who have fallen away.

The speaker is Pastor Trevor Freudenburg of the LCMS. For spiritual growth and devotional life, past broadcasts can also be found at https://ksci.com/the-good-shepherd-hour.

The Good Shepherd Hour airs every Sunday morning on Klem 1410 am and 96.9 fm . Please keep this ministry in your prayers and if you would like to support this ministry your can find the pamphlets in the fellowship hall on the table

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This Week at Grace Lutheran +

Sun, Oct 18 : Worship w H/C at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm
Mon, Oct 19: Bible Study at 9:30 am
Wed, Oct 21: Confirmation / Grace Kids
Sat, **Oct 24**: Fellowship Hall reserved 8:00 am
Sun, Oct 25: Sunday at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Alleluia Verse
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson Luke 12: 22-34
22 And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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

Confession of Faith-Nicene Creed p. 191
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.

Hymn of the Day Hymn #781 We Give Thee But Thine Own
1 We give Thee but Thine own,

istry team.

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.

Help stock our shelves! Rejoice Community food bank is in urgent need of grocery items to support families in our community. If you are able to give, please consider donating to this important cause. Just put your donations in the shopping cart in the fellowship hall and we will make sure it gets over to Rejoice. Thank you!

Kitchen is in need of ice cream pails of all sizes. Please save them and bring them to the kitchen. Thank you!

Donations Needed of cookies, bars, juice boxes, or any type of goodies so we can serve them during the education hour. Specially the Sunday School kids look forward to a cookie before the go to Learn more about Jesus. When you are in the store pick up a few things and put them in the kitchen. If you love to bake please think about make some extra cookies for the church freezer. Thank you!
reminded me daily of God’s faithfulness and grace.

The Good Shephard Hour: For over 70 years the Good Shephard hour has broadcast the Word of God throughout northwest Iowa and beyond. Listen on radio stations in Sioux City, LeMars. Storm Lake, Fort Dodge and now Denison on Sunday mornings, or at any time on the internet. The Good Shepherd Hour is a short worship service with Bible readings, hymns, a sermon, creed, the Lor’s Prayer, and Benediction. It is not a substitute for attending worship services regularly, but rather it is designed for those who are unable to attend in person. Most importantly, the Good Shepherd Hour is available for those who don’t know Jesus at all or

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 October 25 :
This is the Life – "The Sexton" – A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church. Worship Service – Reformation Sunday – Rev. Jordon Andreasen, LCMS missionary serving in Brasov, Romania, presents a message titled "The Good News: An Offense". This sermon is based on John 8:31-36. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

October 18, 2026 – Proper 24 (Pentecost 21) Scripture: "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." — Matthew 22:21

Stewardship Sentence: Since all we are and have belongs to God, we receive His gifts with thanksgiving and use them faithfully in our vocations.

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.

Pastor's appreciation on October 25th :
Join us to celebrate and honor, Pastor and Susan Geitz for their faithful service and dedication to our church family. In appreciation, we are serving a special coffee in their honor on Sunday, October 25 right after church service. Please join us in gratitude, thanking them for all they do. Your Fellowship and Social Min-

Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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Sermon "Uncluttered Faith-- The World? or Heaven?" Luke 12:22-34

Prayer of the Church p. 193

The Lord's Prayer p. 196
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 p. 197

Pax Domini p. 197
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei p. 198
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution p. 199
Distribution Hymns: 622, 633, 637

Blessing of Communicants p. 199
Amen.

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer p. 200-201
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And his mercy endureth forever

Let us pray.
Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus p. 201
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Benediction p. 201
Amen, Amen, Amen

Closing Hymn #735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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