

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to*

The Great Thanksgiving

*As we begin this new journey, we are led
by Christ, guided by Pastor Kate Woolf &
united in ministry.*



*United by Faith
Strengthened by Grace
Inspired by Hope*

Welcome, Pastor Kate!

*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2026

Pastor Kate Woolf

Prelude

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Gathering Song **"We All Are One in Mission"**

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Greeting and Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day, prayed in unison

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First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

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L: Word of God, word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:7-27

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L: Word of God, word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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L: The holy gospel according to John. C: Glory to You, O Lord

Gospel: John 17:10-12, 20-23

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **"I Come with Joy"**

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Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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Offering

Offertory **"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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"Lamb of God"

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Communion Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

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Post-Communion Canticle **"Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise"** ELW #204

Benediction

Sending Song

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW # 547

Dismissal

We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

Grace Bentzinger, Gerry Brezenski, Mike Carman, Linda Daniels,
Julie Effken, Kathi Johnson, Diane Roesener & Ken Tubbesing
Vicky Wellsandt, Roger Wellensiek, Wayne Miller, Donna Miller,
Phyllis Wellsandt, Jay Ayers, Monique Grotrian, Ralph Smith,
Shalleen Davis, Elaine Hauberg, Tom Teten.
Carol Speth

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Juliana, Hassan, Jackline & Charles, orphans we are
sponsoring in Tanzania

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Today 9/13/26

Faith, Hope & Grace Joint Worship w/Communion - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Pastor Kate Potluck meal to follow worship

Tuesday 9/15/26

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day
Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9/16/26

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 9/17/26

Faith Lutheran Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 9/20/26

Sunday School Begins – 9:15 a.m.

Worship w/Communion Pastor Kate – 10:00 a.m.

—PASTOR KATE WOOLF—				
Pastor Kate's Phone #: (316)-371-0803				
Date	Day	Faith's Church Time	Grace's Church Time	Hope's Church Time
September 2026				
September 13	Sunday	Joint Service between Faith, Grace & Hope: 10:00 AM @ Grace Followed by a Potluck to Welcome Pastor Kate Woolf		
September 20	Sunday	No Pastor Led Service	10:00 AM	8:00 AM
September 27	Sunday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	No Pastor Led Service

Thank you to Rita Ruenholl from Faith Lutheran for providing our music and to Sharon Carman from Hope Lutheran for reading the scriptures today for our Joint Worship.

Fun Facts: On June 24, 1973, a re-built five-rank Reuter pipe organ was dedicated at Grace Lutheran Church. The organ was purchased from The Reuter Organ Company in Lawrence, Kansas. This pipe organ's first home was at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Talmage! St. Paul's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran, located in Talmage, merged in 1972 to create Faith Lutheran Church. Rita (Ritter) Ruenholl played this organ for worship several times at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, even though she was a member of Trinity Lutheran.

The women of Faith Lutheran invite the women of Grace and Hope to join them for their study of the liturgy and worship settings led by Pastor Kate. Every year their monthly meetings take on a new focus determined by those participating. Their first meeting of this year (September to May) will be Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Talmage. Hope you can join us!

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103:(1-7), 8-13

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,**
and forget not all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O Lord, you provide vindication**
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
- ⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,**
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,**
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:7-27

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

John 17:10-12, 20-23

⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of ^f¹²your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ...

²⁰"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.