

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you!*

*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!

By Grace you have been saved!

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

Pastor Kate Woolf

Prelude, Welcome & Announcements

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Gathering Song "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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Prayer of the Day, *prayed in unison*

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First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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Psalm 25:1-9, *read responsively*

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Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ELW # 517

Apostles' Creed

See Sheet in your pew

Offering

Offering Hymn: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him
all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

See Sheet in your pew

Benediction

Sending Song

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

ELW # 669

Dismissal

We pray always for . . .

*Linda Daniels, Julie Effken, Elaine Hauberg, Diane Roesener
& Ken Tubbesing*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

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Today 9/27/26

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.

Worship - Pastor Kate – 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship to follow worship

Wednesday 9/30/26

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 10/4/26

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.

Worship led by Erin Ebeler – 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to follow worship

Fellowship

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT 9:15 A.M.

before our 10:00 a.m. worship.

***Please join us for fellowship in the
basement
following worship ☺***

FAITH, GRACE, HOPE LUTHERAN CALENDAR
OCTOBER 2026

—PASTOR KATE WOOLF—

Pastor Kate's Phone #: (316)-371-0803

Date	Day	Faith's Church Time	Grace's Church Time	Hope's Church Time
October 2026				
October 4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Erin Ebeler	10:00 AM
October 11	Sunday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	No Pastor Led Service
October 18	Sunday	No Pastor Led Service	10:00 AM	8:00 AM
October 25	Sunday	8:00 AM	Mission Fest Hope & Grace: 10:00 AM @ Grace	

Pictures of some of the parsonage issues have been placed on the ping pong table in the basement. If you would like a tour, please contact Cheryl Grundman.

Notice – There will be a **SPECIAL Congregational Meeting** following worship on October 4th to amend the 2026 budget and discuss the Parsonage.

Mission Festival will be held here at Grace Lutheran on October 25th. We are pleased to have McKenna Olson from The Lutheran Center (Campus Ministry) in Lincoln as our guest speaker.



Today's Readings

Sunday, September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is

lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9; tone 6



To ¹you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be ¹put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹over me.

³Let none who look to you be
¹put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame
¹who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ¹ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all ¹the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD,
your compas- ¹sion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth
and ¹my transgressions;
remember me
according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ness,
O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- ¹right,
O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners
¹in your way.

⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name that is above every other name,

¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by

what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."