

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



Join Us for
WORSHIP

By Grace you have been saved!

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

Grace Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – (ELW p. 94)

Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen. Assembly sits.

GREETING – (ELW p. 203)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

KYRIE - (ELW p. 203)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE - (ELW p. 204b)



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see handout.

FIRST READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Please see handout and read responsively

SECOND READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW p. 205a)

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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ial Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

P: The holy gospel according to

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Please see handout.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLES CREED – (ELW p. 105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - ELW #884 - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – (ELW p. 206)

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER – (ELW p. 208) – *Please stand in body or spirit for 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.

BLESSING – (ELW p. 209)
Response after the blessing:
A: Amen.

DISMISSAL – (ELW p. 209)
Response after the blessing:
A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

SENDING SONG

POSTLUDE

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

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.
You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Song– ELW # 731 “Earth and All Stars”

Hymn of the Day – ELW # 716

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Peace”

Sending Song – ELW # 543 “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

We pray always for . . .

Grace Bentzinger, Gerry Brezenski, Mike Carman, Linda Daniels, Julie Effken,
Elaine Hauberg, Kathi Johnson & Diane Roesener

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

Announcements

TODAY 9/6/26 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Service to be led by Nick Weber

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

TUESDAY 9/8/26

Grace & Hope Bible Study @ Grace – 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 9/9/26

KIDS FOR CHRIST BEGINS – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 9/12/26

Ebeler/Herman Wedding

NEXT SUNDAY 9/13/26 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome Pastor Kate Potluck meal to follow worship

Pastor Kate Woolf cell phone # is 316-371-0803

For bulletin or newsletter information please contact Diane Wilken @402-297-3863 or
email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Kids for Christ will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays after school on the days that school is in session. The after-school program will run from 4 pm to 6 pm, beginning September 9th. All children K thru 6th grade are welcome to attend. We will meet the school bus and help the students cross the street. The students will participate in devotion, a Bible lesson, music, crafts, and an evening meal. We ask that the consent form accompany your child on the first day of class.

Faith, Grace & Hope Welcome Pastor Kate Woolf

with a Worship Service & Potluck Dinner



Sunday, September 13th

at Grace Lutheran
10:00 am Worship
with potluck to follow

**Shredded Pork and
Buns will be provided!**

Come worship with us as we welcome Pastor Kate Woolf, who will serve our three congregations as we begin this new ministry together. Following the service, please stay for fellowship and a potluck dinner as we celebrate this exciting new chapter for our church families. Bring a dish of your choice. Everyone is welcome!

FAITH, GRACE, HOPE LUTHERAN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 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
September 2026				
September 6	Sunday	8:00 AM	NICK WEBER 10:00 AM	10:00 AM
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

*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!



Today's Readings

Sunday, September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

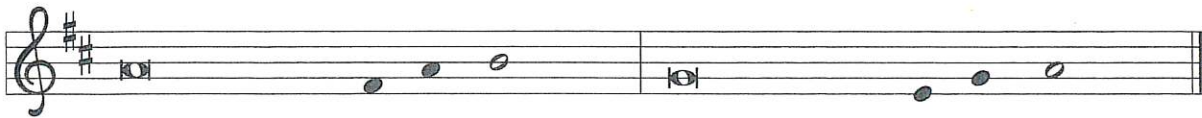
So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their

iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40; tone 1



Teach me, O LORD,
the way ¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ¹ to the end.
³⁴**Give me understanding,**
and I shall ¹ keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with ¹ all my heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path
of ¹ your commandments,
for that is ¹ my desire.
³⁶**Incline my heart to ¹ your decrees**
and not to ¹ unjust gain.
³⁷Turn my eyes from be- ¹ holding
falsehood;
give me life ¹ in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise ¹ to your**
servant,
which is for ¹ those who fear you.
³⁹Turn away the reproach
¹ that I dread,
because your judg- ¹ ments
are good.
⁴⁰**Behold, I long for ¹ your**
commandments;
by your righteousness
en- ¹ liven me.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the

moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen

even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."