

Grace Lutheran Church

Welcomes you!

THE
Lord
IS MY
Shepherd

By Grace you have been saved!

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 11, 2026**

Pastor Kate Woolf

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"** ELW # 823

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

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Benediction

Sending Song **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"** ELW # 547

Dismissal

We pray always for . . .

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

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

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Today 10/11/26

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.

Worship - Pastor Kate – 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship to follow worship

Wednesday 10/14/26

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 10/18/26

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.

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

Fellowship to follow 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	Worship Service Time	Communion	Special Church Events
October 2026				
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	

Misson 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.

Cream Chicken Dinner – Sunday, 11/15/26: Grace Lutheran Church will once again be hosting the Cream Chicken Dinner at the Cook Community Building. Many hands are needed for this endeavor. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the church. We will need desserts, salads, and people to work shifts serving, organizing and manning the salads, desserts and drinks. People to set up the tables and chairs, also clear tables, and then help to take them down. **This is a church congregation event**, and all are welcome to help. Please sign up as this will help eliminate the need for phone calls. Thank you!

There are new pictures and letters received this week of our students in Tanzania. They are on the Ping Pong Table in the basement.



Today's Readings

Sunday, October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a
shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of foreigners like heat in a
dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-
aged wines strained clear.

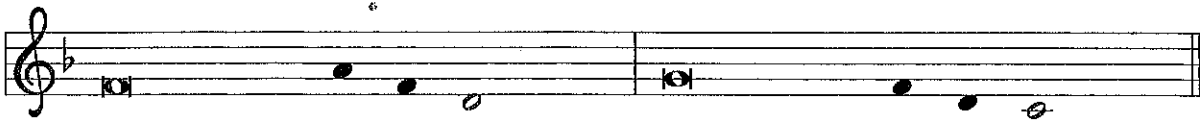
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all
nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the
tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited
for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have
waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Psalm

Psalm 23; tone 11



The LORD ¹is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down
¹in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹side still waters.

³You restore my ¹soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways
¹for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they ¹comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence ¹of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is ¹running over.

continued

⁶Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,

and I will dwell in the house
of the ¹ LORD forever.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The

wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”