

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to
The Great Thanksgiving*



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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026

Pastor Kate Woolf

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Benediction

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"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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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 . . .

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

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

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Today 10/18/26

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.

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

Fellowship to follow worship

Tuesday 10/20/26

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – All Day

Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10/21/26

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

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 10/22/26

Tower Echoes Deadline

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

Next Sunday 10/25/26

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.

Joint Mission Festival Service w/McKenna Olson from

The Lutheran Center (Campus Ministry) in Lincoln – 10:00 a.m.

Potluck Luncheon to follow Worship

FAITH, GRACE, HOPE LUTHERAN CALENDAR
OCTOBER 2026

October 25 Sunday

Mission Fest Faith, Grace & Hope
10:00 AM @ Grace

Mission Festival Joint Service with Hope & Faith will be held here Next Week at Grace Lutheran, October 25th at 10:00 AM. We are pleased to have McKenna Olson from The Lutheran Center (Campus Ministry) in Lincoln as our guest speaker.

A Potluck Luncheon will follow worship.



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.



Today's Readings

Sunday, October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed,
to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the
LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your
name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not
know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know
me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of
the sun
and from the west, that there is no one
besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; tone 10



Sing to the LORD ¹a new song;
sing to the LORD, ¹all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD,**
bless the name ¹of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation
from ¹day to day.
³Declare God's glory a- ¹mong the nations
and God's wonders a- ¹mong
all peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD**
and greatly ¹to be praised,
more to be feared ¹than all gods.
⁵As for all the gods of the nations,
they ¹are but idols;
but you, O LORD,
have ¹made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence**
are ¹in your presence;
power and splendor
are in your ¹sanctuary.
⁷Ascribe to the LORD,
you families ¹of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD
hon- ¹or and power.
⁸**Ascribe to the LORD**
the honor due the ¹holy name;
bring offerings
and enter the courts ¹of the LORD.
⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- ¹ty
of holiness;
tremble before the LORD,
¹all the earth.

continued

[¹⁰Tell it out among the nations:

“The ¹ LORD is king!

The one who made the world so firm
that it cannot be moved.

will judge the peo-¹ ples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice,
and let the ¹ earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

let the field be joyful

and all that ¹ is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood
shout for joy at your com-¹ ing, O LORD,
for you come to ¹ judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the ¹ world
with righteousness

and the peoples ¹ with your truth.]

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of
you and mention you in our prayers, con-
stantly ³remembering before our God
and Father your work of faith and labor
of love and steadfastness of hope in our
Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers
and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, ⁵because our message of the
gospel came to you not in word only but
also in power and in the Holy Spirit and
with full conviction; just as you know what
kind of persons we proved to be among

you for your sake. ⁶And you became imi-
tators of us and of the Lord, for in spite
of persecution you received the word with
joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you be-
came an example to all the believers in
Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word
of the Lord has sounded forth from you
not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in
every place your faith in God has become
known, so that we have no need to speak
about it. ⁹For they report about us what
kind of welcome we had among you and
how you turned to God from idols to serve
a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his
Son from heaven, whom he raised from
the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the
coming wrath.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to en-
trap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they
sent their disciples to him, along with the
Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know
that you are sincere, and teach the way of
God in accordance with truth, and show
deference to no one, for you do not re-
gard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then,
what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their
malice, said, “Why are you putting me to

the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the
coin used for the tax.” And they brought
him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them,
“Whose head is this and whose title?”
²¹They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said
to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the
things that are Caesar’s and to God the
things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard
this, they were amazed, and they left him
and went away.

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