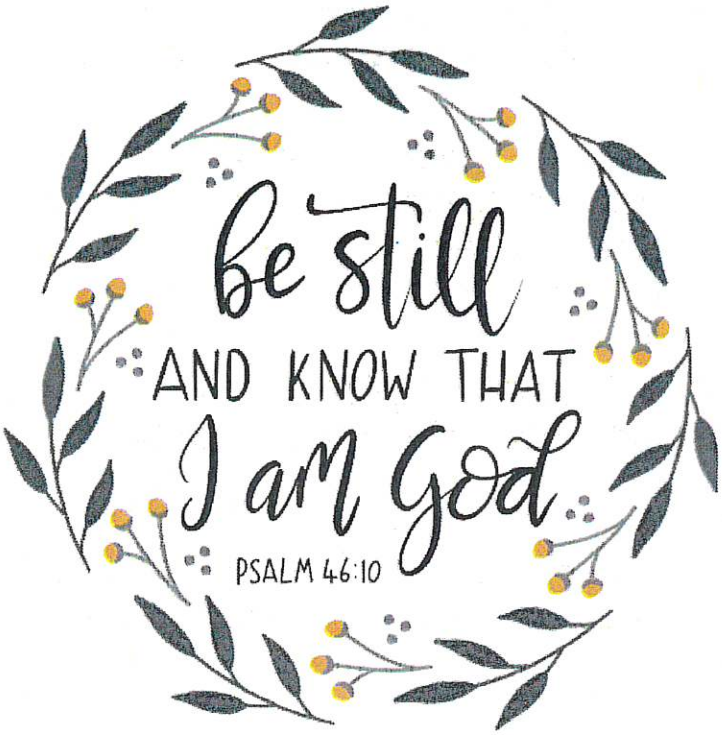
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Welcomes you!



By Grace you have been saved!
"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REFORMATION SUNDAY/MISSION FESTIVAL
October 25, 2026

Pastor Kate Woolf Special Guest Speaker McKenna Olson

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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 Church's One Foundation"** — ELW # 654
Dismissal

* The assembly is invited to rise in body or spirit.

We pray always for . . .
Friends & Families of Carol Wiebke
Linda Daniels, Julie Effken, Diane Roesener & Ken Tubbesing
Vicky Wellsandt, Roger Wellensiek, Wayne Miller, Donna Miller,
Phyllis Wellsandt, Jay Ayers, Monique Grotrian, Ralph Smith,
Shalleen Davis, Elaine Hauberg, Carol Speth

We also remember in our prayers . . .
Juliana, Hassan, Jackline & Charles, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

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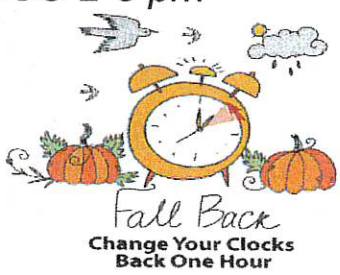
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***Today* 10/25/26 Reformation Sunday**
Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.
Joint Mission Festival Service w/McKenna Olson from The Lutheran Center (Campus Ministry) in Lincoln – 10:00 a.m.
Potluck Luncheon to follow

***Wednesday* 10/28/26**
Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

***Thursday* 10/29/26**
Carol Wiebke Funeral – 2:00 p.m.

***Saturday* 10/31/26** *HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!*
Eleta Eisenhauer's 80th Birthday Open House at CCC 2-5 pm
Trunk or Treat – Cook Main Street 5-6:30 pm



***Next Sunday* 11/1/26 All Saints Sunday**
Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.
Worship led by Nick Weber – 10:00 a.m.
Follow-up Informational Congregational Meeting
Fellowship to follow worship
Talmage Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast – 8 AM-1 PM

FAITH, GRACE, HOPE LUTHERAN CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 2026

–PASTOR KATE WOOLF–

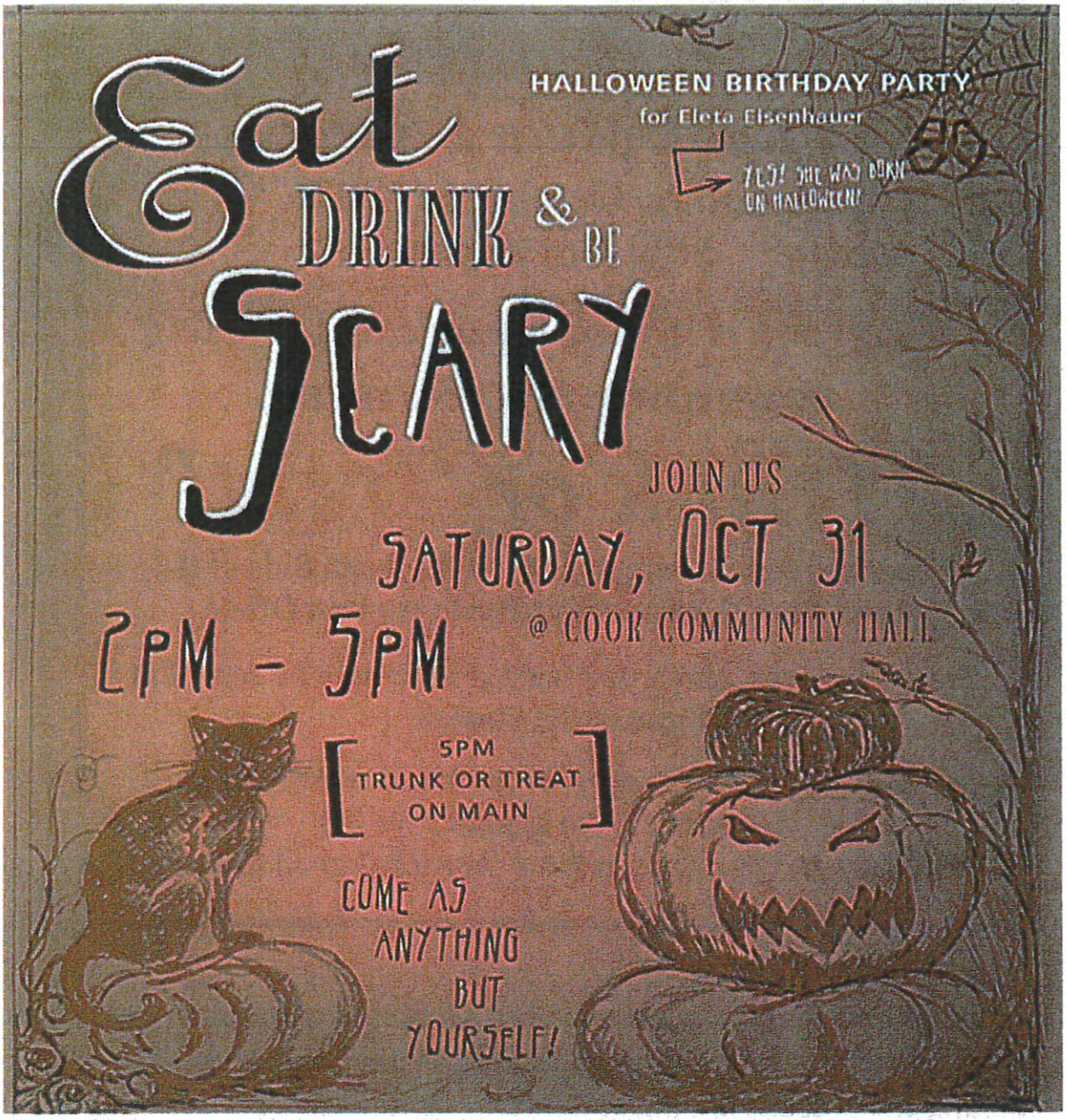
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Date	Day	Faith's Church Time	Grace's Church Time	Hope's Church Time
November 2026				
November 1	Sunday	8:00 AM	*No Pastor Led Service*	10:00 AM
November 8	Sunday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	*No Pastor Led Service*
November 15	Sunday	*No Pastor Led Service*	10:00 AM	8:00 AM
November 22	Sunday	8:00 AM	*No Pastor Led Service*	10:00 AM
November 25	Wednesday	*Thanksgiving* Service Grace, Hope & Osage **7:00 PM @ Osage**		
November 26	Thursday	*Thanksgiving Service: 8:00 AM @ Talmage Community Building*		
November 29	Sunday	*Joint Service between Faith, Grace & Hope: 10:00 AM @ Hope*		

We are blessed to share Misson Festival here at Grace Lutheran today. We are pleased to have ***McKenna Olson*** *from The Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry in Lincoln as our guest speaker.*

NEBRASKA LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers for the families & friends of ***Carol Wiebke***. Carol passed away on October 22nd, and her funeral will be held here at Grace Lutheran on Thursday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m.



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!

Trunk or Treat

Cook Main Street

Saturday, October 31, 2026
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and join us

DOWNTOWN ON MAIN STREET

"Trunk or Treat"

Decorated vehicles are to park on the South Side of the Street from Damme Appliance to the Post Office.

Treats, hot dogs, chips, and bottled water will be served in Front of the Firehall.

Bring your treats and your trunk and remember to decorate . . . the kiddies love it!!
Come and join the fun for a "***howling***" good time.

Follow-up Informational Congregation Meeting **November 1, 2026,** Special parsonage committee appointed at the October 4, 2026 meeting will present finding and information received concerning the parsonage

1. Repairs needed and cost estimates to repair minor concerns.
2. County assessed house valuation/realtor valuation estimate.
3. Tax considerations – rent/sale of property.

The congregation will <u>not</u> vote on November 1 regarding the sale or renting of the parsonage.

SPECIAL MEETING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2026, AFTER CHURCH SERVICE TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CHURCH PARSONAGE.

Today's Readings

Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026

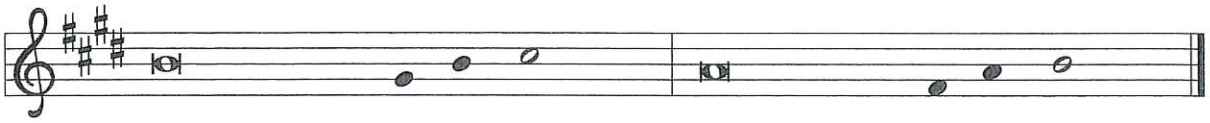
Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm — Psalm 46; tone 1



God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
2**Therefore we will not fear,**
though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains
shake in the depths | of the sea;
3though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains
tremble | with its tumult.
4**There is a river whose streams**
make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation
of | the Most High.
5God is in the midst of the city;
it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it
at the | break of day.
6**The nations rage,**
and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks,
and the earth | melts away.
7The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob
| is our stronghold.
8**Come now,**
regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations
God has brought up- | on the earth;

continued

9behold the one
who makes war to cease
in | all the world;
who breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.

10**"Be still, then,**
and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted
among the nations;
I will be exalted | in the earth."
11The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob
| is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

27Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Day Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 *or* **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost** Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12.

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