

Grace Covenant Church

**“To the
Praise
of
His
Glorious
Grace”**

Ephesians 1:6

Welcome to Grace!

May God bless you this morning as we worship Him together! We extend a special welcome to those who are with us for the first time and are glad you are here!

Nursery service is available for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located on the northeast corner of the main level. Go through the double doors across from the Sanctuary into the Fellowship Hall, then through the double doors on the far side of the hall to the right.

Restrooms are located in the office wing on the east side of the Sanctuary (access at end of narthex).

Blue **Communication Cards** are available on the back table in the Sanctuary to help us connect with our **visitors and newcomers** and receive **updates and requests for information or prayer** from any who have need. Please place in the basket on the back table or in the offering bag.

Classes for all ages to help us grow in Christ begin at **9:30 a.m.** on Sundays. After our classes and before worship, please join us for **refreshments** and catch up with everyone **in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

Please help us observe the policy of our hosts by refraining from bringing food or drink into the Sanctuary except for water and the needs of small children.

*You are invited to stand as you are able for starred parts of the service.

The Resurrected Lord

January 21, 2023

Gathering Time

Welcome

Piano Prelude (*please be seated and prepare for worship*)

*Call to Worship

Matthew 28:1-6a

*Opening Hymn

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him,
Empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain Him,
For the throne of life He shares."

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
See the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, He is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim Your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
But Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

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*Prayer of Praise & The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever." Amen

*Hymn of Praise

Resurrection Hymn

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

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Preparation for Confession Isaiah 57:15
For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits
eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy
place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive
the heart of the contrite.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Isaiah 57:18, 19

*Hymn of Gratitude

Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death has won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, where Thy body lay.

CHORUS

Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meet us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

(Repeat Chorus)

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to Thy home above.

(Repeat Chorus)

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The Community of Grace

Offering (*see community page for electronic giving options*)

*Offertory Response

*We Praise You, O God,
Our Redeemer, Creator (v. 1)*

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 1:1-5

"Jesus Prepares His Witnesses, Part 2" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response

O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen and as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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*Benediction

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Our Mission

Grace Covenant Church exists to *glorify God*

- ✚ By **exalting Him** in true worship,
- ✚ By **equipping His people** for ministry, and
- ✚ By **extending His kingdom** in
Central Nebraska unto the ends of the earth.

Our Identity

We are Evangelical (from *euangelion* in New Testament Greek – “good news”). We believe the Gospel, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, God’s revealed and authoritative Word. The Gospel is central among the themes of Scripture, and is to be central in the worship, life, and ministry of our church.

We are Reformed. We hold to the great Biblical truths that were recovered in the Protestant Reformation. Our understanding of these truths is summarized in our doctrinal standards, the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. These truths are important in the teaching and leadership of our church.

We are Presbyterian. Our church is governed by elders (*presbuteros* in New Testament Greek), who shepherd and lead the congregation, and deacons, who serve in the areas of finances, property, and ministries of mercy. Our understanding of these Biblical offices and other matters of church government and worship are summarized in the *Book of Church Order* of our denomination, the *Presbyterian Church in America*.