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 3 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 completed forms in the basket on the back table.

Classes for all ages to help us grow in Christ begin at **9:30 a.m**. on Sundays. Please use the east entrances or the kitchen entrance from the north lot if able to avoid distracting our hosts as they worship. 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.**

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

Salvation for the World
November 22, 2026

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

*Call to Worship Ephesians 1:3-6

*Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

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*Prayer of Praise

*Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

*Hymn of Praise *Ancient of Days*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all.
So, I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

None above Him, none before Him. All of time in His hands.
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me. I am not alone.
O, His love is sure and He knows my name.
For my God is the Ancient of Days.
(Repeat Chorus)

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.
(Repeat Chorus)

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

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Preparation for Confession — Luke 5:29-32

And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace 2 Corinthians 5:21

*Hymn of Gratitude *Thy Mercy, My God*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own;
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Halleluiah! (Halleluiah! Halleluiah!)

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response *Come, Thou Almighty King* (v. 2)

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World
Sermon Text: Acts 28:11-31
"To the Ends of the Earth" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response *O God to Show Us Mercy*

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in Your grace;
Cause now to shine upon us the brightness of Your face;
That so Your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
And unto ev'ry people Your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise You, let all the nations sing;
In ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;
For You shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,
And through the earth the nations shall Your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise You, let all the nations sing,
For earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,
And all the earth shall fear Him to its remotest end.

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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.*