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.

The Promise of Salvation
November 8, 2026

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

*Call to Worship Psalm 47:1-2, 6-7

*Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

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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 *The Lord Is My Salvation*

The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus
Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won:
The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days:
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus
Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won:
The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach the final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.
(Repeat Chorus)

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation.
(Repeat)

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Entrance into Confession Psalm 51:14-17

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace Psalm 34:17-18, 22

*Hymn of Gratitude *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Chorus
My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
(Repeat Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (v. 1)

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World (Acts)
Sermon Text: Acts 27:13-38
"A Storm and a Promise" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite His grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great His love!),
And bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown,
Through Christ, my own. Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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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.*