

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.

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.

Salvation through Christ

March 17, 2024

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Revelation 19:1-5

*Opening Hymn

The Mighty God, the Lord

The mighty God, the Lord, has spoken unto all;
From rising to the setting sun, He unto earth does call.
From Zion, His own hill, where perfect beauty dwells,
Jehovah has his glory shown, in brightness that excels.

Our God shall surely come, and silence shall not keep;
Before Him fire shall waste, and storms
Tempestuous round Him sweep.
He to the heav'ns above shall then send forth His call,
And likewise to the earth, that He may judge His people all.

"Together let My saints unto Me gathered be,
Those that by sacrifice have made a covenant with Me."
Then shall the heav'ns declare His righteousness abroad;
Because the Lord Himself is judge,
Yea, none is judge, but God.

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*Prayer of Praise

*Songs of Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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Great Is the Lord

Verse

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Chorus

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice! Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

(Repeat Verse)

Chorus 2

Great are You Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great are You Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice,
Great are You Lord; great are You Lord.

Preparation for Confession

Galatians 5:16-25

Leader: But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

People: Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

L: I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

P: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

L: And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

P: If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Titus 3:3-7

*Hymn of Gratitude

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

Refrain

To whom, save Thee, who can alone for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
Have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me.
(Refrain)

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.
(Refrain)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.
(Refrain)

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The Sacrament of Baptism: *Lucy Quinn Griess*

The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response *All Creatures of Our God and King* (v. 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, Praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 2:14-21

"The Last Days" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response

Glorious Day

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be;
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my example is He;
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us,
His glory revealed.

Chorus

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever,
One day He's coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me.

(Repeat Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose, over death He had conquered,
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again.

Chorus

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever,
One day He's coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine,
Wonderful day, My Beloved One, bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine.
(Repeat Chorus)

Oh glorious day, Oh glorious day.

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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*.