

# *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 Living God

## April 19, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

\*Call to Worship

Revelation 4:6b-8

\*Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who were, and are, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn of Praise

*How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.  
(Repeat Chorus)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is our God!  
(Repeat Chorus)

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Preparation for Confession

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and

exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images  
resembling mortal man and birds  
and animals and creeping things.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Romans 1:16-17

\*Hymn of Gratitude

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;  
For who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
Ev'n then this shall be all my plea,  
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me—  
For me a full atonement made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice;  
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;  
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

## 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 19:21-40  
"The Gospel vs. Idolatry" - Pastor Todd Bowen

\*Hymn of Response            *Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)*

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Chorus

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn;  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

## Chorus

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;  
So with You to live, and never die.

(Repeat Chorus)

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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*.