

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.

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 Mercy of God

May 10, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-6 Responsive Reading

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

C: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

L: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

C: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

L: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

C: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*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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From *The Trinity Hymnal*

*Prayer of Praise

*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.
(Repeat Chorus)

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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Confession of Sin

(adapted from The Book of Common Worship)

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon
You, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins,
and asking Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken
Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the
sinful attitudes of our hearts. We confess before You our
disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and stubbornness,
and all our failures and shortcomings toward You
and toward others.

Private Confession of Sin

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

Romans 8:1-4

*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

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*Offertory Response

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 20:7-12

"An Extraordinary Mercy" (Part 2) - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response

Though Troubles Assail Us

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

By John Newton; *The New Christian Hymnal*, 1929; From *The Trinity Hymnal*

*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*.