

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.

United with Christ

May 17, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-2

*Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To ev'ry believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

(Repeat Chorus)

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Repeat Chorus)

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn of Praise

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek. You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jew'el,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All.

Chorus:

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name; You are my All in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my All in all.
(Repeat Chorus)

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Preparation for Confession Psalm 32, Responsive Reading

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD
counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no
deceit.**

L: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through
my groaning all day long.

**P: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer.**

L: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my
iniquity.

P: I said, "I will confess my transgression to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Private Confession of Sin

L: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

P: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

L: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

P: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

L: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

P: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Declaration of Grace

1 John 1:9

*Hymn of Gratitude

Christus Victor (Amen)

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood, You have redeemed us,
Led us through mighty waters,
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle you have won. Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man, sent for sinners,
By Your blood, you have redeemed us,
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

CHORUS

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle you have won.
Hallelujah! With ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son.
Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, King of the nations,
Robed in praise crowned with splendor,
On that day, who will not tremble when You stand
Christ the Victor, who was and is and is forever.
(Repeat Chorus)

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.
(Repeat Chorus)

Sing the vict'ry of the Lamb. Hallelujah! Amen.

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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!

*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World
Sermon Text: Acts 20:13-16
"An Intentional Itinerary" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response *All to Jesus I Surrender*

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
May I ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Chorus

I surrender all (I surrender all), I surrender all (I surrender all).
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.
(Repeat Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know Thy pow'r divine.
(Repeat Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.
(Repeat Chorus)

*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*.