

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!

We wish a blessed **Father's Day** to the fathers among us and pray for God's blessings upon you as you seek to bless your families.

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.

Large print bulletins and Spanish bulletins are available in the narthex for those who would like one. **Live Spanish translation** of the service is available also. Please see the instruction sheet with the QR code in the narthex.

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.

God's Promised Blessing

June 21, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1-2

*Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever will be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand has provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(Repeat Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Repeat Chorus)

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn of Praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore,

The rock of Christ?

(Repeat Chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore.

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

Confession of Sin (adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and lazy in doing good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned – in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Be pleased, O Lord, to have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased You.

Private Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, please teach us to hate our sins. Cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. Help us, we pray, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

Romans 5:8-11

*Hymn of Gratitude

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone of covenant mercy I sing
Nor fear with Thy righteousness on
My person and offering to bring
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began
The arm of His strength will complete
His promise is yea and amen and never was forfeited yet
Things future nor things that are now
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego
Or sever my soul from His love

My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase
Impressed on His heart it remains in marks of indelible grace
Yes I to the end shall endure as sure as the earnest is given
More happy but not more secure the glorified spirits in heaven

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response

By His Word

By His Word, I know He's chosen me,
Changed my heart, opened my eyes to see.

By His Word, I know my penalty
Has been paid by Christ on Calvary.

By His Word, sin has no hold on me.

Jesus' power is recreating me.

By His Word, I'll live eternally, By His Word, I've been set free.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Text: Galatians 3:1-29

"The Centrality of the Covenant" – Ruling Elder Dan Rogers

*Hymn of Response *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale
My Anchor holds within the veil.

(Repeat Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

(Repeat Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in is righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

(Repeat Refrain)

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*Dismissal

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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*.