

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.

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.

Today we welcome Mr. Dan Rogers to the pulpit. Dan is a ruling elder in our church.

*You are invited to stand as you are able for starred parts of the service.

The Glory of God

June 28, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

*Opening Hymn

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, & love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who every sorrow stills. To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo, all is just and all is right. To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank Him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge & their rock, their peace & their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

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*Prayer of Praise

*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

God of All

In the beginning You made the heavens and the earth,
Every creature in this land displays Your matchless worth.
And with Your words You made the day
And the moon to shine at night.
You said that it was good and pleasing to Your sight,
And with Your mighty power You made the rolling sea.
You are God of all creation, the God of everything.

Chorus

You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
And before the dawn of time, You were reigning even then,
The God of all the universe, the God of big and small.
You are King and Master of my heart, You are God of all.

A perfect garden was made, for Adam and for Eve,
But sin would change the way that God and man would meet
Your love for us would mean that You
Would send Your only Son, before He breathed His last,
He said that it was done.
But death could not contain, Christ the perfect lamb.
He rose on the third day and He sits at Your right Hand.

Chorus

You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
And before the dawn of time, You were reigning even then,
The God of all the universe, the God of big and small.
You are King and Master of my heart, You are God of all.
Someday all we have come to know will surely pass away,
In its place Jerusalem with pearls upon her gates.
All things are made anew and there will be no death or pain,
Amazing it will be, my God will wipe each tear away.
I'll give all my praise to You, saved by Your grace alone.
I will fall down on my knees and say as I approach Your throne...
(Repeat Chorus)

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Preparation for Confession

Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am

lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst
of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King,
the Lord of hosts!"

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Isaiah 6:6-8

*Hymn of Gratitude

My Tribute

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?
Things so undeserved, yet You gave
To prove Your love for me; the voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude.
All that I am, and every hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life--let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee;
And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

By Thomas Ken; From *The Trinity Hymnal*

*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Text: John 17:1-5, 22-24

"The Covenant of Redemption" – Ruling Elder Dan Rogers

*Hymn of Response *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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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*.