

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.

We celebrate the **Lord's Supper** today. All who are admitted to the table in this or another evangelical church are invited to participate. In order to avoid unnecessary hindrances to your participation, the bread is **gluten-free** and the wine is **alcohol-free**. Volunteers will assist disposal of plastic cups after the service.

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.

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

The Good Shepherd

June 7, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-2,5

*Opening Hymn

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee
For the bliss Thy love bestows,
For the pard'ning grace that saves me,
And the peace that from it flows.

Help O God my weak endeavor; this dull soul to rapture raise
Thou must light the flame, or never
Can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
Wretched wand'rer far astray;
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee
From the paths of death away.
Praise, with loves devoutest feeling,
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear
And the light of hope revealing
Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew Thee
To that cross, new life to give,
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,
Bade thee look to Him and live.
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,
Roused thee from thy fatal ease;
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,
Praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord this bosom's ardent feeling vainly would my lips express
Low before thy foot-stool kneeling,
Deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless.
Let Thy love, my soul's chief treasure,
Love's pure flame within me raise
And, since words can never measure,
Let my life show forth Thy praise.

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*Prayer of Praise

*Song of Praise

Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace
Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious high and lifted up; Jesus Son of God
The darling of heaven crucified, worthy is the Lamb

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Preparation for Confession

Isaiah 53:3-6

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we

esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

1 Peter 2:24-25

*Response to Grace

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You. In all I do I honor You.

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 20:28-32

"The Ministry of the Elders" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Preparation

The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day.

Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then

Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,

Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed

Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

(Repeat Chorus)

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath

Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.

"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

(Repeat Chorus)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,

For through Your suff'ring I am free.

Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

Won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost, we stand forgiven at the cross

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Celebration

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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*.