

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 Josh Kruntorad to the pulpit. Josh is a teaching elder in our church and is the Campus Minister for the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

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

To God Be the Glory

July 26, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-7 Responsive Reading

Leader: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

P: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

L: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

P: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

*Opening Hymn

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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*Prayer of Praise

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
(Repeat Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
(Repeat Chorus)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!
(Repeat Chorus)

I'll worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Preparation for Confession

Romans 3:10-12 (NIV)

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Romans 4:20-5:1

*Hymn of Gratitude

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears.

The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf, appears.

Before the throne my Surety stands,

Before the throne my Surety stands;

My name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise my soul arise.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise my soul arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,

His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.

His blood atoned for ev'ry race,

His blood atoned for ev'ry race

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Repeat Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.

Forgive him, O forgive they cry,

Forgive him, O forgive they cry;

Don't let that ransomed sinner die!

(Repeat Chorus)

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Chorus

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise my soul arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise my soul arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

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Ministry Focus: *Reformed University Fellowship* - UNL
Campus Minister Josh Krontorad

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;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Text: Psalm 115
"A Psalm about Glory" – Teaching Elder Josh Krontorad

*Hymn of Response

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Repeat Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Repeat Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.
(Repeat Chorus)

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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*.