

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 4 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 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.

Righteousness In Christ

July 28, 2024

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1-2

*Opening Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Chorus

Rejoice (rejoice), rejoice (rejoice),
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song;
God's wondrous praises speak.
(Repeat Chorus)

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth!
(Repeat Chorus)

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
(Repeat Chorus)

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.
(Repeat Chorus)

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice (rejoice), rejoice (rejoice), rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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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

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your Name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Preparation for Confession Romans 3:10b-20 (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. Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Romans 3:21-22a

*Hymn of Gratitude

Saved by Grace

Here in this place I give You praise;
It seems so small compared to grace.
But I rejoice because You chose to save me and call me Your own.

Chorus

Saved by grace and justified,
Righteousness now mine in Christ.
All my sin and all my shame wiped away in Jesus' name.

Upon the cross You conquered death,
Knowing I could not pay the debt.
My soul was freed, no longer bound,
Amazing love in You is found.

(Repeat Chorus)

Someday I'll gain the victory, eternal life purchased for me.
To hear You say, a job well done,
My hope secure, my rest is won.

(Repeat Chorus)

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The Sacrament of Baptism

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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!

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:1-11
"The Joy of the Lord" – Mr. Dan Rogers

*Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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*.