

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.

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

God Gave His Son

July 5, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Revelation 5:8-10

*Opening Hymn

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness,
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness,
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

*Prayer of Praise & The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever." Amen

*Hymn of Praise

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb; worthy is the Lamb.
You are Holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb; worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

Preparation for Confession

1 John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has

overcome the world— our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

1 John 5:11-13

*Hymn of Gratitude *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

My faith has found a resting place,

From guilt my soul is freed;

I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead.

I need no other argument, I need no other plea,

It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;

A sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out.

I need no other argument, I need no other plea,

It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:

Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' His blood.

I need no other argument, I need no other plea,

It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save;

For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.

I need no other argument, I need no other plea,

It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 20:33-38

"Shepherding like the Good Shepherd" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response

Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith;
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine;
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus:

Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide,
Christ in us, our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach;
Ev'rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away;
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

(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*.