

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.

We celebrate the **Lord's Supper** today. All who are admitted to the table in an 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.

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.

The Suffering Servant

July 7, 2024

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-12

*Opening Hymn

We Come, O Christ, to You

We come, O Christ, to You, True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, In whom all life began:
In You alone we live and move,
And have our being in Your love.

You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
In You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met Your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in You,
The source of every skill, the One eternal True!
O great I Am! In You we rest,
Sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know You is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in You: In us each day Your life renew!

We worship You, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
To You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts, that all may view
Your life in us, and turn to You.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn of Praise

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Chorus

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

(Repeat Chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Preparation for Confession
Responsive Reading of Philippians 2:1-11

Leader: So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

People: Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

L: Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

P: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

L: And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

P: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Hebrews 5:7-10

*Response to Grace

His Name Is Wonderful

His name is wonderful! His name is wonderful!
His name is wonderful; Jesus my Lord!
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord!

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages;
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him;
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord!

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response

Come, Thou Almighty King (v. 2)

Come thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 5:33-42

"God Provides for His Purposes" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Preparation

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Repeat Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.

(Repeat Chorus)

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Celebration

Lift High the Cross

Chorus

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

(Repeat Chorus)

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Chorus

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

(Repeat Chorus)

Thy kingdom come, that Earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

(Repeat Chorus)

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.

(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*.