

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 Mr. Dan Rogers to the pulpit. Dan is a ruling elder in our church.

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

The God of Life

August 2, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:6-7c

***Opening Hymn**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God

That made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad

And built the lofty skies,

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command

And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord

That filled the earth with food;

He formed the creatures with His Word,

And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed

Where'er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below

But makes Your glories known;

And clouds arise and tempests blow

By order from Your throne;

While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,

And everywhere that man can be, You,

God, are present there.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Song of Praise**

"God of Wonders"

**Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!**

Chorus:

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
Lord of Heaven and Earth, Lord of Heaven and Earth.**

**Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.
(Repeat Chorus)**

**Hallelujah, to the Lord of Heaven and Earth.
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(Repeat Chorus)**

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Confession of Sin (adapted from The Book of Common Worship)

**Almighty and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our
words, and in our actions; we have not loved You with all
our heart, soul, mind and strength, as You have rightly
commanded us; and we have not loved our neighbor
as ourselves.**

Private Confession of Sin

We ask You, O God, to forgive our sins, to change us to be more like You, and of Your mercy to direct what we will become; so that we may from now on walk in the way of Your commandments, and do what is pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

1 John 1:9

***Hymn of Gratitude**

O Great God

**O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.**

Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me,

Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,

Did not know Your love within,

Had no taste for heaven's joys.

Then Your Spirit gave me life,

Opened up Your Word to me

Through the gospel of Your Son,

Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life

That's dependent on Your grace.

Keep my heart and guard my soul

From the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised

With my ev'ry thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav'n,

Glorify Your Name through me.

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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: The Covenant Keeper

Sermon Text: Genesis 2:1-9, 15-25

"God's Gracious Promise to Adam"

Ruling Elder Dan Rogers

Hymn of Response** ***God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

**God, all nature sings Thy glory,
And Thy works proclaim Thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens,
Ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons,
Beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature
Praise the changeless Trinity.**

**Clearer still we see Thy hand in
Man Whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.**

**But our sins have spoiled Thine image;
Nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders
Of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy
In Thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know Thee,
In the blood of Jesus sealed.**

**God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee
Now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness,
Grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices
Thy commandments to fulfill.**

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***Dismissal**

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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*.