

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.

God's Saving Grace

August 9, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-6

*Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

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*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

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days:
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach the final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.
(Repeat Chorus)

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation.
(Repeat)

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Preparation for Confession Responsive Reading of Eph. 2:1-10

Leader: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in
which you once walked, following the course of this
world, following the prince of the power of the air, the
spirit that is now at work in the sons of
disobedience—

People: Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

L: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

P: So that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

L: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

P: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9

*Hymn of Gratitude

Glorious Day

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men my example is He.

The Word became flesh and the light shined among us.
His glory revealed.

Chorus

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me.
(Repeat Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered.
Now is ascended my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again.
(Repeat Chorus)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my Beloved One bringing.
My Savior Jesus, is mine.
(Repeat Chorus)

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The Community of Grace

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

*Offertory Response

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity.

Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: The Covenant Keeper
Sermon Text: Genesis 3
"Adam's Disobedience and God's Promise"
Ruling Elder Dan Rogers

*Hymn of Response

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

(Repeat Chorus)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

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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*.