

An important piece of
our Congregation



wherever you go

Grace Lutheran Church
Senior Sunday
May 17, 2026



Honoring our Grace Lutheran 2026 Seniors!

Ella Apel

Daughter of Fred and Whitney

Anna Banck

Daughter of Tim and Becky

Julia Beyer

Daughter of Jamie and Jen

Conner Bose

Son of Michael and Jennifer

Brody Goembel

Son of Brad and Trisha

Josh Hansen

Son of Adam and Tracy

Samuel Hinz

Son of Alan and Patty

Ella Hoogendoorn

Daughter of Russell and Deb

Rebecca Hoogland

Daughter of Terry and Nancy

Gavin Hoven

Son of Perry and Stephanie

Jude Hoven

Son of Richard and Jessy

Ella Schmuck

Daughter of Cory and Sara



The LIVESTREAM of this week's
worship service is in loving memory of

Curt Thorson

from Caroline, Eric, Luke and Dylan & Lily Thorson

Prelude “How Great Is Our God”

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements

Rebecca Hoogland

Gathering Song (Processional) “In Christ Alone”

Verse 1 In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light my strength my song
 This Cornerstone this solid Ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease
 My Comforter my All in All
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe
 This gift of love and righteousness
 Scorned by the ones He came to save
 Till on that cross as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3 There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4 No guilt in life no fear in death
 This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Greeting

Pastor Sarah Zender

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor Sarah Zender

Prayer of the Day

Connor Bose

Sharing of the Peace

Connor Bose

Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Julia Beyer

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Responsively)

Anna Banck

Gospel Acclamation: “Celtic Alleluia” ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

Pastor Sarah Zender

Children’s Message/Noisy Offering Results

Erika Bierman

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” ELW 742

Presentation of Scholarships

Kyle Oldre, Grace Endowment Committee

Blessing of Graduates

Pastor Sarah Zender

Senior Blanket Milestone

Jason Phelps & Pastor Sarah Zender

Song of the Day “Goodness of God”

Verse 1

I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

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Prayers of Intercession

Ella Schmuck

“Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**”

Offering & Senior Slide Show “**You Are Not Alone**”

Voices of Grace

by Molly I. James, lyrics by Eileen Berry

Directed by Seana Graber, Accompanied by Janine Papik

The congregation is invited to listen and reflect on the song lyrics.

When the sun spills glory on the road ahead,
or when looming rainclouds in the sky are spread,
ev'ry path is charted, ev'ry step is known,
I am walking with you;
you are not alone.

You are not alone,
Do not be afraid, My beloved child,
do not be dismayed,
I am still your God,
I will never leave you;
Trust the truth you know.
I will journey with you ev'rywhere you go.

When the shadows deepen in the moonless night,
and the mist surrounds you, hiding stars from sight,
with the dark descending, dimming all you see,
look up, My beloved, lift your eyes to Me.

When the winds of summer freshen youthful days,
When the autumn splendors fill midlife with praise.
When the snows of winter burden age with care,
Through each turning season, you will find Me there.

Do not be afraid, My beloved child; do not be dismayed, I am still your God.
I will never leave you;
trust the truth you know.
I will journey with you,
ev'rywhere you go.

Offertory Song “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”

Chorus

Everybody's got something to offer
Young and old the prince and the pauper
Everybody's got something to offer
In the name of the Lord

Verse 1

To the lost and the lowly ones
The message it is clear
We have all got a gift to give
Our hands our hearts our tears

Chorus

Everybody's got something to offer
Young and old the prince and the pauper
Everybody's got something to offer
In the name of the Lord

Larry Olson

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Offering Prayer

Gavin Hoven

**Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table/Distribution

Communion Distribution Songs

“Cornerstone”

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil (Chorus 2x)

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne (Chorus 2x)

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“One Bread, One Body” ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (*Refrain*)

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (*Refrain*)

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. (*Refrain*)

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Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor Sarah Zender

Connect and Serve

Pastor Sarah Zender

Blessing “Go Walk With God”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1. Go walk with God in all you do, and may God's
2. O may the grace of Christ our Lord, the won-drous
3. We thank you Lord, for life to share through learn-ing,

love bring joy to you. May gifts of
love that comes from God, the Spi-rit's
serv-ing, praise and prayer. And when we

peace fill all your days, and may God's truth guide you al-ways.
fell-low-ship now be, God's gifts to you e-ter-nal-ly.
say good-bye to friends, We thank you, Lord: Love ne-ver ends.

Sending Song (Recessional)

Sing Wherever I Go

Words and Music by
Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash,
Franni Cash, Kyle Briskin,
Martin Cash and Scott Cash

(based on the recording by We The Kingdom | original key - A)

CHORUS (1st x - a cappella)

All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul. Moun-tain high, val-

1. - ley low, I'm gon-nasing wher-ever I go. 2. All gon-nasing wher-ever I go. 1. God is (2. He's my)

VERSE

for me, He's not a-gainst me. I will hold to the plans He has for me. When I'm
heart-song in my sor-row. He's my hope and my strength for to-mor-row. When the

CHORUS

bro-ken, He will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord. All my life, all
storms rise all a-round me, I will call on the name of the Lord.

1. I know, God's been good, good to my soul. Moun-tain high, val - ley low, I'm gon-nasing wher-

2,3 **CHORUS** (Last x - a cappella)

-ev-er I go. 2. He's my gon-nasing wher-ever I go. All my life, all I know, God's

Last time to Coda ♪

been good, good to my soul. Moun-tain high, val - ley low, I'm gon-nasing wher - ev-er I go.

BRIDGE

1. I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul! I will
sing, sing, sing wherever I go!

D.S. al Coda

2. Coda

All gon-na sing wher - ev-er I go.

Dismissal

Connor Bose

Postlude

Worship Team

Worship Leaders: Pastor Sarah Zender, Grace High School Graduates

Acolytes: Ingrid Schmuck, Liam Goembel

Communion Assistants: Amber Davis, Nancy Scheidt

GLOW Greeters: Krosby Sandbulte, Cade Vanden Hoek

Sanctuary Greeters: Amber and Tricia Davis

Media: Matt Wagner, Lucas Peters, Stephanie Hoven

Ushers:

Youth Usher: Cade Vanden Hoek

Worship Team: Peggy Johnson, Reece Bierman, Jennifer Bakken, Erika Bierman,
Gavin Folkestad, Jordan Degerness

In our thoughts and prayers...

- ◆ Mikayla Kunerth, a friend of the Meester family
- ◆ Tom Smith, Joel Smith's brother
- ◆ Joyce Oldre
- ◆ Shermayne Hardick



Pastor Sarah will be available for drop-in office hours on Tuesday, May 19th, 11:00am – 12:30pm & 2:30 – 4:30pm and Wednesday, May 20th, 11:00am – 4:00pm. She is available at other time by appointment. The best way to reach her to set up at time is vial email: pastor.zender@graceluverne.org

If you or someone you know is in need of a pastor visit or communion visit, such as in the case of hospitalization, hospice, or other urgent situation, please contact the office and Pastor Sarah will reach out to set up a time.

Take-Out CHURCH



GRACE LUTHERAN



ATTN: GRACE KIDS FAMILIES

Be sure to stop in the Fireside Room TODAY after church to assemble their "Take-Out" Church boxes with a booklet and supplies for faith activities to connect with God and with Grace over the summer!

Today is the last day of
LITTLE LIGHTS,
FIREFLIES &
SPARK KIDS
for the summer

A yellow background with a circular inset image of a building. The text reads: 'GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP 2026 June 21-26' and 'Information meeting May 17, 2026 4:00pm'. There is a grid of dots in the top right corner.

A book club poster with a purple border. The text includes: 'Book Clubs', 'James by Percival Everett', 'Meeting Night Thu, May 21 6:30pm', and 'Grace Lutheran Library'. There is an image of the book cover for 'James' by Percival Everett.

ALL information for the **June Grace Notes** is due **THIS THURSDAY, May 21st, at 12 noon!** Grace Notes will be printed Friday morning, the 22nd.
Please email info to: office@graceluverne.org THANK YOU!

*Grace Lutheran 75th Anniversary
Music Commission*

We are seeking:

**Singers, Instrumentalists, and
Handbell Players**

Rehearsals start in August

*To sign up, go to the Link Tree or sign up on the sheet near the East entrance doors.
Questions? Talk to Erika!*

The Rock County Food Shelf is reaching out for help!

Grace Lutheran designates June of each year as "Food Shelf Month." The food shelf is reaching out to Grace to see if we can provide some volunteers for that month as well.

There are sign up sheets on the table in the east entryway for volunteers to pick up empty boxes and/or pickup food. You can sign up for one, or several days.

They are also in need to volunteers to help with food distributions. This sign up is available online at:
<https://signup.com/go/XwekwqD>

GRACE LUTHERAN & Shetek DAY CAMP



K-5 Day Camp

Registration fee \$25

9:00am—2:30pm

Includes lunch &
snack daily

and all craft &
activity supplies

Preschool VBS

No registration fee

9:00am—11:00am



July 13 - 16

Register by

June 22

HISTORY MYSTERY

From
The Heritage Committee



These 2 pictures are of
Immanuel Lutheran Church.
Notice the steeples are different.

Does anyone know
the story behind this?



Matter of Balance Classes will be held at Grace Lutheran on Monday & Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am starting Monday, June 8th for a total of 8 classes -

IF we have enough participants! So if you are planning to attend, **please sign up as soon as possible.**

These classes help you build practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels.

For more information and to pre-register, call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

There is no cost, however donations are accepted!



Grace Lutheran is delivering Meals-On-Wheels in Luverne IN JULY!



There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the east entryway. We are needing 4 people each day, to deliver in pairs of 2. Meals are picked up at the Generations building at 11:00 am. Delivery will take approximately 1 hour.

THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up already!!



GLOBAL MISSIONS STOCKHOLDER OPPORTUNITY

Become a *shareholder* today to support Global Missions this summer and beyond. As a token of our appreciation for your support, you will receive the following benefits:

- \$250 Donation: Personal postcard and invitation to Stockholder's Brunch on September 27, 2026
- \$500 Donation: postcard, brunch, plus a small Guatemalan gift
- \$1000 Donation: postcard, brunch, gift, plus Guatemalan coffee



This Week at Grace



Sunday, May 17 – Senior Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Communion
10:00 AM Bakery Brunch in Fellowship Hall
10:15 AM Grace Kids – Activity in Fireside Room
4:00 PM Guatemala Planning Meeting
5:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Monday, May 18

Grace Notes Deadline
4:30 PM Worship on Luverne's local TV channel
6:00 PM Learning & Young People's Ministries will meet

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 AM Dorcas Circle meets at The Bean
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study in the Fireside Room
8:15 AM Caring Visitors meet in the Fireside Room

Thursday, May 21

8:30 AM Missions in Action in Fellowship Hall
Pastor's Conference meeting at Shetek
6:30 PM Book Club in the Library

Friday, May 22

PRINTING June Grace Notes
10:00 AM Worship on Luverne's local TV channel

Saturday, May 23

No activities

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Communion
1:30 PM Service at Mary Jane Brown
2:15 PM Service at Poplar Creek

Monday, May 25 – Office closed for Memorial Day Holiday

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<https://linktr.ee/graceluv>



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Online Giving

Attendance Last Week

Sunday, May 10th = 289

Last Week's Gifts to Grace

General Fund = \$ 13,518

Building = \$ 755

Youth = \$ 40