



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 AM ~ Worship Service
5:00 PM ~ Youth Night

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Because God has ignited a **passion** in us we meet people on their **journey** and connect them to Jesus and His **mission!**



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Welcome to Grace!

**God is present today to meet with you
and He only has good for you!**

Call to Him! Sing to Him! Expect Him!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRACE FAMILY?

Connect with us at gracedestin.org or facebook.com/gracedestin or take a moment to fill out a communication card (in the back of the pew in front of you) & exchange it at GraceCentral in the lobby for a Grace mug. We'd love to follow up with you to help you discover more about our family & how you can get connected with our community!

FOR OUR YOUNG FAMILIES:

Children's bulletins and crayons are available at the Grace Central Welcome Center.

Kids are dismissed before the sermon to children's church.

THANK YOU for setting cell phones to silent mode!

"JOIN US

on Wednesday nights for children, youth & adult ministries to help you grow on your faith journey."

NURSERY:

While Grace encourages our families to worship together, we do ask that everyone respect the worship of others. With this in mind, a fully staffed nursery is located in the Family Life Center, for children four years of age and younger.

As an additional convenience, a Cry Room is also available in the Grace Central Welcome Center. If your child becomes restless, please take advantage of one of these resources. Ask an Usher if you have any questions, or need assistance.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Ministers are available at the front of the Worship Center during Communion and at the close of worship for those desiring to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord or to make a reaffirmation of faith...for those wanting to give thanks...for those wanting prayer for healing...or for those needing any other ministry.

DVDs of today's Worship Service are available. To get your copy, stop by the Grace Central Welcome Center and fill out a DVD sleeve, enclose \$1.00 for each desired DVD and put the sleeve in the basket or call the Church Office to reserve a copy.

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Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus ~ Jesus worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

~ **Chorus** ~

Oh Your great Name

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King
(Repeat)

~ **Chorus** ~

Oh Your great Name
Oh Your great Name

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY.

Jesus comes to us with forgiveness and strength. We believe that each person communing with us is making a statement of their faith based on their answers to the following questions:

Do I admit that I am a sinful person in need of God's love and forgiveness? (*Proverbs 28:13*)

Do I trust that Jesus is God's Son and my Savior? (*Hebrews 11:16*)

Do I believe Jesus' promise that He is really present in and with the bread and the wine, just as He declares, "This is My Body, given for you...This is My Blood, shed for you..."? (*1 Corinthians 10:16*)

Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to turn away from my mistakes and sins and live in a closer relationship with Jesus? (*Colossians 2:6*)

In obedience to God's Word we believe that only Christians who share this belief should partake of the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your hearts as we anticipate this feast!

If you have any questions we look forward to answering them so you may celebrate a closer fellowship with us around the real presence of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain ~ Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin:

~ **Refrain** ~

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

~ **Refrain** ~

WELCOMING AND LOVING ON EACH OTHER

(Guests and Non-Members: please be sure to fill out a communication card located on the pew back in front of you and place it in the offering baskets.

*Members: please fill out a card **ONLY** if you have changes, corrections, or prayer requests. Thanks!)*

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²⁸ And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And now I will show you the most excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

DECLARING OUR FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Jesus purchased, at the high price of His shed blood, forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's kindness & grace.

As a servant of the Word, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May God's grace overflow in you, so that in all things at all times, you might have the power to walk in His freedom and fulfill His great purposes for your life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy Communion is a celebration of God's love in Jesus' Body and Blood for our forgiveness. It is for baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Christian faith. Following Jesus' example, we use wine, not grape juice. As a sign of family unity in Christ, please eat the host as soon as you receive it, but hold the individual cup until all have received and we will drink it together. If you have any questions, we would love to talk with you about the Lord's Supper.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!

There is no shadow of turning with Thee:

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain ~ Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ~ **Refrain** ~

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ~ **Refrain** ~

WORSHIPPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for giving to the Lord ~ you can never out give Him!

KIDS WORSHIP - (10:30 AM ~ Our children Kindergarten through 5th grade excused for Kid's Worship.)

MESSAGE "Three Stories for One Reason" **Pastor Kevin Wendt**

CONFESSIONS OF SIN

If something in today's service has awakened you to your sin and rebellion against God, the forgiveness of that sin, freedom and eternal life that Jesus offers (or if you are not sure if you will go to heaven when you die), we invite you to talk with God: "God, I know that I am a sinner. I am nothing without You! I need Your forgiveness. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, cleanse me. I believe that He did it for me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can now live for You each day and with You someday in heaven. Thank You, Lord! Amen." If you prayed this prayer for the first time, or renewed your faith today, please come forward now or at the end of the service to see the Pastor or a Prayer Minister. We'd love to rejoice with you and give you a gift!

All: Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you made available for us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son! But we confess today that we often live like slaves.

**Instead of living like you delight in us,
We avoid you in shame and guilt.
Instead of receiving your favor as a gift,
We try to earn it with our efforts.
Instead of accepting your freedom,
We prefer our chains.
Instead of pursuing your purposes,
We cling to our short-sighted agendas.**

**Father, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us.
Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Pastor: It is by grace you are saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

WORSHIPPING JESUS WITH ALL THAT WE ARE

(Freedom reigns! As you desire: sit, stand, clap, raise your hands, come to the communion rails, dance, just love on our Savior!)

In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found

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.

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.

'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

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.

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Hosanna

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Chorus ~ Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest (**repeat**)

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees ~ **Chorus (repeat)**

Bridge ~ Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like you have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks yours
Everything I am for your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity
~ **Chorus (repeat)** ~

Philippians 2:1-11

¹ If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, Who knew no sin
That we might become His Righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing, Love so amazing

Chorus ~ Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread
His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled And the veil was torn

Love so amazing, Love so amazing

~ **Chorus** ~

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God
The light of the world

~ **Chorus** ~

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom
And the Power and the Glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.