

+ Hymn # 307
+ Benediction (from Phil. 4:7)
+ Response # 747

SENDING TO LIVE THE GOSPEL
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

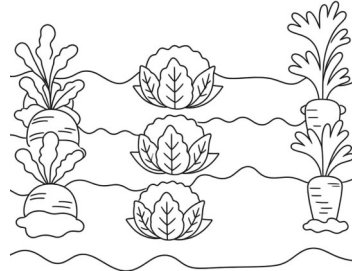
**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

(repeat)

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.**

(repeat)

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Garden Blessing
... **We pray you, Lord, to bless our garden.**



Take worship into your week:

Talk about it: When have you been surprised by someone who you thought did not belong in your community?

Do it: Learn something about a plant you see regularly but don't know how to identify. Take a picture to a local garden center, your library, or a neighbor with dirt under their fingernails.



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
West Des Moines, IA



SAINT TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10:15AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

+ Indicates appropriate to stand if able.

GATHERING AS CHRIST'S BODY

Preludes

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
"Lift High the Cross"

Trinity Chimes

Call to Worship (from Ps. 86:12-13)

Give thanks to the Lord our God
with all your heart!

We will glorify God's name forever.

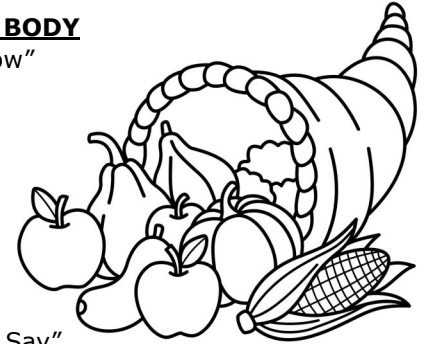
God's faithful love toward us is awesome.

**God rescues our life from the pit
and fills us with good things.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

+ Hymn # 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Show and Tell

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture (NT pp. 17-18)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gift of Music

"Lord, Here Am I"

Sermon

"The Church of Wheat and Tares"

Find the scrambled words in your bulletin to find the secret word!

IRYOGLF

TLLINIAOINMU

AECGR

IMKGDNO

NEENCI

LITOUSNOAB

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Do you find yourself valuing church unity or some version of church purity more?

When have you thought you were doing the right things, only for it to turn out wrong?

How do you deal with disagreements within the church?

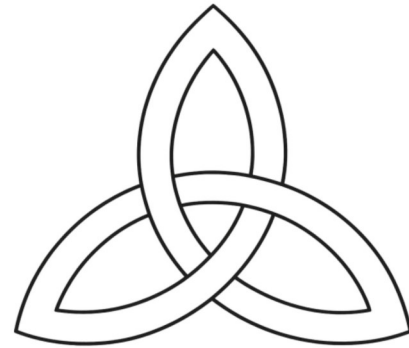
GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE

+ Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

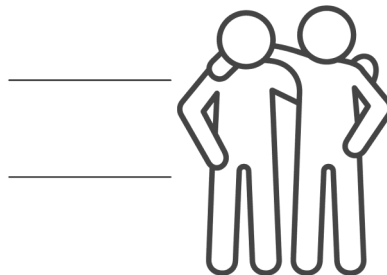
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



*When have you
rejected another
person God placed in
your life?*

*Who are two people you
greeted with a sign of peace
today?*



Response # 288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns (*based on Lk. 11:13*)

*For **First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell** and **Rev. Kirsten Klepfer** in the
presbytery cycle of prayer.
For **St. Paul's in Council Bluffs** in the Diocese of Iowa.*

Who is one person you prayed for today?

Prayer

... we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord have mercy.**
... all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord, our God.**

Response # 48

**Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love, God of life.**

Offering

Invitation (*1 Jn. 4:11*)

Moment for Mission

Faith & Grace Garden

+ Song of Praise # 300 v. 4

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



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plate today goes directly to the
Faith & Grace Garden!*

*Your checks made out to your
church will go to the correct
church as usual.*

Confession and Absolution

+ Call to Confession (*Rom. 5:8*)

+ Prayer of Confession

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

Take several moments for silent confession.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will.**

+ Absolution (*Ps. 103:17*)

+ Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Serving the Lord Today

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Sunday, July 19

9:45 AM Nursery Available
10:15 AM Worship, Sanctuary & Online
11:30 AM Lunch, St. Timothy's
6:00 PM Women's AA, N3A

Monday, July 20

6:00 PM Session Meeting, W4

Tuesday, July 21

9:30 AM Bible Study,
Windsor Presbyterian
5:00 PM Personnel Committee, N2
6:30 PM Toastmasters, N3A

Thursday, July 23

10:00 AM Al-Anon, N3A
2:00 PM Head Start Staff Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 26

9:45 AM Nursery Available
10:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary & Online
11:00 AM Paige's going-away party
6:00 PM Women's AA, N3A

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

July 26-31: Synod School
August 15: Tabletop Luncheon
August 16: Hymn Sing
August 29: Iowa Presbyterians Gathering

Covenant's Announcements

Session will meet tomorrow, July 20 at 6:00 PM in the West Classroom.

Paige Kaltschnee's last Sunday with us will be next Sunday, July 26. We're celebrating her with a special reception. The Personnel and Fellowship Committees invite you to celebrate Paige's contributions and send her to Davenport with our blessings. We hope you will join us!

Tickets for the annual Tabletop Luncheon will go on sale next Sunday, July 26.

To get your tickets please see Diane Johnson after service!

Submit your songs for Covenant's annual Hymn Sing on Sunday, August 16!

This year's hymn sing theme will be Forgiveness and Healing. Submit your most meaningful hymns about getting a fresh start by emailing church@wdmcovenant.org or using the papers on the narthex display case.

Share Your Musical Gifts! We still have openings for special music during worship in August, and we'd love to hear from you! Whether you sing or play an instrument, all ages and experience levels are welcome. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or online at bit.ly/4djfUBC. Need accompaniment? Email music@wdmcovenant.org and we'll be happy to help.

We're Still Collecting Books! The Mission in Action Committee is collecting gently used children's and teen books through August for patients at East Des Moines Family Clinic. These books help build reading skills and English fluency for learners of all ages. If you have books to share, please place them in the collection box in the Narthex.

You are invited to join the weekly text study at Windsor Presbyterian Church, Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. Windsor and Covenant follow the same schedule of scripture readings, so this is a chance to dig deeper in preparation for worship every week! Join us in person at 6301 University Avenue in Windsor Heights or on Zoom.

The Mission in Action committee requests your help to make and serve a meal at the Ronald McDonald House on August 6. Grocery donations are needed, as well as event day volunteers. For details, see the sign up sheets in the fellowship hall. MIA thanks you for your support as they focus on "Healing God's People" this summer.

Covenant's staff is growing! Ursula Valmore will be joining Covenant's staff as the Communications Coordinator. She will begin this Tuesday, July 21. Ursula will be taking over all communication work Paige normally does such as the bulletins, worship slides, social media, and Corner.

New in the Pews! You'll now find a pencil box in the lower section of the pew in front of you, alongside the Bible and tissue box. Feel free to use the supplies during worship, and please return them to the pencil box when you're finished. We hope they help everyone engage more fully in the service! If you need to replace anything in your pencil box, feel free to grab what you need from the cart by the sanctuary entrance.

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10:15 AM Combined Worship, Covenant
11:30 AM Lunch, St. Timothy's
12:00 PM VBS Volunteer Training
4:00 PM Youth Room Painting

Monday, July 20

Clerestory Work Begins
6:30 PM Scouts

Wednesday, July 22

11:30 AM Men's Lunch, Palmers

Thursday, July 23

11:30 AM Ladies Who Lunch

Friday, July 24

10:00 AM Books, Brews, and Banter

Saturday, July 25

9:00 AM Centering Prayer
1:00 PM Vestry Mutual Ministry Review
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 26

8:45 AM Childcare Available
9:15 AM Adult Formation
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Children Living the Word
11:30 AM Coffee Hour

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

July 20: Work on the clerestory begins
July 28: Fresh Start Meal Prep & Serving
August 2: VBS Week Begins
August 20: 3rd Thursday @ Des Moines
Biergarten
August 23: Blessing of the Backpacks

St. Timothy's Announcements

Youth Room Painting

As we prepare our high school youth room for next fall, we're continuing to paint the walls. We're looking for a few folks to help with painting on July 19. If you're available to help, please join us at 4 pm today!

VBS Volunteer Training

Following our service and fellowship time with Covenant today, our VBS volunteers will meet in the Gathering Center for training.

Work on our Clerestory

Beginning July 20, scaffolding will be assembled to aid in repairs needed for our clerestory. This work will, at minimum, last 3 weeks. We appreciate your patience as we do what's best to care for this part of our church!