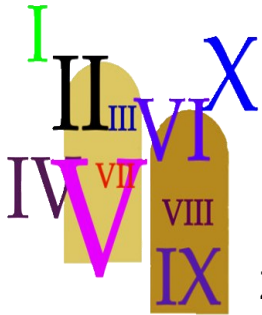


## Grace Community Christian Reformed Church

OUR VISION: Grace Community Church believes we are called by God to grow His kingdom.

OUR MISSION: We strive to spread the gospel, minister to needs, help people grow their relationship with God, and foster authentic, grace-filled

### ANNOUNCEMENTS — AUGUST 17, 2025



**Our current sermon series "Jesus Teaches the Law"** includes sermon messages based on "Love for God" and "Love for Neighbors". Our theme song is: *The Greatest Commandment* by Paul Zach.

You can listen to the song on YouTube here:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEIUWTNsYXU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEIUWTNsYXU)

#### UPCOMING SERMONS

August 17

**Matthew 15:19, 5:28**

**..do not covet..**

August 24

**Matthew 15:19, 5:28**

**..do not covet..**

**Offering 8/17 — General Operating Fund:** Your gift gives our church the opportunity to offer ministry opportunities that show our love and care to our church family and surrounding community.

**Offering 8/24 — Christian Education Fund:** Schools will be back in session soon and our Christian Education fund will be needed once again. Please prayerfully consider your gift to this fund to help our church families provide a Christ-centered education for their children.

**Offering 8/31 – CRCNA Ministry Shares:** The vast majority of every dollar of ministry shares goes directly to ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism.

**Copies of the Order of Worship are available** on the tables at the back of the sanctuary or pull it up on your phone/ tablet from the Grace Church website: [www.gccrc.org](http://www.gccrc.org).

**We invite *YOU* to join us in a time of prayer at the front of the sanctuary (or pray from where you are sitting) before each service!** Every Sunday, about 9:45am, our concerns, thanks, and praise are lifted up to God. You don't need to pray out loud—God hears the prayers of our hearts. *What matters is that we pray!*

**Secretary Vacation:** The secretary is on vacation August 18-31. Please send all bulletin information, no later than the Wednesday before publication, to Diane Ritzema at: [diane.ritzema@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diane.ritzema@sbcglobal.net).

**Our Prayer Room is open after the service.** A prayer partner will be happy to pray with you, or for you, or you may pray alone. The Prayer Room is on the southeast side of the foyer, look for the sign on the wall.



- ***We Continue to Pray for*** those serving in the military and their families, health care workers, first responders, and all those in continuing care or homebound, including: Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Ray Peterson Jr., Evelyn Van Dellen, Rich VandenBout, and Jeannette Veen.

**The Prayer Team** has put yellow index cards in the pews. They invite you to write prayer requests on them during the worship service. *These may be anonymous if you wish.* At the end of the service, place the cards in the wooden boxes on either side of the middle aisle doors as you leave the sanctuary. Our prayer partners will take them and pray for them. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:12

**Coffee Break Women's Bible Study will have Kick-Off for the new season on September 16. Watch for details....**

**Prayer for our Church:** Dear Jesus, we pray for our church. We pray that we will be kind. We pray that we will ask before taking things. We pray that we will give to others when they need help. Help us to follow your commandments. Help us to be kind and not steal. May we love you and love others. Amen.



**Our Deacon's Pantry** helps those in our congregation who are in need of non-food items. Currently we are low on some items. *Can you help?* Items needed: toilet paper, hand lotion, dishwasher pods, dryer sheets, body wash, napkins, and Kleenex.

Your giving hearts strengthen the bonds within our church community and uplift everyone! *Thank you for your support!*

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**Join us Sat., Sept. 27 for the 29th annual Elim Dutch Festival!** Admission is free! All proceeds go to support the mission and work of Elim—equipping children and adults to thrive at Elim and beyond. Visit: [elimcs.org/dutch-festival](http://elimcs.org/dutch-festival) to sponsor or volunteer. Event will be held on Elim's campus. If you have questions, please contact Kayla: 708-293-6510.