Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 2026 10:00 am



By the grace of God, we seek to love God and to serve humanity as Christ did.

The People of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

Welcome to
GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Jerry Cho

Prayer Request Cards are available in each pew. An usher will collect the cards during the service. Pastor will include your prayer request during the Sharing of Concerns and Joys.

Yellow Welcome Cards are available in each pew for our guests to fill out.

Hymns and Songs are in the red United Methodist Hymnal **(UMH**) and the black song book The Faith We Sing (**TFWS**) located in the pew racks. **Indicates those who are able may stand.*

Entrance and Praise

PRELUDE Mason Thill

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Haacke

To our guests, we extend our warm greetings.
To the friends we know, let us renew our welcome.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (L-Leader, A-All) Nancy Haacke

L: We gather as people who are always being renewed by the grace of God.

A: Reform our hearts, O God, and renew your church.

L: Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

A: Teach us to love you with our whole being.

L: Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

A: Open our hearts to our neighbors, especially those whom the world overlooks or excludes.

L: In every generation, God calls the church to renewed faith, courageous love, and faithful action.

A: May your Spirit reform us and lead us in the way of Christ.

L: Let us worship God together.

***HYMN** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #402 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION Nancy Haacke

The Reformation reminds us that the church is never finished growing, changing, and becoming more faithful to the gospel. Jesus teaches us that the heart of our faith is love—love of God and love of neighbor. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess the ways we have failed to live by that love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious God, you call us to love you with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we confess that our love is often limited. We have allowed fear to overcome compassion, judgment to replace understanding, and self-interest to silence the needs of others. Forgive us when we cling to traditions while forgetting the spirit of your gospel. Reform our hearts, renew our minds, and reshape your church so that our words and actions may reveal the love of Christ. Amen.

Now let us take a moment of quiet reflection to bring our sins individually before our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (L-Leader, P-People)

L: Hear the good news: God's grace is greater than our failures, and God's love is always at work making all things new.

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again to love God and neighbor.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Forgiven and restored to right union with God let us offer each other the sign of His peace. This is a symbol of our commitment to love our neighbor.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 34:1-12** Nancy Haacke

Page 184, Old Testament in pew Bible

SECOND READING **Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17** Nancy Haacke
Page 517, Old Testament in pew Bible

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 22:34-46** Pastor Jerry Cho
Page 24, New Testament in pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Always Reforming, Always Loving Pastor Jerry Cho

***HYMN** Jesu, Jesu #432 UMH

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Collectively we bring our petitions to the Lord with the prayer He has given us.

THE 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. Amen.

AFTER LORD'S PRAYER Amen #898 UMH

Sending Forth

***HYMN** A Mighty Fortress is Our God #110 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Mason Thill

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 10/18:

World Communion	$30.00
Facility Use	$120.00
UMCOR	$500.00
Lighthouse Auction Baskets	25.00

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Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

	Liturgist	Cupbearers	Coffee Host
10/25	Nancy Haacke	n/a	Cindy Cho
11/1	Cindy Cho	***Needed****	Nancy Haacke
..11/8	Rama Bharadwaj	n/a	Charge Conf Potluck

See sign-up on bulletin board

	Usher	A/V
10/25	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
11/1	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
11/8	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech

Calendar Reminders This Week:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Wed 10/28	1 pm	Book Club	Fellowship Hall
	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 10/29	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC

Knock, Knock! Who's There? A New Back Door!

Hopefully you have noticed the new back door that our Trustees had installed this week. The electronics still have to get hooked up, but what a great improvement to our church this will be when all done! It is not too late to contribute to cover this significant expense. Every contribution, big or small, helps. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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All Saints' Sunday – November 1st

All Saints Sunday is when we celebrate and remember those who have made the journey and taken the next step. We will read the names and light a candle in remembrance of those who have passed at our Nov 1st worship service. If you have a loved one who has joined the union of Saints since All Saints Day last year, please call or email the church office with their name and relationship so that they can be remembered.

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Charge Conference & Potluck – November 8th

Our Annual Charge Conference will be on Sunday, November 8th in Fellowship Hall after worship. This is when we review our ministry, receive reports, and adopt goals recommended by the church council. We will celebrate with a potluck after worship. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board if you are interested in bringing a dish to share. We are also looking for a volunteer to serve as meal coordinator for the Potluck. Please plan to join the celebration!

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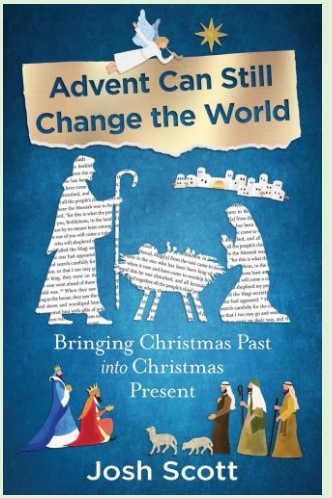
Giving Tree

You have until Nov. 8th to bring in hats, mittens, scarfs and gloves to help our neighbors in need. Place them on the Christmas tree in the narthex and we will divide them between Family Promise and the Ozaukee Foster Care program.
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Advent Study

11 am - Wednesdays

November 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th



Dave will be leading a four-week Advent study during the month of November. The reason for the earlier starting time is that he will be having hip replacement surgery on December 3rd. The study resource is entitled **Advent Can Still Change the World by Josh Scott**. The study will be held on Wednesday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to noon beginning on November 4th.

"This four-week Advent study invites you into the historical and cultural world of the nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Explore how the birth of Jesus fulfills Old Testament hopes, revealing God entering human history as the Word made flesh. Guided by Josh Scott, you'll discover how reading these texts in their original context opens fresh meaning for contemporary faith, illuminating the gifts and challenges of Christmas for our lives today."

Books are $16 and available on the counter in the narthex.

Current Needs

Canned chicken, canned salmon, Spam, condiments, vegetable oil, large soup, Hamberger Helper, salad dressing, canned fruit, & paper towels.

Current Needs

Laundry detergent pods (high priority), hand soap pumps, women's shave cream, toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels, loofah sponges, and earplugs.

Upcoming Meal Week

Our next opportunity to serve meals at the Portlight Shelter with Christ the King Church is **November 9th – 13th.** The shelter is currently housing 10 adults, 1 teen, and 6 children ages 4-12.

Thanks to generous donations to the Family Promise fund, we are able to reimburse volunteers for the cost of their meals. Simply submit your receipts to the church office.

If preparing a meal is not your cup of tea but you would like to participate in this mission, you are welcome to order a meal from your favorite store or restaurant, deliver it to the shelter, and submit your receipt to the church office for reimbursement. Reach out to Sandy or Cheryl if you have any questions. Look for the sign-up link in the November newsletter.

LIGHTHOUSE
YOUTH MINISTRY

Silent Auction Donations Needed



GAUMC is putting together a money tree and gift basket for the Lighthouse Youth Ministry Silent Auction on Giving Tuesday, December 1st. We are looking for monetary donations to help create both. Donations can be made by indicating "Lighthouse Auction" on the payment and placing it on the offering plate. **All donations are needed by Sunday, November 1st.**



See Jill Eernisse or Dan Benning to get your tickets.

From Pastor Jerry:

*Spiritual Vitamins * (Oct. 25, 2026)

1. The church reformed, always being reformed.
2. Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? – John Wesley
3. Many of my patients could have healthy hearts by just practicing the therapy of their religion. – Louis F. Bishop, M.D.
4. Religion is a great force – the only real motive force in the world. But you must get at a man through his own religion, not yours. – George Bernard Shaw
5. So many gods, so many creeds,
   so many paths that wind and wind,
   when just the art of being kind
   is all this sad world needs.
   – Ella wheeler Wilcox
6. Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark. - Rabindranath Tagore
7. There is nothing better for people to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime. - Ecclesiastes 3:12



The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

- Albert Schweitzer



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