



100 Locust St. NE Blirstown, IA 52209

<https://GraceLutheranBtownIA.wixsite.com/home>

Jeffrey Schanbacher, Pastor

Pastor: (314)303-5753 or (319)454-6951

Pastor: [gracetown@gmail.com](mailto:gracetown@gmail.com)

Carrie Newton, Secretary

Office Phone: 454-6941

Office: [gracetou111@gmail.com](mailto:gracetou111@gmail.com)

### **Pentecost 23 - November 16, 2025**

#### ***Order of Service - Divine Service: Setting 4 LSB 203***

#### **FM 90.5 or Grace Lutheran Church Blirstown - Facebook**

**Welcome** to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

**Supporting the Ministry of Grace** is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

**As We Gather:** One of the great mysteries of the Christian faith can be summed up in the word "near." "Near" can indicate something that is almost here but hasn't yet arrived. And at the same time, "near" can point to something already with us, like those "near and dear" to our hearts. The word "near" resounds with feelings of the here and now and the not quite yet. Today in worship, Your Savior, Jesus, is near! He is present in the here and now, delivering grace upon grace and delivering all the answers we need for now and gives the promised answer to our forever.. And He is on His way, bringing the fullness of His freedom. Praise the God who comes near in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

**Mission of the Month...**for November is the Christopher John Rempfer Scholarship Fund. This fund is used to support students who prepare for full time church work.

**Hy-Vee receipts** are a way of supporting the children of the Benton Community Norway school. The school can turn these in for needed school supplies. A labeled box is located in the entryway.

**St. John- Newhall Soup Supper:** Wednesday, November 19th from 4:30 - 7:00 in their fellowship hall. Proceeds support mission work.

**Stewardship Surveys!** It takes all of us to support this ministry here in Blirstown at Grace. Please prayerfully consider filling out a "Stewardship Survey" for each person in your family. Forms may be found either in your mailbox or on the table in the entryway. **Please return these forms by November 16th.**

**Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas:** Be a part of beautifying our chancel and support our youth, by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor a loved one, or you can choose to have us deliver one to a shut-in/nursing home resident. Forms are in your box and on the narthex table. Return the form to the box on the table by 11/30.

**Regular Voter's Meeting on November 23rd after worship:** All members of Grace over the age of 18 are eligible to vote on the business of the congregation. At this meeting we will approve the 2026 budget and elect leaders for the coming year. Prayerfully consider serving if you are asked!

**Thank You for Your Support!** Janette and I cannot express in enough words the overwhelming feeling of support here at Grace! Whether it was with prayers or cards during Pastor's recent medical procedures or through the cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation, Thanks be to God for each of you!!!! Pastor

**Support for the Community:** Food insecurity can be daunting. With the recent lack of funding for SNAP benefits it has moved us to support our community as we are able. In the entryway, are non-perishable food items for anyone who is in need. If you would like to donate items (please make sure items are not expired) or know of someone who could benefit, please utilize this resource as we show Christian love and care for our community. The entryway is always accessible for drop-off or to take items for those who need it. **Once we have made it through this immediate need, we will be taking what is left to the Belle Plaine Food Pantry as part of the annual LWML pantry drive.** Thank you for your support!

**Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at St. John Keystone** to be held on Sunday, November 23rd, with serving around 11:30 a.m. Turkey, table service, and beverages will be provided. We are asking for everyone to bring a favorite side dish to share. We'd love to have you join us!