

Vision of Grace Lutheran Church

We the members of Grace Lutheran Church are a medium sized church located in the heart of Visalia at the corner of Tulare Ave and Conyer St, and have served this community since 1907. We also own property in east Visalia, which will provide future expansion and increased ministry.

We are a warm, accepting and loving congregation, who with God's help, are instruments to bring inspiration, hope and forgiveness to all who believe in His name. Visitors often remark about how friendly the people are.

We provide two worship services each Sunday. The 8 am traditional style service is organ led; and a worship band leads the 10:30 am contemporary style service. Worship includes both traditional hymns and contemporary songs. Music plays a big part, and includes adult choir, hand bell choir and praise team. (Each year the music department presents Christmas and Easter musicals.) Worship for the Lahu Shi community is offered at 1:00 pm. Nursery care is provided for children 3 years of age and under at the 10:30 am service.

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, and take the teaching of it seriously. Bible Study for all ages is a big part of our life together on Sunday mornings and during the week. Adult, youth, and children's ministries begin every Sunday at 9: 30 am.

We are known for our Christian education ministry to children. Grace Christian School offers a high quality education for students Kindergarten through 6th grade by excellent Christian teachers. Our Preschool/Child Care Center serves children 2-6 years of age. We strive to train the whole child.

A fully staffed Youth Ministry serves middle school and high school youth and their families. An opportunity exists for community among believers, and to disciple youth into a responsible relationship with Christ through worship, Biblical study, and service.

Desiring to be what God wants us to be, and knowing that our purpose is not just to exist for ourselves, we reach out to the un-churched and lost. Members are asked to invite friends, neighbors, and relatives to worship, and as they are able and gifted, to witness and share God's good news. The community is invited to our annual July 4th family fun festival.

We offer and encourage Christian fellowship. Numerous dinners, activities, and opportunities are provided for members and friends to gather and to experience the Christian life together, to serve, to share and comfort. Fellowship in small and large groups provides a great atmosphere for the growth of Christian relationships.

Mission and reaching out to other people of different cultures and circumstances are important to us. Grace includes a Lahu Shi worshiping community. We support a "church planter" serving in Thailand. We also reach out to the developmentally challenged in our area.

We understand that God has given us specific abilities and unique gifts with which to serve Him. We want to be responsible managers of God's creation by serving Him in the church, in our homes, in daily work, in the community and the world.

In the light of this Philosophy of Ministry, we the members of Grace, seek to honor God, and be His faithful people.

If you come as a guest, it is our prayerful desire that you return as a friend.