

Algona First United Methodist Church

Experience God's Grace

Prevenient: Drawn to the

Father's loving embrace.

Justifying: Jesus dying in my place

Sanctifying: The Spirit's strength to run
the race.

Glorification: God's love shines

forever upon my face.



Welcome Serve Love

This Week's Schedule

August 2

- Worship 5pm

August 3

- Worship 9am
- Lay Leadership Meeting 6pm

August 4

- Blood Drive 12:30-5:30pm
- Hospitality 4:30pm
- Worship 5:30pm
- Christian Ed 6:30pm

August 5

- Mat Weaving 9-11:30am
- Homestead 9am
- Van Buren 10am
- Prayer Devotions @ noon
- Pork & Sweetcorn Supper 4:30-6:30pm

August 6

- ELO 9-2pm

August 7

- Office Closed
- UWF Fellowship Coffee 9:30am

August 8

- Office Closed

August 9

- Worship 5pm

Announcements

You can still bring in items for the Student Kits.

Pork & Sweetcorn Supper Tickets available in the church office!

Block Party

September 10

5-7pm

Riding Light Ministries (Free horse rides)

Registration for Kids Club

Free activities for the kids

Volunteer Sign Up coming soon.

LOOKING for a group or person/s who would like to cook once a month (on a Wednesday night) for the vine. You can pick your menu. Call the office if you are interested!

If you are a 50 Year Member of the Methodist Church please let the office know.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *I Peter 1:13-16 The Message*
Leader: So roll up your sleeves, get your head in the game, be totally ready to receive the gift that’s coming when Jesus arrives. Don’t lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn’t know any better then; you do now.

People: As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God’s life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, “I am holy; you be holy.”

Opening Prayer *Hymnal #335 “An Invitation to the Holy Spirit”*

***Song** #384 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Saturday)*
“Your Grace Is Enough” (Sunday)

Old Testament Reading *Psalms 51*

Congregational Prayer *Hymnal #401*
“For Holiness of Heart”

***Song** #399 *“Take My Life, and Let It Be” (Saturday)* *“Redeemed” (Sunday)*

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

***Offertory Prayer**
Lord, we come before you with humble hearts, offering what we can. May these gifts be pleasing in your sight and used to further your kingdom. Amen.

***Song** #420 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Saturday)* #384 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Sunday)*

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading *Galatians 2:20-21; 5:13-25*

Message *“Sanctification: The Lifelong Process of Spiritual Growth”*

***Response** #393 *“Spirit of the Living God.” (Saturday)* *“Lay Me Down” (Sunday)*

***Benediction** *I Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28*
Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Sanctifying Grace:
The Lifelong Process of Growing in Love for God & Others

Our Wesleyan heritage: “John Wesley’s understanding of grace moves beyond forgiveness and acceptance of our identity as beloved children of God. God’s goal for humanity is the complete restoration of the divine image and the conformity of all creation to the image of Jesus Christ. Sanctification (from *sanctus*, holy) denotes the process by which the believer is made holy and whole in response to justification.

The Book of Discipline states: “We hold that the wonder of God’s acceptance and pardon do not end God’s saving work, which continues to nurture our growth in grace. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are enabled to increase in the knowledge and love of God and in love for our neighbor.” If prevenient grace is the porch of the house of grace and justifying grace is the doorway, *sanctifying grace* represents the rooms in the expansive dwelling of God’s presence with and purposes for humanity.

Wesley affirmed that God’s grace seeks nothing less than a new creation in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Sanctifying grace is God’s freely given presence and power to restore the fullness of God’s image in which we are created.
Source: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/a-wesleyan-understanding-of-grace>

PURPOSE: SANCTIFICATION IS GOD’S GOAL FOR LIVES

I Peter 1: ¹⁴ So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. ¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”
I Thessalonians 5: ²³ Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. ²⁴ God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.
PROCESS: SANCTIFICATION IS A LIFELONG GROWTH PROCESS
II Peter 3: ¹⁸ Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Colossians 2: ⁶ And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.

PROVISION: SANCTIFICATION OCCURS AS WE APPROPRIATE GOD’S RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Galatians 2: ²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 5: ¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.
Galatians 5: ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.
Ephesians 5: ¹⁸ Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.
“PRODUCT”: SANCTIFICATION RESULTS IN LOVE OF GOD AND OTHERS
Matthew 22: ³⁷ Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’
Galatians 5: ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Next week we will focus on the “Means of Grace”, which are the practical steps we can take to increasingly open our lives to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.