



140 Years of  
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 8, 2023*  
*Grace Lutheran Church 8:30 am Service*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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**PRELUDE**

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**"This is the Spirit's Entry"**

**ELW 448**

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| <p>1 This is the Spirit's entry now:<br/>the water and the word,<br/>the cross of Jesus on your brow,<br/>the seal both felt and heard.</p> <p>2 This miracle of life reborn<br/>comes from the Lord of breath;<br/>the sinless one from life was torn;<br/>our life comes through his death.</p> | <p>3 Let water be the sacred sign<br/>that we must die each day<br/>to rise again by his design<br/>as foll'wers of his way.</p> <p>4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise<br/>for your baptismal pow'r<br/>that washes us through all our days.<br/>Come, cleanse again this hour.</p> |
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**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

*ELW p 147*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**FESTIVAL HYMN**

***“This is the feast”***

*ELW p 149*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... O God our Father, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9**

**Pew Bible 584**

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests  
bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

### **SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

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<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and <sup>34</sup>his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right

is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN’S TIME

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**“Alleluia”**

*ELW p 151*

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

**Pew Bible p 784**

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the third chapter.

*Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”**

***ELW 304***

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.	sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.
2 God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,	3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call to serve with free and willing heart,

to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.  
4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,

that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.

**APOSTLE'S CREED....**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
And also with you.

**OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church**

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... **Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

**SONG of OFFERING:** *"Create in Me"* **ELW 186**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**PRAYER SONG:** *"Hear Our Prayer"* **ELW 178**

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people,  
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

**PRAYER PETITIONS:**

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen the faith of bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, teachers, newly ordained, and any contemplating ministry. Inspire them to

serve with imagination and wisdom to do your reconciling and redeeming work.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Bring relief to drought-stricken lands and provide healing for lands who have endured flood and fires. Walk with us through the challenges which surround us and wash away our anxiety by your promised presence freeing us from despair. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Create hearts of cooperation and constructive dialogue between the nations leaders. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity and provide relief for those in war torn countries. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Darla, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Becky, Ronald, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Tracy, Raaf, Caden, Todd, and Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, especially Lanie May Finck, her parents and sponsors as the words renew the knowledge how God's love has touched her and all those washed in the waters of baptism, that they may bear witness to your grace and praise your name. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

**PRAYER SONG:**

**“Hear Our Prayer”**

**ELW 178**

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people,  
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*ELW p 152*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *ELW 153*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We remember the words of Our Lord spoke on that ancient night...

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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 and ever.  
Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:** Come and taste the joy of God!

**THE COMMUNION:**

*ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME TO COME FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER. CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A BLESING*

**COMMUNION SONG**

***"Lamb of God"***

***ELW p 154***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

***"Spirit of Gentleness"***

***ELW 396***

*Refrain*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

***"What Feast of Love"***

***ELW 487***

1 What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?

This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING:** And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us Pray... **Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

### **COMMISSION AND BLESSING:**

Go now as a light to the nations. Honor the Lord; preach what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfil all righteousness.

And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;  
May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;  
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved ones, today and always. **Amen**

### **SENDING SONG:            “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”            ELW 445**

1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,  
where your cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among you people;  
bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and  
sparkling; compass them with love and  
light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.  
2. We who bring them long for nurture;  
by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of  
blessing, living bread.

God, renew us, guide our footsteps;  
free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.  
3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water-washed and Spirit born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Recreate us; God, transform!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace... Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

***Thank you for worshiping with us today!***

### **Announcements for January 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:***

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Darla Gilman, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Becky Nelson, Ronald Newell, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Raaf Stolp, Caden Thompson, Todd Wilson, and Robert Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, our Law Enforcement personal, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

**Baptized into Christ at Grace Lutheran:** We Welcome today into the family of God, Lainie May Finck, daughter of Lacie and Chad Finck. Her sponsors are Kyle and Lindsey Fischer.

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we welcomed Clara Ingrid Chavez-Mohling, daughter of Jessica Chavez and Jesse Mohling, into the family of God. Her sponsors were: Kollin Mohling, Michelle Erlandson-Mohling, and Kayla Mohling.

#### **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:**

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#### **On the CALENDAR - For the week of January 8<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:30 am - Worship service w/communion 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am - Sunday school 11 am - Worship service w/communion & Baptism of Lanie May Finck
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 – Banquet Board meets 5:30 Grace Foundation meets 5:30 pm – Grace Lutheran Serves the Banquet

(Helpers be there by 5 pm if possible)

Tuesday Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association meets at HyVee  
 4:30 pm Watertown Worship & Music committee meets  
 6 pm – Outreach & Fellowship Committee meets

Wednesday 10 am - Service at High Rise Apartments  
 6 pm - Prophets Bible Study  
 6 pm - Wednesday School  
 6 pm - Confirmation in the basement  
 7 pm - Family Midweek Worship  
 7:30 - pm Youth Group meets in Youth Room

Thursday 10:30 am – Service at Stoneybrook  
 6 pm – Grace Council meets

Sunday 8:30 am Worship service  
 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship  
 9:45 am - Sunday school  
 11 am Worship service  
 Girl Scouts activities in Fellowship Hall in the afternoon

**Upcoming Events:** January 29 – One Worship Service at 10 am  
 9 AM Sunday school with children singing at 10 am service  
 Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting at 11 am.  
 We need you there to approve the budget!  
 A POTLUCK meal will follow

**With Farewell for Cindy Vander Leest.**

February 3 – 6 pm to 9 pm Elementary Lock-in for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Ukrainian Refugee Efforts is Mission of the Month**

The statewide “Freedom’s Haven for New Americans Workforce” has set a goal of 1,000 Ukrainians for Watertown, SD. Winter is setting in hard in Ukraine, and Russia is targeting the electricity, water, and other infrastructure systems. With 7 million refugees already in Poland, Germany, and other European countries, Ukrainians are running out of places to turn for assistance. In short, people are dying. Ukrainian’s coming to the US must have a sponsor. Lutheran Social Service and Codington Country Social Services provide many programs of assistance. Ukrainians have now been allowed to work as soon as they arrive in the US and their Ukrainian driver’s license will be valid. Your monetary and volunteer assistance is needed.

For more information contact Pastor Cheryl or go to:

<https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/giving/support-an-existing-fund/freedoms-haven-for-new-americans-workforce>

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST** today is given from Louise McPeck in honor of LaVern's 80th Birthday and celebrating 80 years as a "Grace" member. Your gifts are an important part of the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, please call the office or send your donation to *Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201*

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