



Grace Lutheran 1883-2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany
~ January 14, 2024 ~ 8:30 am ~
Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship

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Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"Jesus Calls us o'er the Tumult"

ELW 696

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| <p>1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me".</p> <p>2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.</p> <p>3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,</p> | <p>from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."</p> <p>4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."</p> <p>5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.</p> |
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GREETING:

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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

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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"

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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 and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and 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 and honor and 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... **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Pew Bible p 215

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;**

all of them were written in your book;

my days were fashioned before they came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Pew Bible p 929

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

Children's Sermon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Alleluia"

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

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

Pew Bible p 863

The Holy Gospel according to St John, the first chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael

and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

ELW 810

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

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 always.
And also with you. (*We greet you all in peace.*)

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church
SONG of OFFERING: *"We are an Offering"* **ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours; We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you;
We are an offering, we are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... **God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

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:

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church throughout the world, God of truth. Let the leaders be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities and renewed commitment to your call. We pray for those who, in answering your call, must leave the known for the unknown and the comfortable for the uncertain. Grant them courage and steadfast faith.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We delight in the goodness of your creation, God of nature and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect all wildlife and creatures that live in the outdoors. We pray for those who work in harsh elements and care for livestock in frigid weather.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Fill their hearts with compassion to work for the benefit of all people through visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equity and uplifts those on the margins of society.

We pray for our service men and women and their families as they fulfill their duty in the uncertainty of this world.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims or who long for relief or restoration, especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Allen, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Joan, Carol, Kristi, Sharlee, Sylvia, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Deb, Glen & LaRue, Raef, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, the family of Robert Lenning, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. Stir the hearts of those at Grace Lutheran to continue to do the work of Jesus.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. Grant us peace in the knowledge we will meet with them again at your banquet table.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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”

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heav’n 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.

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:

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

THE COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONGS:

"Take My Life that I May Be"

ELW p. 685

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| <p>1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> <p>2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.</p> <p>3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.</p> | <p>4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.</p> <p>5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.</p> <p>6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.</p> |
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"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW 471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Let us Pray... **Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads. Do not be dominated by anything. Allow no room within yourselves for deceit, but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit. And may God be with you and speak through you; May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life; And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy. **Amen**

SENDING SONG: *"Lord speak to us, that we may speak"* **ELW 676**

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.

3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

DISMISSAL: Come and See, the peace of the Lord, in His calling.
Thanks be to God. We Will!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements for January 14th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Allen Benson, Danny Brekke, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Harper Evjen, Ted Frost, Carol Henrichs, Kristi Herting, Sylvia Larson, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Jada Mohror, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Lynn Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Deb Schlenner, Kaisley Schulz, Raef Stolp, Ashlea West, Robert Wittrock, and Sandra Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, transportation personnel, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

On the CALENDAR For the week of January 14th

Today 8:30 am – Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:45 am – Sunday school
11 am – Contemporary Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Monday Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
5:30 Banquet meal

Tuesday 1:30 pm Mission Committee meeting

Wednesday 10 am – Service at Townview
10:30 am – Service at Jenkins
5:30 to 6:15 - Wednesday meal
6 pm – Dinner Church and Wednesday school opening
6:30 to 7:30 pm – Wednesday school
6:30 to 7:30 pm – Confirmation
7:30 to 9 pm – Youth Group

Thursday 9 am – Watertown Ministerial Association meets at Grace

Friday 6 pm to midnight – Youth Fun Night for grade 7 – 12

Saturday 11 am to 1 pm Chili Cook-off

Sunday, January 21 – ANNUAL MEETING DAY
9:30 AM - Sunday school
10:30 am - Worship Service w/children singing
11:30 am – Annual meeting
Noon – potluck meal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 20 – 11 am Chili Cook-off tasting begins.
January 21st – Annual meeting at 11:30 am
Sunday school at 9:30
One Worship Service at 10:30 am.
Noon – Potluck meal in Fellowship Hall
February 10th – Celebration of Love Banquet for all members and non-members.
February 14th – Ash Wednesday

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex. Offering envelopes are numbered weekly envelopes use for recording your regular donation so you can receive an annual report for your financial records at the end of the year. Please pick them up as it saves on the cost of mailing. If you can take one to someone, please do so.

FILL THE SHELVES FOR Olena Shevliakova – PANTRY SHOWER

Olena will be moving into an apartment this week and we'd like to get her off to a good start. So we are having a pantry shower to fill her cupboards with food (and refrigerator) supplies.

Olena does not eat meat, ONLY fish!. Otherwise everything else is fine. At this time we are not asking for any kitchen or household items until she has moved in and we see what is needed. There were items left over from last springs donations which we will go through first. After she has moved in, we will put together a list of items she needs. Gift Cards are also welcome.

Olena has acquired a substitute teacher position with the Watertown School District for the time being. If there are any who would be able to offer rides to Olena for the winter, please let Pastor know.

Outreach and Fellowship Committee Planning Fellowship Events “Just for Fun” CHILI COOK-OFF January 20th

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee of Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on Saturday January 20th. There will be prized for the best chili. Judging will be by the tasters and a panel of judges. There is no cost to enter the chili competition and just \$5.00 to taste all the chili beginning at 11 am. For more information call or text Denise Biller at 605-377-5106.

CELEBRATION OF LOVE February 10th

Enjoy a night of food, dancing, fellowship, and time to celebrate the season of love on February 10th at the 2nd Street Station. The evening of fellowship for all couples and singles will begin with a social hour at 5 pm and serving of the meal at 5:30 pm. No formal attire is required. Tickets for this First Annual Celebration of Love are \$30 for single and \$50 for two and available at the church office. You must purchase prior to February 4th. We especially encourage newly married and long-time married couples to come and let us celebrate you. The committee is looking for those who could provide rides for our elderly members or any who may not drive during the evening. If you are able, please let the office know.

YOUTH FUN NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR January 19

Youth in grades 7th thru 12th are invited to a fun night on Friday, January 19th from 6 pm to Midnight at Grace Lutheran. The evening will begin with a meal, include games and several fun activities to be determined. Parents are asked to help with the night. If you are able, please contact Pastor Cheryl, 605-237-1501.

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR January 21

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th in the church Sanctuary following the 10:30 am worship. There will only be one worship service that day to allow for the 11:30 am meeting. Important business of the church will be discussed, including the budget. To vote and pass the budget, a certain number of members must be present, so please plan to be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, a ZOOM link will be available as we need the numbers to have a vote.

Caramel Rolls will be available on January 21st beginning at 9:30 am to eat in or take out. All proceeds go to the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

ZOOM Link for Annual Meeting: If you are not able to attend the annual meeting, email Pastor Cheryl for a ZOOM link to be sent to you **prior to** the meeting. You will need to download the ZOOM app on your computer or phone prior to the time. Instructions can be sent to you if additional help is needed PRIOR to the meeting – NOT during. Email Pastor by Saturday January 20th at: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com to receive a ZOOM link.

Potluck Meal following Annual meeting

There will be a potluck meal at noon on Sunday, January 21st following the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to take time to participate by bringing a dish to pass and staying to visit and get to know your family at Grace Lutheran. Fellowship is an important part of being a member of the church family and we look forward to spending time with you and your family.

WATERTOWN FRUITS BY GRACE SALES

Our fruits, nuts, snacks and candy items are always available at the office Monday thru Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm and Wednesday until 7 pm. All proceeds go to Grace Lutheran

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

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Gary Rukstad and Dylan Jordan.

Pastoral Calls: You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com

GRACE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION GRANTS are due February 15th. Grant forms are available in the office. Please pick them up and completed prior to the due date.

MISSION OF THE MONTH Ukrainian Refugee Efforts

During the past year, Grace Lutheran has sponsored 5 refugees from Ukraine. Vasyi Molod and Igor and Luv Tokariev and boys Davyd and Ramir. All have settled into their apartments, jobs, and school in Watertown.

Currently a new refugee, Olena Shevliakova, arrived in South Dakota on December 20th and is staying with host family Ty and Jen Moos at Webster. She will be moving to Watertown in the coming weeks as she obtains employment and an apartment.

The statewide "Freedom's Haven for New Americans Workforce" set a goal in 2023 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. Ukrainian's coming to the US must have a sponsor. Lutheran Social Service and Codington County Social Services provide many programs of assistance. They are allowed to work as soon as they arrive in the US. Volunteer assistance is needed to provide transportation for the first weeks they are here so they can

apply for employment. Currently there are 6 families plus two singles in Watertown and another family coming this month.

Grace Lutheran has a separate account to make donations for our refugees to help them get established as they come. You can give online at glcwtn.org or mail to the Ukraine Fund at Grace Lutheran, 202 2nd St, SE, Watertown, SD 57201. Gift Cards are also welcome. For more information or if you can help, contact Pastor Cheryl.

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** is given in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling from the Schmeling Radio Fund. Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran inside and out of our walls. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers, stop at the office, call the office, or send your donation to:

Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201



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Memorial, Radio, Youth Trip, Parking Lot,
Multipurpose Room or other on that page.**