



140 Years of  
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*5th Sunday in Lent ~ March 26*  
*Grace Lutheran Church - 11 am service*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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***PRELUDE***

***Congregation responses in Bold Print***

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 130)

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

**We watch for God, whose power redeems us.**

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

**Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

**BAPTISM SONG:     *"Baptized and Set Free" ELW 453   vs 1 & 2***

1 We are people created,  
chosen by God.

Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.

Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door

to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.

2 We are fed and we're nourished,  
filled and refreshed.

Then our hunger returns and  
again we are blessed.

For whatever the need,  
God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper  
than all of our need.

**HOLY BAPTISM OF OLIVIA ANN RUDEBUSCH**

*ELW p 227*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Parents Response: **I do.***

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of

God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture the her in faith and prayer, so that Olivia may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents Response: I do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Olivia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors Response: I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Olivia and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Oh Lord... Pour out your Holy Spirit, wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Olivia Ann Rudebusch, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Let us pray.

*Laying hands*

Let us pray... Oh Lord, sustain Olivia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Anointing*

Olivia Ann Rudebusch, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

*Baptismal Candle*

Olivia, Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome our new sister in Christ. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**BAPTISM SONG continued:   *“Baptized and Set Free”                      ELW 453    va 3 & 4***

3 We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
    and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.

As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
    precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.

    All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.

    Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
    one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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... **O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Pew Bible 704**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

### **PRAISE SONG:**

***"Walk Across the Water"***

When the waters of our Mother broke And the world first came to be,  
It was in that instant God done spoke and said,  
“Walk across the water to me.”

*Refrain:* “Walk across the water; walk across the water.  
Let your faith run free on the raging sea, And walk across the water to me.”

1. On the day we came to be baptized, By the word in the water freed,  
Jesus looked into our wond’ring eyes and said,  
“Walk across the water to me.” (*Refrain*)

2. And when Israel fled from Egypt’s land, They were chased up to the sea.  
Moses’ God said, “Take them by the hand  
And walk across the water to me.” (*Refrain*)

3. Is that my Lord a-walking on the Sea of Galilee?  
Jesus says, “If your faith be more than talk,  
Then walk across the water to me.” (*Refrain*)

**SECOND READING: Romans 8: 6-11**

**Pew Bible 919**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL LEAD-IN: HELP US O LORD (DR Blue p 117)**

Help us O Lord to hear your word. Open our hearts to feel your word.

Give us the strength To live your work each day. (Repeat)

**GOSPEL: John 11: 1-45**

**Pew Bible p 873**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in

spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

### MESSAGE

#### SONG OF THE DAY:

#### "You Are the Way"

**ELW 758**

1 You are the way; to you alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find  
and by your grace set free.  
2 You are the truth; your word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind  
and purify the heart.

3 You are the life; the rending tomb  
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you  
not death nor hell shall harm.  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life;  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

#### PRAYER PETITIONS:

You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our understanding of your power over death that we might be raised to new life in you. Bless the work of faithful witnesses of Christ and those who are called to ministry. Grant them joy and a spirit of bold trust. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore the soils and resources of nature. Provide for wildlife and especially fowl of every kind as they seek

food in the deep snows. Grant favorable weather for cattlemen who are calving and avert flooding as spring awakes.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from schemes of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and discrimination of all kinds. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the equality and dignity for every human life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Frankie, Rick, Patty, Roger, Bob, Tracy, Steve, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the volunteers who give of their time at Grace in love for you, the musicians who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving, songs of lament and prayer. Create a desire for all to live the gospel, eager to do your will. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you provide for us the way of salvation.

You renew and give new life to those who come to you. Bless the promises of baptism for Jax, Brycen, Skie and Olivia. Grant them joy in the knowledge of the gift of salvation. Cause a revival in all parents and sponsors to know the peace of living in the Spirit and your Words of grace. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Lord, we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever.

## **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 receive Jesus, who restore your soul.

**THE COMMUNION**

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

**COMMUNION SONGS:**

***"Here is Bread"***

***ELW 483***

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

(Refrain) In this bread there is healing, In this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain)

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain)

***"Boundless Love"***

(Refrain) Boundless love touches And changes the heart of us.  
Boundless love touches and changes the heart of us.

O Spirit of Jesus you sit at our table And call us to a radical meal  
Of boundless love that climbs over barriers  
So nothing can keep us apart. (Refrain)

We structure injustice that keeps some from eating,  
You prepare us for a different feast  
Of boundless love that climbs over barriers  
So nothing can keep us apart. *(Refrain)*

Oh Spirit of life come and move through the people,  
Confronting the powers of death  
'Cause boundless love climbs over barriers  
So nothing can keep us apart. *(Refrain)*

**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... **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING:** *(based on Romans 8: 10-11)*

As you go from here, remember this: the same Spirit of God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, also lives in you, breathing new life and freedom into your hearts and minds. So go from here with joy and confidence, knowing that God Is at work within you.

And as you go, may God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey, now and forever. **Amen**

**SENDING SONG:** ***"Your Love is Everlasting"***

Since time began, through centuries God's love is everlasting.

To distant unknown galaxies God's love is everlasting

Splendor springs forth 'cross the land God's love is everlasting.

Abundance, sharing hand in hand God's love is everlasting.

**REFRAIN** Your love (your love) is lasting, your love is everlasting.

Your love (your love) is lasting, your love is everlasting.

A mothers womb, a brand new life God's love is everlasting.

An empty tomb, the risen Christ God's love is everlasting.

For Weeping may last for the night God's love is everlasting,

But joy breaks forth with morning light God's love is everlasting. *Refrain*

Signs of hope, a voice of peace God's love is everlasting.

The prophet's cry for war to cease God's love is everlasting.

For the down and out and high and proud God's love is everlasting

Come all you people shout outloud God's love is everlasting. *Refrain*

## **SENDING:**

Go in peace... Restored by Christ. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

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

**Announcements for March 26<sup>th</sup>**

***Experience Grace Daily!***

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

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeck, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Denton (Bob) Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Steve Schlenner, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, 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.

### **On the CALENDAR - For the week of March 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/Holy communion & Baptism of Jax, Brycen & Skie Schiernbeck 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am Worship service w/Holy communion & Baptism of Olivia Ann Rudebusch
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 Banquet
Tuesday	Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee
Wednesday	NOON - Community Lenten services 12:05 led by Grace 12:30 pm – Community soup luncheon served by Grace 6 pm - Prophets Bible Study 6 pm - Wednesday School 7 pm – Lenten services w/ confirmation students assisting 7:30 pm - Youth Group meets in Youth Room <b>7:30 pm - Beth St Martin telling Ryan's Story – a presentation about drug addiction and loss.</b>
Friday	Home Schoolers at Grace 8 am to Noon
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30 am - Worship service 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am – Caramel Rolls for sale <b>9:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Face Painting with prizes</b>

11 am - Worship service  
1 pm Service at Edgewood  
1 – 4 pm Margaret Gjerde 95th Birthday family

### **Upcoming Events:**

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter services at 7:30 & 9:30 with Spanish speaking at 11 am  
Easter Brunch from 8:30 to 11 am  
April 11 – 13: SD Synod Spring Theological in Watertown  
April 16 – Country Gospel Jamboree 2-4 pm; noon meal; silent auction.  
April 30<sup>th</sup> - Affirmation of Baptism service at 11 am  
May 21<sup>st</sup> - Senior Recognition Sunday

### **Welcome into the Family of God Today**

We welcome Jax Abel-Roy, Brycen Tyler, and Skie Misty Schiernbeck into the family of God today through Holy Baptism at the 8:30 am service. Jax and Brycen are the sons of Skie and Aaron Schiernbeck. Their sponsors are Megan & Joseph Nord and Patrick Sadek.

Olivia Ann Rudebusch will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11 am service. She is the daughter of James and Jennifer Rudebusch. Her sponsors are David & Courtnie Rudebusch and Amanda Juracek.

May God protect them, encircle them with His promises and fill their hearts with joy.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who helped with the “I Got it at Grace” vendor fair! Although the weather prevented a lot of people from coming, it was still good for Grace. Thank you to those who donated food and to those who helped in the kitchen, the concession stand, and those who helped with the dried fruit & nuts. A big thank you to the youth who helped – you are a wonderful blessing! Parents, I hope you are proud of how good they do! Together, we all are making Grace a wonderful church home! God Bless! Bobbi & Darlene

### **Beth St Martin to speak Wednesday on drug addiction telling Ryan’s Story**

Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD will speak at Grace Lutheran at 7:30 pm, Wednesday evening, following Lenten worship on March 29th. Her talk is called Ryan's Story and tells the story of a family dealing with the addition of a child and the pain and grief of dealing with the loss of a loved one by overdose. The goal of Ryan's Story is trying to “erase some of the stigma around drug addiction” and help people understand it can happen to anyone. St Martin tells the story from the non-addict view and then talks about grief, coping with grief, and “what I do to cope with grief”. Officer Alexis Buysse from the Watertown Police Department will be on hand to answer questions about what local law enforcement are dealing with.

St Martin was to speak during the Mini-Youth gathering in January, which was cancelled. Several expressed interest in hearing this story about addiction. With the

increase in drugs in our community and upcoming events of prom and graduation, we are providing this opportunity to hear this story in hope it may save another family the pain and grief of losing a child through the heartache of addiction Everyone is welcome.

### **LAST COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY:**

Grace Lutheran will conduct the worship service and luncheon this week for the Community Lenten services. The service will begin at 12:05 and held in the sanctuary at Grace Lutheran. Lunch follows in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with the luncheon.

### **EASTER FLOWERS INSERT**

An insert this week in the bullet is available for flower and plant donations for the Palm Sunday palms and Easter Sunday flowers. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish considering the increase in the cost of flowers during the last year. Please return the form no later than April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT WITH FACE PAINTING**

There will be an Easter Egg hunt and face painting between services on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Postcards are being sent out to the Grace Lutheran neighborhood with an invitation for our neighbors to come and join the fun. Children are asked to come and join in the palm processional for each worship at 8:30 and 11 am. The Easter Egg hunt and face painting will take place between the service during the regular Sunday school time. Children will also be singing during the 11 am service.

### **EASTER BRUNCH PLANNED**

An Easter Brunch will be served on Easter morning, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Worship services at set for 7:30 and 9:30 am with a Spanish speaking service at 11 am for our Spanish speaking neighbors. Bruch will be service in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 to 11 am.

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

**PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett**

**KEYBOARD:** Isaak Montemayor

**READER:** Ed Morrison

**USHERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Lori Rust, Melody Schulz

**PRIASE TEAM:** Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling, Marian Raml, Karen Kasperson

**SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM:** Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, & Dylan Jordan

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

### **HELP CREATE A SPECIAL 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUILT**

To commemorate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church, we invite the

congregation to help make a quilt! The quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 ½" blocks, which we will provide. Each family can take 1 block and design it however you wish to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140<sup>th</sup> celebration. Blank quilt square are available at the church office.

**CRAFT CLASS:** Denise Thingelstad will teach a class on greeting card making on Tuesday evening, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00. Cost of the class is \$10 which will cover the cost of supplies. Participants will make a simple card with a couple embellishments. Registration is due by April 14. Please call the office 605-886-5737.

### **COUNTRY GOSPEL JAMBOREE! April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Terry Foster and the Classic's will be the featured band for this year's Country Gospel Jamboree. Area musicians and singers are encouraged to come join in the fun with a number or two with the band sharing their musical talents. To sign up, Contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

There will be a noon meal served until 1:30 prior to the jamboree. The meal will consist of a Chef salad or hamburger or brat with mac salad, baked beans and chips for \$10.00. The meal will be eat in or take out. Denise Biller is in charge of the meal.

A silent auction will also be held from noon to 3:30 pm in the hallways around the fellowship hall. Donations to the silent auction are welcome. If you have items to donate to the silent auction, contact Darlene Bresson or drop the items off at the office.

All proceeds from the Jamboree activities go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generous donations.

### ***Dinner for Two for a year Tickets available***

Tickets are now available for a chance to win *Dinner for Two* for each month for a year. The twelve dinners for two are at: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys, Mavericks, El tapatio, North Shore, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senor Max's, and the Watertown Brewing. Cost of the tickets are just \$5.00. The winner will be drawn during at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Jamboree at approximately 3:30 pm. All proceeds go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church.

### **"LUTHERAN OUTDOORS" March Mission of the Month by the Missions Committee.**

This mission consist of three different camps offering a summer camp experience for children or for the whole family to get away or it may also be a winter retreat. It consists of Outlaw Ranch, NeSoDak and Klein Ranch, all in South Dakota. Marti Knudsen, of NESODAK, will attend the March 19th worship services to talk about the

camps.

Check out the Website for the 2023 Summer Camp Schedules. Your donations will help send a child that can't afford the cost of this adventurous camp. What a difference it can make in a child's life. A place where God's people can receive preparation for a life of faith, love, and living in the loving arms of God.

### **APPLICATIONS MADE FOR UKRAINE REFUGEES**

An application to sponsor Igor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and David, ages 7 and 10, is in review. Igor is a welder by profession. The family is from the city of Zaporozhye and currently in Poland.

An application has been made for Vasyl Molod from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine and currently in Germany. He comes from a family of 9 children of which there are 5 minor children yet. He is 23 years old and will stay with Pastor Cheryl and Scott in Wilmot. It is his hope to settle and help others in his family to get here.

At times there are single people like this who seek refugee here. If you are able to host a single person such as this, 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** today is giving in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. Altar Flower this week are given from Darcy Raethz in celebration of her sister Denise Biller's birthday. 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***

**Stewardship Opportunities** insert in your bulletin: Grace Lutheran has the most amazing members who regularly volunteer. Often someone would like to volunteer but does not know what there is to do or to offer their faithful serve for. A list will be made and handed out with a variety of upcoming opportunities and inserted in the bulletin. We area always looking for ushers and readers each week but as new opportunities arise, you will see them on these inserts.

*“The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world,  
and those who live in it;” (Psalm 24:1)*

If you are able to help with any of these activities, please put your name on the insert and drop it in the offering plate or at the office.

### **Congregational Query Insert in Bulletin**

The Grace Lutheran Council is seeking your opinion on repurposing the choir room to a Multi-purpose Room.

Estimates have been received to fill-in the tiered area making the floor one level. Tiered seating was useful when Grace had a large choir, and all members needed an unobstructed view of the director. We no longer have a large choir and seldom use the room for choir practice.

**Reasons for this repurposing are:**

**Liability**            One person has slipped over the edge of the tiered seating area and taken by ambulance to the emergency.

Placing a railing around each tier for safety would limit the use of the room even more.

Currently two TOPs groups meet in this room. Some of their members have difficulty walking and could slip.

Those working with the Christmas dinner take-outs would have less chance to trip up and down the tier layers.

**Usability:** The room could be better utilized without the tiered steps.

If repurposed, more meetings could take place in the room. A larger room provides opportunities for larger meetings, Bible Studies, craft activities, etc. without setting up Fellowship Hall.

Brides want a room with more lighting for pictures as they get ready for their wedding. The basement does not have the lighting they desire. An option is to allow use of the chapel for better lighting which requires removal and return of chairs.

The Watertown Fruit by Grace refrigerators could be moved into the room and out of the hallway with areas for product and storage.

**The insert will be in the bulletin through Palm Sunday. On the honor system only vote one time per person - You may put your comments on the back of the insert.**

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And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**