



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ April 3, 2022
Grace Lutheran Church *8:30 am Service*
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING SONG: *“As the Winter Days Grow Longer”* **ACS 924**

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| 1 As the winter days grow longer,
drawing short the hours of night;
as our eager expectation
waits for Easter's dawning light—
yearning people, here we gather,
turning watchful eyes to you:
God who blesses earth with springtime,
shine within our world anew! | Lenten people, here we gather,
seeking lives refreshed from sin.
God who blesses earth with springtime,
bloom within our hearts again! |
| 2 As the vines burst into blossom,
fragrant in the morning air,
lifting spirits with their sweetness,
luring hearts to thankful prayer— | 3 As we journey through this season,
pilgrims through a thirsty land,
quench us with your living presence;
guide us with your loving hand.
Wand'ring people, here we gather,
called to rest along our way.
God who blesses earth with springtime,
grant us sabbath joy this day! |

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

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

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 43:16-21

Pew Bible 586

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

³The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Pew Bible p 950

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More

than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord" p 151

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8 **Pew Bible p 874**

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

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" **ELW 335**

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find	rest beyond the river. 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
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help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,

hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.

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.**

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church

SONG of OFFERING:

"Create in Me"

ELW 185

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. Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING:

Let us pray... Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from patterns and traditions that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all, especially those in the war in Ukrainian.

Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with financial situations. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick especially Rhys, Roy, Esther, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Darrell, Joyce, Dennis, Kendal, Rich, Carla, Kaye, Mary, Doug, Sylvia, Judy, Rick, Roger, Daryl, Caden, Carol,

Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Open our hearts to the oppressed, the refugee, the immigrant who searches for a safe life. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in this new situation of call. May we ask anew what it means to be the Church in our time, our place. And as we work to call a new pastor or deacon to Grace Lutheran, may we welcome according to your Spirit the one you are sending to us to lead us into the new days ahead. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.**

COMMISSION & BLESSING: *(based on Philippians 3: 4-14)*

Go now in the righteousness of faith and live by God's just demands. Let nothing claim your devotion above the Lord, and count nothing of value above knowing Christ. Press on towards the ultimate prize, of being one with him. And may God's perfect word revive your soul; May Christ Jesus be your savior and your rock; And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to press ever onward. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

"Lamb of God"

ELW 336

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to
become the Lamb of God

We laughed and scorned him as he
died.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,
Oh, wash me in your precious blood.
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love we crucified.

DISMISSAL

Go with peace. Press on toward the goal for the heavenly prize. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Announcements for April 3

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Darrell Brekke, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Kendal Ceroll, Rich Dunn, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Mary Hawkins, Doug Koutz, Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Daryl Stowell, Caden Thompson, Carol Wagner, 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.

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 & THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today is given by Allan & Rae Payne Family. In memory of Betty Payne, passed away February 21st, 2022. Your gifts are greatly appreciated for 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, SD 57201**

Easter Bake Sale

Next Sunday, April 10 there will be an Easter Bake sale at Grace beginning at 9:30 am until gone. If you can donate something for this fund raiser bake sale, please sign up in the Narthex and drop your items off at the church Saturday afternoon and no later than 8 am Sunday morning.

On the CALENDAR - For the week of April 3rd thru 10th

Today	8:30 am AND 11 am Worship service 9:30 am Sunday school & Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Raise the Roof Committee meeting 10 am – Adult Faith Formation: Lent a time of listening & learning 1 pm – Services at Edgewood
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting 6 pm Choir Practice (Musicians are always welcome) 7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice
Wednesday	10:30 am service at Avantara 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Confirmation Class meets for supper 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in Youth Room
Thursday	2 pm Rostered pastors meet on ZOOM
Friday	8:30 am to Noon – Home School Groups meets in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	Palm Sunday 8:30 am AND 11 am Worship service w/communion 9:30 am Sunday school AND Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am til gone – Easter Bake Sale 10 am – Adult Faith Formation: Lent a time of listening & learning

11 am – Children singing for 11 am Service.

Upcoming Events:

- April 10 Easter Bake Sale
- April 14 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- April 15 Noon – Good Friday Service
6 pm – Good Friday Service
- April 17 7:30 am – Easter Worship Service
9:30 am – Easter Worship Service
11 am – Spanish Speaking Easter Worship Service
- April 24th Affirmation of Baptism service at 11 am
- May 13th 7:30 – 9:30 Mollie B and the Squeezebox band at Cloud 9
- May 15th Senior Recognition Sunday

Please consider donating money for our palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and plants for the Easter service.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone special. This money will help defray the cost of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and green plants that will be used for Easter worship services. A list of all the contributors will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletins. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish. Please be aware that you are donating money for these plants as they will be delivered to Grace's Christian Care Members. You can fill out this form insert in the bullet and mail it in or bring it to the church office and must be turned into the office by Thursday, April 7th.

Grief Support Group Meeting April 28th

The next Grace Grief Support meeting will be on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm in the Library at Grace (open to members within or outside of the Grace community). Any person who is experiencing the loss of a person, friend or family member or is finding themselves coping with grief overload is welcome to join this discussion and support group. Walking together is a way that we support each other and share each other's sorrows and joys. Questions? See Intern Brenda or Pastor Cheryl

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **DIACONAL INTERN:** Brenda Handel-Johnson
READER: Dee Haugan **MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Brenda Handel-Johnson
PIANIST: Judy Everson **SONG LEADER:** Becky Sprouse
USHERS: Steve Vogt, Geri Mohror, Abigail Reeves
CHOIR MEMBERS: Becky Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Kayla Mohling, Riley Sprouse, Marian Raml, Krisma DeWitt, Karen Kasperson
Sound/Video Tech Team: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Jason Mohr, Anthony DeHaan, & Dylan Jordan
Pastoral Calls: You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com

Limited tickets available for May 13th Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band

Mollie B, a multi-instrumentalist and award-winning vocalist, songwriter, television director/producer, and Hall of Famer will perform for a Raise the Roof fund raising event on May 13th in Watertown. Just 300 tickets will be sold for the 7:30 pm performance and are now available at the office. Cost of the tickets are \$30. Sponsorships for the event are available which includes an evening meal for two with Mollie B and the band prior to the show with advertising opportunities. For more information call Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

“Seeing God in the movies” Apr 24, 2022, at 1:30 pm

Join us for a movie, popcorn, and discussion in the Youth Room on the last Sunday of the month. The movie for April... Cast your vote: There is a box in the office. Cast your vote for the choices listed:

1. Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) World War II classic
2. Hell or High Water (2016) neo-western doing bad for good
3. Up - (2009) - animated, sacred nature of marital life and acceptance of people
4. The Chosen - new TV series depicting the life of Jesus

??? Do you have a movie you think would be perfect for a discussion? Write the title on the paper with your name by April 15 and we will explore another option.

Summer Confirmation Class

Our lives are busy and family dynamics have changed over the years. Children are often busy with school activities or share by parents following a divorce needing time to spend with each on separate occasions and even in separate cities and states making it difficult for parents to fulfill their responsibilities to provide the opportunity to grow in faith through Christian Education taking confirmation. Our church promises at baptism to provide educational opportunities for First Communion instruction beginning at the 2nd grade and confirmation instruction beginning at the 7th grade. If you would like your child to have this instruction but the normal fall through winter to spring period does not fit your schedule or family dynamics, summer classes are available to assist you in achieving this important responsibility and time for learning for young people 7th thru 12th grade. If you have questions, would like to sign your child up for a class, or are an adult who would like a catechism class, contact Pastor Cheryl. Cell: 605-237-1501 or email: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com.

When you are unable to be at worship, catch it on our website at glcwn.org And Grace Lutheran Watertown Facebook.

<p>LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE 3/23/22 & 3/27/22 Worshippers: 209</p>

<p>ROOF FUND Current: \$159,000 Cost of materials: \$57,741 Goal: \$171,000</p>
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<p>LAST WEEK DEPOSIT Deposits: \$3,175 Weekly Budget: \$6,256</p>
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