



Grace Lutheran 1883-2022

*20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 23, 2022*

*Grace Lutheran Church - 11 am service*

***Welcomes You to Worship***

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***PRELUDE***

***Congregation responses in Bold Print***

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GREETING:** Let us worship our God who gives us strength.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Inspired by Psalm 84*)

How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

**This house cannot contain your glory;**

**even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!**

Happy are those who find their strength in you.

**Hear our prayers this day, Holy God,**

**as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!**

**GATHERING SONG:**

***“Travelers on the Journey”***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*inspired by Luke 18: 9-14*)

Lord God in heaven, we confess

that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others.

**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.**

Forgive us O God where we fail to see your Spirit’s work in others,

in those who have lived before us.

**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.**

Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness.

**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.**

*Silence is observed*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE** (*inspired by Luke 19: 1-10*)

The scriptures tell us that God’s love will find us no matter how far away we are from

the Word. Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree, God will find us and bring us home.

It does not matter what you have done wrong, you still belong to God. You have the assurance that God will rescue you. This is the good news of the Gospel!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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**ELW 151**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”**

**PRAYER FOR OFFERING:**

Let us pray...**As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22      Pew Bible p 625**  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 84:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she  
may lay her young, by the side of your altars,  
O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**PRAISE SONG:**                    ***“My Life Is In You, Lord”***

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**                    **Pew Bible p 968**  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN’S TIME**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL LEAD-IN:**                    **“Alleluia”**

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**                    **Pew Bible p 853**  
The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the eighteenth chapter.  
*Response: Glory to you, O Lord.*  
The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*(You may be seated)*

### **MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY:**                    ***“Humble Thyself/Awesome God”***

#### **AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH:**

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs. **We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to turn from the old life of sin and self-centeredness to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures and lead us to protect all living things. Place your shielding hands over those who bring in the harvest from fields and meadows. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare especially Ukraine, Iraq, and all experiencing bloodshed. Unite us all toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame, grief or loneliness. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jody, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Judy, Lavern, Elvira, Ronald, Cleone, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Tracy, Caden, Todd, and Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation grounded in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, to be a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways of love for others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Keep us in your joyful communion with them until we are reunited at your eternal banquet table. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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**

**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**

Christ invites you to Come and be strengthened.

**THE COMMUNION**

*ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER.*

**COMMUNION SONGS:**

*“Lamb of God”*

*ELW p 154*

*“Communion Song”*

*“Round the Table”*

**COMMUNION BLESSING:** And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen and preserve you unto life eternal. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Let us Pray... **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING:**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

***“Made for Love”***

**SENDING:**

Go in peace... Remember, God is your strength. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

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

**Announcements for October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jody Crane, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Ronald Newell, Cleone Pekelder, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, 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.

**On the CALENDAR - For the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Today
  - 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion
  - 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship
  - 9:45 Sunday school
  - 10 am – Befriender Communion Training
  - 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion
- Monday
  - 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
  - 5:30 pm Banquet
- Tuesday
  - 8 am Rosette making
  - Noon - Watertown Ministerial meeting at HiVee
  - 6 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Make-up Class
  - 6:30 pm – Dance Class begins
- Wednesday
  - 6 pm Wednesday school
  - 6 pm – Prophets of the Bible: Bible Study
  - 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
  - 7 pm Family Worship
  - 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room

Friday Set-up for Nordefest Plus  
 Saturday 9:30 to 1 pm – Nordefest Plus  
 Sunday REFORMATION SUNDAY  
 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Communion & Sending  
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
 9:45 Sunday school  
 11 am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion & Sending

**Upcoming Events:**

November 5th - Fall Vendor Craft Fair  
 November 13th – Foundation Day at Worship  
 November 20th – 6 pm Thanksgiving Service  
 November 27th—Hanging of the Greens—Advent  
 December 21st – Blue Christmas Service – at 6 pm  
 December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – at 4 and 6 pm  
 December 25th – Christmas Day Service – at 10 am.

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett      **READER:** Darlene Bresson  
**KEYBOARD:** Isaak Montemayor      **USHERS:** Sherry Jongeling  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Sherry Jongeling & Scott Vander Leest  
**PRIASE TEAM:** Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson,  
 Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling, Marian Raml  
**SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM:** Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary  
 Rukstad, 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](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com)*

**Bible Study on the Prophets of the Bible Continues on Wednesday evenings**

A study and discussion of God's prophets in the Bible and how these stories and scriptures relate to our world today is being held on Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 pm. Kayla Mohling leads the discussion on what prophet do, why God needs prophets, and the importance of prophets in the Bible. The study is held while children are in Wednesday school, making providing an opportunity for parent to participate. To register and receive an email outline prior to the study, email Kayla at: [kayla.i.mohling@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.i.mohling@gmail.com). Bring your own Bibles.

**Nordefest Plus is Saturday**

The Lefse is made and the workshops are almost over for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Nordefest Plus activities on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Egg rolls can be order prior to the day from Gwen Peshman to be picked up then. The day will include entertainment, great food,

fun shopping at Grandma's Attic and the jewelry store. Come enjoy the fellowship and day at Grace. Hours are 9:30 am to 1 pm. The day includes a noon lunch.

**“Got it at Grace” Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Over 14 crafters are already signed up with several vendors ready to sell their wares at the Fall Craft and Vendor Fair. Besides a day for shopping, there will be concessions during the day to stop by and enjoy a great lunch. Mark your calendars to stop between 9 am and 3 pm, Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Tables for Sale**

The Memorial Committee has purchased new lighter weight round tables and 8 ft long rectangle tables and will now sell several of the older tables. Cost of each table is \$20. Stop at the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

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. The Altar flowers are given by Rich & Liz Dunn in thankfulness for their grandchildren. 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:

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