



140 Years of
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 18, 2023 ~ 8:30 am
Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print
Welcome and Announcements

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

I invite you to take a moment to look at your hands

Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to bless;
to sow kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

**Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides
when we could be reaching out in love.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others
and to feed the hungry.

**Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any
thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with adversity.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to welcome and to include
those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

**Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people
simply because are different from us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as
you cared. Strengthen us to include in our prayers and our fellowship,
those who feel excluded because of such things as their race, their religion, their
sexuality, their gender, their age, their handicap— whatever it is that creates barriers
between people.

**Lord Jesus Christ, help us to accept people as you accept them,
as people made in the image of God, and precious to God.
We pray this prayer in your name. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: there is forgiveness and steadfast love with God who saves you

from all your sins. God has shown this love for you in that, while you still were sinners, Christ died for you. Since you have been justified through faith, you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN:

“God is Here!”

ELW 526

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

GREETING:

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

KYRIE *ELW p 147 – 148*

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God in the Highest”

ELW p 148 & 149

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Exodus 19:2-8a

Pew Bible 57

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING:**Romans 5:1-8****Pew Bible p 917**

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

Children's Sermon

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"***ELW 620 vs 1 & 2*

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]Pew Bible p 790**The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.****Response: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus,

and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

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

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,

“I Love to Tell the Story”

because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

ELW 661

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

BLESSING OF FATHERS: *(at this time I would ask the fathers, grandfathers, future fathers, and all males to stand and receive the blessing)*

Loving God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us;
the gift of life, the gift of those who love us, and especially, today,
we thank you for the gift of our fathers.

We ask your blessing upon our fathers who gave us rules to live by,
standards to uphold, joys to cherish, faith to live by, hopes worth dreaming of
and who blessed our lives with their unselfish and unconditional love.

We ask your blessing upon our fathers who are unable to be with us today.
May they know how much we love and care for them.

We ask your blessing upon adoptive fathers and step-fathers,
that they may always know their special role of being a true father, is more than
biological but a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon fathers who have lost children
through miscarriage, stillbirth, crib death, sickness, accident and tragedy,
that they may have your continuing strength and courage.

We ask your blessing upon those who want to be fathers, have another child, or
suffer with infertility, that they may practice patience and feel your love as they wait
and hope.

We remember our fathers who have died and for the unique way they revealed for us
your love. We ask that you keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join
them in your Kingdom.

And we ask your blessing upon the fathers, with us and standing here before us. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care
and grant that their children and the children who know and love them as a father figure, may always honor them with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. **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
(This time of offering is for the mission & ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.)

SONG of OFFERING: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” **ELW 686**

1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.	2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blesest us, to thee our firstfruits give.
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OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

PRAYER SONG: “The Spirit Intercedes for Us” **ELW 180**

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, oh. (2x)

PRAYER PETITIONS:

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news. Search among us for those who would answer your call into ministry and inspire their hearts with courage. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish our dry fields and drought-stricken crops with ample rainfall. Restore lands for wildlife use and natural habitat rather than company profits. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world and let peace fill our hearts and our world. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick especially Nannette, Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Denise, Joyce, Harper, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Kristi, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Evelyn, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, Sandra, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died and fill us with the hope to be reunited once more... a hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PRAYER SONG: “The Spirit Intercedes for Us” ELW 180
The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, oh. (2x)

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.**

BENEDICTION:

As Jesus sent the disciples out into the communities, so you are sent to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven has drawn near. Be eager to share your love, without expecting a reward. Realize you will not always be made welcome, but when it happens, move on because there are many more places that need to receive God's word.

And as you go, may the Spirit speak through you in truth.

May the Lord Jesus, equip you to touch lives on this journey,

And may God bless and guide you as you share this work of love.

And now... The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✚
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word” ELW 663

1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
spread the reign of God the Lord.
Send forth our Creator's call,
heaven's gifts extend to all.

3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.

2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
who, to save our human race
and to pay rebellion's price,
gave himself as sacrifice.

4 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Spread God's Word. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for June 18

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Nannette Argabrite, Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Denise Biller, Joyce Brever, Harper Evjen, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Kristi Herting, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeck, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Martha “Evelyn” Quade, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Dorothy Schooley, Glen &

LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, transportation personal, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

On the CALENDAR - For the week of June 18th thru June 25th

Today	8:30 am Worship service
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Tuesday	9 am Morning Coffee Bible Study with Josh. 6 pm Outreach Committee
Wednesday	10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 6 pm Family Worship Service 6:30 pm Youth Group
Sunday	7 pm "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah" Bible Study 8:30 am Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 140 th Anniversary Committee meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 8 – Mission Trip to Church on the Street in Sioux Falls
July 24-28 VBS at Grace 9:30 am – Noon

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: JoAnn Spartz

USHERS: Steve Vogt

PIANIST: Laura Atwood

SONG LEADER: Leigh Carstensen

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht
Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, and Dylan Jordan.

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

Funding to Renovate the Multipurpose Room

Funds have been received to fill in the pit and update the lighting of the choir room to renovate it as a multipurpose room, but additional funds are need for finishing work and carpeting. If you would like to donate to this project, you can make a designated offering to the Multipurpose Room Fund in your offering envelop or online at glcwtrn.org/ give and select from the list or stop at the office.

Summer Bible Study begins June 21st

Summer Bible Study begins evenings of June 21st with a study created by Ray Vander Laan entitled "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah." Historian and teacher Ray Vander Laan teaches how confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need. Each study will focus on passages of Scripture along with DVD video filmed

on location in and around the Holy Lands. The study contains 30 personal Bible studies for between-session learning along with questions for reflection and ten group discussion meeting to be held at 7 pm on Wednesday evening during the Summer.

The ten session include: When Storms Come; Piercing the Darkness; Gates of Hell—Caesarea; City of the Great King (2 parts); The Lamb of God; The Weight of the World; Roll Away the Stone; Power to the People; and Total Commitment. To sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl

PICK UP YOUR QUILT BLOCK TO BE IN SPECIAL 140TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT

Our quilt team is making a commemorative 140th anniversary quilt and we'd like everyone to be included. Each family can take a blank quilt block and design something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use clothe paints.

This beautiful quilt will be made from the 7 ½" blocks and be approximately 60" X 80" made. Blocks are available in the church office. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the office) **no later than August 13th** to be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration.

Church on the Street is Mission of the Month

Welcome to Church on the Street. It is our mission to take the gifts of the Church out to the people who, for whatever reason, cannot come inside.

We build relationships as God did through listening, asking questions, being present and consistent, and showing compassion to all of God's people. We believe that every human being, regardless of whether they are housed or unhoused, deserves a community where they feel at home. We look a little different than most churches, but where it matters we are exactly the same.

There are several ministries within Church on the Street including: Laundry with Love, Undercover Closet, Fruits of the Freezer, Health and Healing and Partners in Christ which includes: Faith Through Frames, Journey of Hope, SD ELCA Synod, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and Augustana University Sign Language

Mission Trip to Church on the Street July 8th

Grace youth and families will once again serve those who live on the streets on Saturday, July 8th in Sioux Falls. We encourage all members, young and old to travel with us on this mission close to home.

During the month of June, we will collect donations for Church on the Street, Food items of Protein bars, peanut butter, jelly, bags or boxes of cereal, instant potatoes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, white rice and cans of soup; and quarters of case for Laundry with Love to be taken with on this mission trip in July.

Church on the Street is a ministry of the South Dakota Synod and holds church services on the second Saturday of the month. For more information check out churchonthestreetsf.org or Facebook.

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 today in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling" from the Schmeling Radio Fund. Altar Flowers are giving in honor of our fathers, Bernard Spartz and Roger Wittrock, from Steven and JoAnn Spartz. 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 and/or altar flowers. Stop at the office, call the office, or send

July VBS “*Keepers of the Kingdom*”

VBS theme this year is *Keepers of the Kingdom!* based on Ephesians 6:10–18. VBS will be held July 24th to 28th from 9:30 am to 12 Noon sessions at Grace Lutheran Church.

Register your children by June 16 for this fun and exciting time of learning about the Armor of God. A registration form is at the church office. Friends are always welcome at Grace Lutheran Church—202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

LWR Monthly Mission Kit Request for June is Towels:

For baby care kits: hand towel, dark color recommended. For personal care kits: light-weight bath size towel. Please bring your towels in June for your offering for the LWR kits.

**Check us out on our website at glcwtn.org
And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**



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please use the QR code to the left
or visit glcwtn.org/give**