



Grace Lutheran 1883-2022

~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~  
June 25, 2023 – 8:30 am service  
**Grace Lutheran Church - Welcomes You to Worship**  
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## **PRELUDE**

## **Congregation responses in Bold Print**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(inspired by Matthew 10: 40)*

Jesus said, "Anyone who receives you, receives me,  
and anyone who receives me, receives the Father who sent me."  
Sisters and brothers, boys and girls: We gather together in the presence of the God  
**who receives us with open arms, who loves us unconditionally,  
and who bids us do the same to one another. Let's worship God together!**

### **GATHERING SONG: "10,000 Reasons/ Bless the Lord"**

**(Chorus)** Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again,  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes **(Chorus)**

- 1 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
**(Chorus)**
- 2 And on that day, when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!  
**(Chorus)**
- 3 Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name. Sing like never before,  
O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.  
I'll worship Your holy name

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus Christ, We call you Lord, Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.  
Other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters,  
**Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, Diverting our time, our  
energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, When our  
hearts are led astray When we serve other gods and worship them. We turn away from  
our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, To take up  
our cross and follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *(based on Romans 6)*

Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God! We have been made new in Christ. In his mercy, he has set you free from the power of sin and death, and has offered you eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord! Now you are free to choose life, and to use your lives to bring honor and glory to God! **Thanks be to God! Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW 674**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

***Refrain***

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

**PRAYER OF OFFERING:**

Let us pray... **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

**Pew Bible p 630**

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

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 69:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;

the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued  
from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow

me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

**PRAISE SONG: “Love to the World”**

**(Refrain)** Light the path. Shine the way. Send the word.

Through our lives, show your love to the world.

1. Many roads up ahead, hard to see. Where is truth to be found?

Can I trust and believe? *(Refrain)*

2. Ev’ry nation and tongue, ev’ry tribe All are children of God;

for each one there is life. *(Refrain)*

3. To the ends of the earth bring your light. Justice, mercy and love,

let them shine through the night. *(Refrain)*

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11**

**Pew Bibles 917**

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

### **CHILDREN’S TIME**

**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: Matthew 10:24-39**

**Pew Bible p 791**

*Response Before: Glory to you, O Lord. After: Praise to you, O Christ.*

### **MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY: “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.

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

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.

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.

### **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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**

You invite your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Our thirsty lands cry out to you. Stretch out your almighty hand and open your clouds to drop rain on our parched lands for our fields and pastures to bring forth a bountiful harvest. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis in all parts of our world. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle 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. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. 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**

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### **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:** All people are called to Christ's table. Come, for all is ready.

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

**COMMUNION SONGS:**

**"I Come with Joy"**

**ELW 482**

1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.  
2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us  
share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,

and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.  
4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.  
5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

**"Boundless Love**

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

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1. 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)*

2. 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)*

3. 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)*

**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 **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION:** *(inspired by Jeremiah 31)*

Go now, to serve Christ and follow him. Let your old life fall like a grain of wheat into the earth so that you may bear much fruit as you allow God to reshape your heart and live in obedience to the law written within you.

And may God center you in truth and steady your spirit. May Christ renew your joy and strengthen your will. And may the Spirit teach you God's hidden wisdom and fill you with songs of rejoicing. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

***"Oh Jesus, I Have Promised"***

**ELW 8**

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

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

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

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

**SENDING:** Go in peace... Life is found in Christ . **Thanks be to God. We will!**

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

## **Announcements for June 25<sup>th</sup>**

***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 25<sup>th</sup> thru July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/ <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 am 140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Tuesday	9 am Morning Coffee Bible Study
Wednesday	6 pm Family Worship Service 6:30 pm Youth Group meets 7 pm "Death & Resurrection of the Messiah" Bible Study
Sunday	8:30 am Worship service 1 pm Service at Edgewood

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 8 – Mission Trip to Church on the Street in Sioux Falls

July 24-28 VBS at Grace 9:30 am - Noon

**NOW HIRING:** Do you or someone you know love to work with kids. Preschool is seeking a head teacher/director. Still taking Applications. Send your resume and a Cover Letter to Kat or email to: [gracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:gracelc@midconetwork.com)

**Registration continues for 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 calling the office 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

**MORNING COFFEE BIBLE STUDY Meets on Tuesdays**

Have Coffee with Josh, Youth & Family Director each Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Conference Room. Each week there will be a study of the text for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your Bibles—Bring your Friends. All are welcome.

**WATERTOWN FRUIT BY GRACE** The fruit has been delayed. A new date for pickup will be announced as soon as arrangements have been made.

**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 to a multipurpose room, but additional funds are needed for finish 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 [glcwn.org/](http://glcwn.org/) give and select from the list.

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Summer Bible Study has begun on Wednesday evenings 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 sessions 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 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUILT**

Our quilt team is making a commemorative 140<sup>th</sup> 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 cloth 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 13<sup>th</sup>** to be sewn together and displayed for the 140<sup>th</sup> 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 make their annual mission trip to Church on the Street on Saturday, July 8th in Sioux Falls. We encourage all members, young and old to travel with us on this mission close to home where we worship together and offer a meal. Worship service begins at 11AM at Heritage Park (600 E. 7th Street). Fellowship continues after the worship service, until around 11:45.

Volunteers should be at the park by 10:00AM to help set up and prepare for worship and stay for clean-up until around 1:30 PM.

Grace Lutheran (Watertown) is responsible for bringing chips/salty snacks, dessert, and napkins for 200 people. If anyone would like to donate any of those, please sign up and have to the church by July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that people are VERY HUNGRY - this will be the only meal some people eat for the day! For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Church on the Street has been living out Matthew 25:35. We thank you for living it out too.

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](http://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 and Altar Flowers** today is lovingly given from Elton & Darlene Bresson in memory of Elton's brother, Curt, who passed away on June 9<sup>th</sup>. 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, South Dakota***

**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.

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

**READER:** Dee Haugan

**KEYBOARD:** Isaak Montemayor

**USHERS/COMMUNION ASSIST:**

**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)



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