



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 31, 2022*

*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 Colossians 3:1-11*)

If you wish to be raised up with Christ,  
then seek the high ground where Christ is found.

**O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!**

Let the redeemed all say so together,  
Those who have been liberated and gathered in from many lands.

**From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south,**

We seek the high ground where Christ is found.

**O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!**

Come, Let us worship our wonderful God.

**GATHERING HYMN: "All Depends on Our Possessing" ELW 589**

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| 1 All depends on our possessing<br>God's free grace and constant blessing,<br>though all earthly wealth depart.<br>They who trust with faith unshaken<br>by their God are not forsaken<br>and will keep a dauntless heart. | To your lovingkindness tender<br>all my being I surrender:<br>Lord, on you alone I build.                                                                                                                            |
| 2 God, who hitherto has fed me<br>and to many joys has led me,<br>is and ever shall be mine.<br>God, who did so gently school me<br>and who daily guides and rules me,<br>will remain my help divine.                      | 4 Well you know what best to grant me;<br>all the longing hopes that haunt me,<br>joy and sorrow, have their day.<br>I shall doubt your wisdom never;<br>as you will, so be it ever;<br>I commit to you my way.      |
| 3 When with sorrow I am stricken,<br>hope my heart anew will quicken,<br>all my longing shall be stilled.                                                                                                                  | 5 If on earth my days should lengthen,<br>God, my weary soul still strengthen;<br>all my trust in you I place.<br>Earthly wealth is not abiding;<br>like a stream away it's gliding;<br>safe I anchor in your grace. |

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Inspired by Colossians 3: 1-11 & Luke 12: 13-21*)

God is ready to satisfy those who thirst for goodness, and those who are hungry for

grace, will be filled with good things. Let us in prayer make our confession..

If we were self-sufficient, and had all the answers,

**we would not be here, all-wise God.**

If our achievements matched our aims

and if our deeds perfectly reflected our holist vows,

**we would not be so spiritually hungry, God of truth and grace.**

If we had cared for our neighbours with the love of Jesus Christ,

and cherished our loved ones without selfishness or impatience,

**we would not be seeking your mercy, redeeming God.**

We bring to you our inept and evil ways, and rest the troublesome load of frustration, disappointment, regret and guilt in your hands.

**Please wash the grime and infection from our wounds, and anoint us with the salve of forgiveness. Take us gently by the chin and lift up our faces so that we can look up into the face of Christ Jesus without shame or fear. With him let us recover our authentic humanity and face all coming challenges with his quiet strength and optimism. In his name we so pray. Amen!**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Brothers and Sisters, Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God whose nature is always to have mercy. All who have come clean and sought forgiveness shall never need to revisit old shame again. The untarnished future is God's and it is now offered to you with open hands.

You are forgiven, all things have become new! Through Christ Jesus our Savior!

**O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

**Pew Bible p 536**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain

with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 49:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great**

**that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

***“Cling to the Cross”***

1. Cling to the cross. Cling to the cross.

I will not be ashamed. I will not be afraid. I will cling to the cross.

2. Trust in his love. Trust in his love.

I will not be ashamed. I will not be afraid. I will trust in his love.

3. Live in his Word. Live in his word.

I will not be ashamed. I will not be afraid. I will live in his word.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

**Pew Bible p 957**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger,

wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**“Alleluia”**

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 12: 13-21**

**Pew Bible p 847**

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

*Response: Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG:**

**“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

**ELW 775**

1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
source of purest pleasure,  
truest friend to me:  
ah, how long I've panted,  
and my heart has fainted,  
thirsting, Lord, for thee!  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;  
nothing in this world can hide thee,  
naught I ask beside thee.  
2 In thine arm I rest me;  
foes who would molest me  
cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,

every heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;  
yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.  
3 Hence, all fears and sadness,  
for the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
God, who dearly loves us,  
from all trial saves us,  
gives sweet peace within.  
I have borne this worldly scorn;  
still in thee lies purest pleasure:

Jesus, priceless treasure!

**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.** (*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

**PRAYER OF OFFERING**

Let us pray... **We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

**PRAYER SONG: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**PRAYER PETITIONS:**

We pray Lord, make the church a place of generosity where people work together, giving all that they are and all that they have, so the wonderful resources of our world may be better shared. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing for the building up of your church on earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land with favorable weather and care for all its habitants. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially our military personnel, police, first responders, and EMT's. Bless us with faithful and compassionate leaders for the healing of the nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Deloris, Dennis, Stanley, Jody, Judy, Dick, Carla, Kaye, Duane, Sharlee, Sylvia, Don, Judy, Elvira, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Caden, Robert, the family of Viola Linnngren, the family of James Adams, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Help them to find in you, love, acceptance, and wholeness, renewed in your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry here at Grace Lutheran, being ever mindful of the needs of the church, trusting in you to provide. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. We remember especially those who store up wealth for themselves believing that the road to happiness is through the accumulation of possessions. Help them to find in you, love, acceptance, and wholeness on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG:** **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**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 & BLESSING** *(inspired by Luke 12: 13-21)*

Happy are they who know where the real treasure is to be found.

**Happy are they who take from the treasure and share it.**

Friends of God,

prepare to leave this church with spirits lighter than when you came in;

**Trusting Christ to take an intimate interest  
in the costly investment he has made.**

Invest in others as his love has invested in you;

**Rejoicing in the fellowship of his Spirit.**

And may the God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW 705**

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| 1 God of grace and God of glory,<br>on your people pour your pow'r;<br>crown your ancient church's story;<br>bring its bud to glorious flow'r.<br>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br>for the facing of this hour,<br>for the facing of this hour.             | 3 Cure your children's warring madness;<br>bend our pride to your control;<br>shame our wanton, selfish gladness,<br>rich in things and poor in soul.<br>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br>lest we miss your kingdom's goal,<br>lest we miss your kingdom's goal. |
| 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us<br>scorn the Christ, assail his ways!<br>From the fears that long have bound us<br>free our hearts to faith and praise.<br>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br>for the living of these days,<br>for the living of these days, | 4 Save us from weak resignation<br>to the evils we deplore;<br>let the gift of your salvation<br>be our glory evermore.<br>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br>serving you whom we adore,<br>serving you whom we adore.                                             |

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Treasure God's love. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**  
***Thank you for worshiping with us today!***

**Announcements for July 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Stanley Crane, Jody Crane, Judy Eide, Dick Everson, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Duane Holker, Sharlee Kjellsen, Sylvia Larson, Don Learned, Judy Lien, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, the family of Viola Linngren, the family of James Adams, 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 July 31<sup>st</sup> thru August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
Tuesday	6 pm – Summer Bible Study
Wednesday	10 am – Service at Avantara 5:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room 6 pm – Midweek Family Worship Service 6:45 pm – Stewardship Committee meeting
Friday	8 am to 4:30 pm Blood Drive at Grace
Sunday	8:30 am Worship service

1 pm – Service at Avantara

**Upcoming Events:**

August 10<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Committee meets at 6:45 pm  
August 11<sup>th</sup> – Be-A-Friender meeting at 5 pm  
August 16<sup>th</sup> – Youth & Family Committee meets at 6 pm  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday/Wednesday school teachers meeting – 6 pm  
September 7<sup>th</sup> – 2022-23 Confirmation Classes Start  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – Rally Sunday and the start of 2 services again  
September 14<sup>th</sup> – Rally Wednesday and start of Wednesday school  
September 25<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Thanksgiving – Appreciation Sunday for all those who have helped us reach our goal to Raise the Roof  
One service at 10:30 followed by a potluck dinner at 11:30.

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett                      **READER:** JoAnn Spartz  
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**USHERS:** Ann & Doug Murfield                      **GREETER:** Geri Mohror  
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**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***

**LWR Monthly Mission Kit Request for July:**

For baby care kits: Diapers: t-shirts or flannel. T-shirts can be any color and writing on it is ok. Flannel should be white or light colored.

Personal Care Kit: Adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb, or finger nail clippers.

**APPRECIATION CELEBRATION:** In May our “Raise the Roof” goal of \$171,000 was achieved. We thank God for that blessing and now we’d like to take time to celebrate this good gift and show appreciation to all those who helped in so MANY ways through memorials, donations, fund raising, volunteering and all the behind the scenes work to get bids, provide cookies and food, share their talents, put on events and fun activities and all that it took to meet the goal. On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we will have a celebration service at 10:30 (only one service for the day) followed by a potluck dinner. This will be a time for everyone to come together and celebrate this amazing feat. Please mark your calendars and plan to come and celebrate us.

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 and Doris Schmeling from the Schmeling Radio Fund. The Altar Flowers today are given Donna Johnson in loving memory of her son Christopher Johnson.** Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. 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*

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