



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes you to Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021 ~ 8:30 am Service

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "How Small Our Span of Life" ELW 636

1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death: a single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath, a drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore, a flash of light before we sleep to see the sun no more.

2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your infinity; our tick of time on earth is caught in your eternity. While suns and stars spin endlessly through depths of cosmic space, while aeons roll and ages pass, you hold us in your grace.

3 O Christ, you left eternity to plunge in time's swift stream, to share the shortness of our span, our mortal lives redeem. You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end and touch us with your risen life that ours may time transcend.

4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith that lights our transient years, illumining our pilgrimage through mists of doubt and fears; for hope that sees a life beyond the swiftly passing days; for love, both human and divine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

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 138

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.**

FESTIVAL HYMN

“This is the feast”

ELW p 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Pew Bible p 113

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did

not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.** ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.** ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20 Pew Bible p 983

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"

ELW p142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50 Pew Bible p 821

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the ninth chapter.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”* **ELW 719**

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| <p>1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.</p> <p>2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.</p> <p>3 From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.</p> | <p>4 The cup of water giv'n for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion in your face.</p> <p>5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;</p> <p>6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.</p> |
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MISSION OF THE MONTH.... Lutheran World Relief

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

PRAYER SONG: *“Hear Our Prayer”* **ELW 178**

PRAYER PETITIONS: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER SONG: *“Hear Our Prayer”* **ELW 178**

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: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" ELW 686 sts 1 & 2

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 blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p 144

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We indeed give thanks and praise to the almighty and merciful God for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, and remember His words spoken on that ancient night...

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. Let us pray as our Savior has taught us

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

"Lamb of God"

ELW p 146

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" ELW 800

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.
2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no

angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

4 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

BENEDICTION:

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ELW 551

1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace... The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**
Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for September 26th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Sky Asfeld, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brevier, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Duane Holker, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Jessica Pekelder, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Caden Thompson, Donnie Vrtacnik, Carol Wagner, Robert Wittrock and the family of Bonnie and Mike Oletzke in the passing of Bonnie's mom, Joan Evonne Goeman, 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 September 26th through 3^d

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| Today | Loading the quilts and kits onto the LWR truck 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 – BRUNCH by free will offering for Roof Fund! |
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4th. Bells at 6-7 pm, Choir 7:10-8:10 pm. A full hour with each group to begin with. The time can be negotiated at that first practice of if you are interested but unable meet on Monday, you can send a note to the church office Brenda will get in to find out what works best for your schedule. All youth through adults with an interest in music, singing, bells or other musical talents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend but interested, please let us know for Brenda to contact you

LEFSA MAKING in progress for Nordefest Plus ~Lefsa Makers needed! Each Monday and Tuesday at 8 am, Lefsa helpers are needed. On Monday they peel, boil and mash the potatoes and Tuesday they make the dough, roll, and fry it. They will be doing this through October 12th. If you are available, please stop by and join the fun. If you've ever wanted to learn, now is the time.

VISIONING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH: Next Visioning meeting will be on Wednesday evening, October 20th at 7:30 pm following Family Worship services. The data received from FaithX will be used to begin writing a visioning statement and action steps.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Our “Neighbors in Solidarity”

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** today is Janie Stianson – in loving memory of Farol Hendrickson & Jeremy Hendrickson. Altar Flowers today are given by James & Sharon Goble – in loving memory of our daughter Kimberly and son Gary and son-in-law Lynn, and grandson Christopher on their heavenly birthdays. 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 57201***

Sign up for Coffee Fellowship: Coffee fellowship is being services at 9:30 am each Sunday. Please come and join in coffee and fellowship while your children are in Sunday school. If you are able, sign up as the coffee servers. We need everyone to take a turn.

Adult Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday evening September 28th at 7 pm. If you have never attended confirmation, or would like a refresher, please sign up today.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Children in the 2nd grade on up are invited to First Communion Classes on Tuesday evening October 12th and 19th at 6 pm. Students are required to participate in two classes. Those unable to attend at this time, please contact pastor. Any youngster who has not yet taken First Communion class are encouraged to register with Pastor Cheryl by October 7th. The students will take their first communion on Sunday, November 7th.

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And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**