



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021*  
*Grace Lutheran Church*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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***PRELUDE***

***Congregation responses in Bold Print***

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are witnesses, **to the love God has poured into us.**

We are witnesses of God's love, **sharing it with each person we meet.**

We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

**little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family. Amen.**

**BAPTISMAL SONG: "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" ELW 777 vs 1 & 2**

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;  
drink the water I will give.

If you knew what gift I offer,  
you would come to me and live."

*Refrain*

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,  
give us water from your well.

In the gracious gift you offer  
there is joy no tongue can tell.

2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;  
come that I may give you rest.

Drink the cup of life I offer;  
at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

**HOLY BAPTISM OF MAVERICK JOHN RUBY**

*ELW p 227*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

We gather around the water of life for this gift of the baptism. As you bring Maverick John Ruby to receive this gift, you are entrusted with responsibilities. As parents and sponsors, it is your responsibility to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the Word of God and the Holy Supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, provide instruction in the Christian faith and nurture him in prayer.

Do you promise to help Maverick grow in the Christian faith and life?

**I do**

People of God, do you promise to support Maverick and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Oh Lord... Pour out your Holy Spirit, wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Maverick John Ruby, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Let us pray.

*Laying hands*

Oh Lord, sustain Maverick with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Anointing*

Maverick John Ruby, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*Baptismal Candle*

Maverick, Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome our new brother in Christ. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**BAPTISMAL SONG *continued*:**

***“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”***

***ELW 777 vs 3 & 4***

3 "Come to me, believers burdened;  
find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer,  
turn to me and seek my face."

In the gracious gift you offer  
there is joy no tongue can tell.  
4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;  
leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion,  
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,  
give us water from your well.

**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**

***“Thine the Amen”***

**ELW 826**

1 Thine the amen thine the praise  
alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head  
thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story  
thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup  
is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally  
thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree  
all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing  
gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly thine the yes  
thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee  
thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing  
then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving  
evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise  
then the justice of thy ways

thine the glory thine the story  
then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing  
at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree  
then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy  
celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness  
only thee only thee.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.*)

**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 34: 15-22**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life, Jesus Christ" WOV p 48**

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!  
Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.  
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

**GOSPEL: John 6:56-69** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

*Response: Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

### MESSAGE

#### SERMON SONG:

#### *“Blessed Assurance”*

**ELW 638**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

#### *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,

#### *Refrain*

### 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

### **DEDICATION OF OFFERING:**

Let us pray... .. Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **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**

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

#### **PRAYER PETITIONS:**

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Fill them with your Spirit, ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word to all people during good time or in strife. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards, gardens and produce, to bring them to full maturity. Restore the land and waterways from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instill in your people the wisdom to treat this world with care and respect so natural resources and all your creatures will be provided for. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek peace and justice between nations. Give guidance to world leaders to heal divisions and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war so humanitarian relief can be given to all people. Protect to the men and women of the Armed Forces as they serve in these dangerous time and grant them courage and strength to complete their missions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned, persecuted or exploited, remind them of your abiding presence. Give relief to those who are suffering with treatments, surgeries or illness of any kind. We especially remember those who are dealing with health issues, Rhys, Roy, Jim, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Carla, Tammy, Bella, Duane, Loren, Bruce, Doug, Judy, Rick, Deb, Scott, Donnie, Carol, Robert those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Open us to hear their cries. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life as they go off to college, begin a new school year, start a new job, or move to new community. Comfort parents as their children take those steps away from home. Encourage teachers and school personnel as they care for and teach our children during this continued time of concern. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG: “Hear Our Prayer” ELW 178**  
*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

**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**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION SONGS**

**“Lamb of God”**

**ELW p 146**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **“In Christ Called to Baptize”**

**ELW 575**

1 In Christ called to baptize,  
we witness to grace  
and gather a people  
from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters,  
we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life,  
give thanks with each breath.



- 2 In Christ called to banquet,  
 one table we share,  
 a haven of welcome,  
 a circle of care.  
 Although we are many,  
 we share in one bread.  
 One cup of thanksgiving  
 proclaims Christ, our head.
- 3 In Christ called to witness,  
 by grace we will preach  
 the life-giving gospel;  
 God's love we will teach.

- By grace may our living  
 give proof to our praise  
 in costly compassion  
 reflecting Christ's ways.
- 4 Unite us, anoint us,  
 O Spirit of love,  
 for you are within us,  
 around us, above.  
 Equip us for service  
 with gifts you bestow.  
 In Christ is our calling.  
 In Christ may we grow.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:** Let us Pray... **Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING BLESSING:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

***“O Jesus, I Have Promised”***

***ELW 810***

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.

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.

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.

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.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace... Strong in the Lord! **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

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

**Check us out on our website at [glcwn.org](http://glcwn.org)  
And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**

**Announcements for August 22**

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

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Tammy Giessinger, Bella Hatch, Duane Holker, Loren Holzwarth, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Scott Schooley, Donnie Vrtacnik, Carol Wagner, 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.

**Baptized into Christ Family this week:**

We welcome Maverick John Ruby son of Taryn Ronke and Tyler Ruby, whose sponsors are Tatum and Nolan Sonnenburg and Eric and Rena Wendland into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. We give thanks and praise to God as we bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world in the gift of baptism.

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

**READER:** Dee Haugen

**USHERS/ COMMUNION ASSIST:** Geri Mohror, Doug & Ann Murfield

**PIANIST:** Judy Everson

**SONG LEADER:** Leigh Carstensen

**SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM:** Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht  
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**GLCW (Glance Lutheran Church Women) preparing kits for World Relief**

School supplies are out in the schools and as everyone turns their attention back to school, GLCW wants to remind you of the supplies needed for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. Only supplies are needed as the book bags have been purchased.

Other kits are prepared for Baby Care and Personal Care. Information for these kits at with the tubes in the Narthex.

**On the CALENDAR - For the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/communion Baptism of Maverick John Ruby Raise the Roof Fund raiser meeting following worship for everyone
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
Tuesday thru Friday	– Pastor Cheryl on Vacation
Wednesday	5:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room

Thursday First day of school for Watertown  
Sunday 8:30 am Worship – Mission of the Month Sunday

### Upcoming Events:

September 1 – Confirmation – classes at 4 pm and 6 pm  
September 12 – Rally Day for Sunday school  
Start of two service: 8:30 am and 11 o'clock  
Blessing of the backpacks at 11 am service.  
Blessing of the Sunday/Wednesday school teachers and helpers  
Bible presentation to Preschool, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and 7<sup>th</sup> graders  
Coffee starts between services at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall  
September 15 – Rally Day for Wednesday school  
Youth Groups starts meeting at 7:30 pm  
Family worship at 7 pm  
September 19-21: Fall Theological at Pierre, SD (Pastor gone)  
October 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>: 1517 “Here I Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)  
October 30<sup>th</sup> – Nordefest Plus

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 given in loving memory of Roy and Doris Schmelling from the Schmelling Radio Fund. 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***

### MISSION OF THE MONTH – Pueblo de Dios, our “Neighbors in Solidarity”

The mission of the month is **Pueblo de Dios**, a bilingual church in central Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The mission and vision of Pueblo de Dios: Following God; Breaking down barriers; Standing with people in need.

The South Dakota Synod responds to God’s call to share the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ with all people, from all nations and walks of life. Pueblo de Dios is a congregation of English speakers and Spanish speakers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each Sunday they gather to worship together as one people – the people of God. Many of our families speak Spanish at home and English at work and school, or have one parent that prefers English and one parent that prefers Spanish. Each Sunday we read, pray, and declare our beliefs together – no matter what language we speak.

More information is available at: <https://www.pueblodedios.org/> Financial support can be given through the South Dakota Synod.

**Ever ask yourself - How can I serve the Lord?  
Here are ways you can!**

**Altar Guild**

Want to volunteer to help do your part for the church but don't have much time. Altar Guild is an opportunity to help each month with changing the paraments on the altar, filling oil in the altar candles, preparing communion elements, caring for the flowers, and hanging banners at appropriate times. The work is not hard and the opportunity is for men as well as women and even couples can do with work together. If you can help, contact Krisma Dewitt or Pastor.

**Coffee Fellowship:**

On Sunday morning beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, coffee fellowship between services will begin with coffee at 9:30 am. The first Sunday we will have the beautiful cake decorated with a picture of Grace Lutheran made for our celebration this summer. It will be a great time to get back together after this long absence. Please come and join in coffee and fellowship. If you are able, please sign up as the coffee server for a week or two as well. We need everyone to take a turn.

**God's Work – Our Hands Sunday is September 19<sup>th</sup>**

This is a day kits for World Relief are put together. Volunteers take individual items that go into the kits and bundle them together. It is not hard and does not take long as many hands make work light. If you can spend a little time helping that morning, please come and be the hands of God as we work together to prepare the kits.

**Sunday and Wednesday school** begins in September. There is always a need for more teachers, assistants, and helpers. Perhaps you can be on call as a substitute. There will be a teachers/education committee meeting on Tuesday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. The children also enjoy attending lock-in's with games and activities but more parental involvement is needed. If you are able to help with a one-time activity like this, please let the Youth Director, Becky Sprouse know.

**Adult and Parent help with Youth Group.** Some activities we'd like to hold with the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Youth are bowling, attending concerts together (such as LifeLight), or a lock-in. We NEED adults and parents to help with these events. That is how we develop the family of Grace Lutheran Church, by being the face of Jesus to others.

***Please help do your part with any of these ministries you can.***