



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 19, 2021
Grace Lutheran Church *11 am Service*
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

GREETING:

Brothers and Sisters, We meet in the presence of God, who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by Mark 9: 33-37)*

Our world offers many wide avenues
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Our culture promotes achievement, success,
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**Our God tells us if we want to be first
we need to go to the end of the line.**

OPENING SONG:

“People of Hope”

We are people of hope alive in myst'ry, Growing in faith, learning to love. We are people of hope through-out all hist'ry, Held by the one who will never let go. We are dead in our striving for wealth and for might But God rich in mercy has loved to life. We are what God has made us, created in Christ, For justice and mercy to be our way of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(inspired by James 3)*

O God, **we live our lives as best we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight.**

Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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.**

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church

SONG of OFFERING: *"Everybody's Got Something to Offer"*

Everybody's got something to offer; Young and old, the prince and the pauper.

Everybody's got something to offer In the name of the Lord. To the lost and the lowly ones
The message it is clear; We have all got a gift to give Our hands, our hearts, our tears.
To the believers gathered here The message it is true; We have all got a gift to give
In all we say and do.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... **O Lord, Your arm is never too short to touch us and meet our needs. Our hands are opened toward You with offerings of love and sacrifice. Receive these gifts and use them for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Pew Bible p 622

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my

life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice**

and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,

and my eye looks down ^lon my enemies.

PRAISE SONG: “My Life Is In You, Lord”

My life is in You, Lord.

With all of my life, with all of my strength.

My strength is in You, Lord.

All of my hope is in You.

My hope is in You, Lord,

My life is in You, Lord.

In You, it's in You. *(Repeat)*

My strength is in You, Lord.

I will praise You with all of my life.

My hope is in You, Lord,

I will praise You with all of my strength,

In You, it's in You, in You.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a Pew Bible p 982

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: “Open My Heart to Your Love

Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace.

Open my life to receive your word.

Send wisdom and courage to follow your way.

Healer of nations and broken hearts, you are the pathway to peace.

Singer of life in the face of death,

may we be your vessels so love will increase.

Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace.

Open my life to receive your word.

Send wisdom and courage to follow your way.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37

Pew Bible p 821

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

SONG OF THE DAY:

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641

1 Let us build a house where love can
dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets
speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to
dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace; here as
one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3 Let us build a house where love is
found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground

where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that
frees us:

4 Let us build a house where hands will
reach beyond the wood and stone to
heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known. Here
the outcast and the stranger bear the
image of God's face; let us bring an end
to fear and danger:

5 Let us build a house where all are
named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word. Built
of tears and cries and laughter, prayers
of faith and songs of grace, let this
house proclaim from floor to rafter:

BLESSING & DEDICATION OF LWR KITS & QUILTS

Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed the member of Grace Lutheran Church with so many Gifts — many with a good eye for color, the

ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of their labors, the Quilts and kits made for Lutheran World Relief with love, to you. **We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person’s life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, a Baby Care Kit, a School Kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them. Keep showing us ways we may serve you together with our neighbors in need.** Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. **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: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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.

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION: (inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

Go out, clothed in strength and dignity. Submit yourselves to God and resist the devil. Delight in the Lord's teaching, open your hands to the poor, and let your actions arise from the wisdom of God. And may God draw near to you and strengthen you; May Christ Jesus teach you the ways of simplicity; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and make your fruitful in peace and righteousness. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

"Send Us Out"

We have been called by the Lord.	Ruled by our fears within.
We have been saved by the Word.	Stand and declare by the name,
Now let the Word be restored.	Freedom from all of our sin.
Now let the Gospel be heard.	Teach what God has done.
Send us out to teach what God has done.	Reach ev'ry single one.
Send us out to reach ev'ry single one.	Teach what God has done.
Send us out. Send us out.	Reach ev'ry single one.

We who were bound by our shame,

Go in peace... to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for September 19th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Sky Asfeld, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Duane Holker, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Jessica Pekelder, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Caden Thompson, Donnie Vrtacnik, Carol Wagner, and Robert Wittrock, the family of Scott Schooley, 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 19th through 26th

Today	GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY
	8:30 am Traditional Worship service
	w/Blessing of quilts and kits for World Relief
	9:30 Sunday school
	9:30 Coffee Fellowship
	9:30 – Putting Kits together in Fellowship Room
	11 am Contemporary Worship service
September 19-21:	Fall Theological at Pierre, SD (Pastor gone)
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
Wednesday	4 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
	6 pm Wednesday School
	6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
	7 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary

7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
Friday 4 – 7pm Side-by-Side ticket sellers needed outside KWAT Radio Station
Sunday MISSION OF THE MONTH Sunday
8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion
9:30 am BRUNCH in Fellowship Hall (fund raiser)
9:30 Sunday school
11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion
Load the kits and quilts for World Relief

Upcoming Events:

September 28th – 7 pm – Adult Confirmation Class
October 12th & 19th - First Communion Class for 2nd graders on up.
October 15 & 16th: 1517 “Here I Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)
October 30th – Nordefest Plus
November 6th – Vendor Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall (if you have crafts or items to donate, please drop them off after October 18th.)

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS:

Brenda Handel-Johnson will begin as the Music Director in October starting with choir and bell rehearsal on Monday, October 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, please attend or let us know for Brenda to contact you.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** Darlene Bressen
USHERS: Kaydence DeHann, Larry & Janet Little
PIANIST: Judy Everson **SONG LEADER:** Becky Sprouse
SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht
Gary Rukstad and Jason Mohr.
Pastoral Calls: You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com

Preparations are being made 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.

Coffee Fellowship:

You are invited to join us on Sunday morning for coffee fellowship between services beginning at 9:30 am. If you are bringing children to Sunday school, please stop and take this time to get to know each other. Please sign up to be a coffee server for a week or two as well. We need everyone to take a turn. This is an important time of fellowship and we need your help. Thank you.

God's Work – Our Hands Sunday is today

This is a day kits for World Relief are put together. At 9:30 am, volunteers will take individual items for the kits and bundle them together. It is not hard and does not take long as many hands make work light. Next week, the trucks will be here to load so please have brunch and stick around to help load the kits and quilts on the truck.

Adult and Parent help with Youth Group. We need help with activities for the 7th through 12th Youth groups, such as bowling, attending concerts together or a lock-in. We NEED adults and parents to help with these events. Time together with their friends and peers are important for youth and a time for them to get to know each other to create that feeling of family with the youngest members of our congregation. Each year we promise to support the children and youth of the congregation. This is an important way for you to answer that call.

ENJOY BRUNCH – SUNDAY September 26th and support the fund-raising efforts for the roof project. Brunch will begin at 9:30 am following service. On the menu will be: Egg Bake with ham, sausage, bacon, or veggie; cheesy hashbrowns, fruit, muffins, rolls, yogurt & granola, juice and coffee. The brunch is by free will offering and all fund go to support the roof fund. If you are able, the World Relief Truck will be here for the kits and quilts and your help would be very appreciated.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – “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 lovingly given by Karen and Allen Kasperson, in honor of Children, a Gift from God. Altar Flowers today are given by Randy & Lorraine Shuller in honor of their 45h Anniversary. 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*

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