



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*4th Sunday of Easter ~ 11:00 am ~ April 30, 2023*

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**Grace Lutheran Church ~ Welcomes You to Worship**

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**PRELUDE**

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 23)*

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be, the family we are called to become.**

**OPENING SONG:**

***“God is Here!”***

***ELW p 526***

1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray... **O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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**

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray, **God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

**SONG of OFFERING: "What Shall I Give"**

*(Refrain)* What shall I give to you? What shall I give to you?

1. Oh, that we could give like the rain, Pouring out on rich and poor the same.  
Oh, that we could give like the sun, Shining light on every one. *(Refrain)*

2. Teach us how to give we pray, Offering our work and play.  
Oh, that we could learn how to care, Ev'ry breath we breathe a prayer. *(Refrain)*

3. Oh, that like the bread we become Scattered grains all gathered in one.  
With this cup of blessing you give, Fill us and teach us how to live. *(Refrain)*  
*(Repeat Refrain)*

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

**Pew Bible p 886**

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad

and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **PRAISE SONG**

#### ***"You Are Mine"***

"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here."

"I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me."

**(Refrain)** "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

"I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name." *Refrain*

"I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

**Pew Bible p 984**

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

## CHILDREN’S TIME

**GOSPEL LEADIN:**

**“Halle, Halle, Halle”**

**ELW p. 172**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

**Pew Bible p 872**

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

**Response: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

## MESSAGE

**SERMON SONG: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”**

**WOV 783**

1. Seek ye ... first the kingdom of God  
And its righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto  
you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened  
unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

3. We do not live by bread ... alone,  
But by ev-'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:**

Let us pray... Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I present: Ashlynn Andrews, Tigh Koistinen, Clarissa Ruiz-Raigoza, Kimberly Ruiz-Raigoza, and Adriene Schulz.

### *Students will read their* **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Students Response: I renounce them.*

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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**Response: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Blessing and Laying of Hands on Each Confirmand – See Insert*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Holy and Gracious God, you call us by name, Beloved One, and beckon us to follow you. May we do so through your grace.

### **PRAYER PETITIONS:**

Like a shepherd tending the flock, you tend to our needs. Be present with those who struggle, suffer, are in pain or sorrow, especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.

Guide those who are lost, or filled with worry and fear. Protect those who are in harm's way heal those who are ill, mend those who are broken, as only your love can. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of peace, watch over those who lead us, in our various governments and churches. Fill our leaders with wisdom, patience, insight, and mercy.

Help them to lead with kindness and strength. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of love, fill our hearts with the knowledge of You that we can turn from the distractions of life and be more like You. May we be agents of your compassion, offering kindness to those we meet this day. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of all blessings, we thank you for all the gifts of life. For your Son, our Savior, our great Good Shepherd, the one who stands at the gate of all life's

challenges and joys, calling out to us in love. Naming us, Beloved. For all this, and more we pray. **Amen.**

### **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, as we hear the words of forgiveness spoken on that ancient night... and trust in His grace...

### **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**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

### **THE COMMUNION**

Each of the families of the confirmands will come forward as a family first. Once the families are done, the congregation may come forward down the center aisle and pass to each side.

*ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME TO  
COME FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER.  
YOUNG CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A BLESING*

## COMMUNION SONGS

## “Borning Cry”

ELW 732

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

## “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”

Amazing grace How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed

**(Chorus):** My chains are gone I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures *(Chorus)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below, Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine

## “Bind Us Together”

WOV 748

**(Refrain)** Bind us together Lord; Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one body, That is why we can sing. *(Refrain)*



You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine (*Refrain*)

**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... **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SENDING BLESSING**

May the God of peace— who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood— may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “The Peace of the Lord” “La paz del Señor” ELW 646**  
*Sing in whichever language you would like:*

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>SPANISH</b>
1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord the peace of the risen Lord Jesus: the peace of the Lord is for you and for me, and also for all of God's children. The peace of the Lord is for you and for me, and also for all of God's children.	1 La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor, la paz del Resucitado: la paz del Señor a ti y a mí, a todos alcanzará; la paz del Señor a ti y a mí, a todos alcanzará.
2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus: the peace of the Lord is among us right now, so open yourselves to receive it. The peace of the Lord is among us right now, so open yourselves to receive it.	2 La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor, la paz del Resucitado: se hace presente ahora y aquí apréstate a recibirla; se hace presente ahora y aquí apréstate a recibirla.
3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus: the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live, so open yourselves now to share it. The peace of the Lord kept within cannot live, so open yourselves now to share it.	3 La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor, la paz del Resucitado: no puede vivir encerrada en sí, apréstate a compartirla; no puede vivir encerrada en sí, apréstate a compartirla.

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. You need not want. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

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

## **Announcements for April 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert 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 April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am – Worship Service w/Affirmation of Baptism & Communion
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Tuesday	6 pm – Preschool Committee meets
Wednesday	10:30 am Service at Avantara 5 pm Grace Executive Committee meets 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group
Thursday	NOON – National Day of Prayer Service in Sanctuary
Friday	8 am to Noon: Home Schoolers 1 pm Funeral service for Amanda Raider at Wight Comes Chapel
Sunday	8:30 am Traditional Worship service <b>w/ Holy Communion</b> 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship Service <b>w/ Holy Communion</b> Sunday/Wednesday school children singing & Preschool Sunday & Installation of Josh Casper as Youth and Family Director 1 pm Service at Edgewood 6 pm- Senior Meal w/Pastor

## **Upcoming Events:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – Senior Meal with Pastor Cheryl

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Preschool Sunday AND Wednesday/Sunday school children singing at the 11 am service and Installation of the Youth and Family Director- Josh Casper

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Off – Jack Holmquist supply

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Senior Recognition Sunday

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Summer worship schedule – One Service at 8:30 am.

## **MAKING AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM TODAY!**

Ashlynn Christine Andrews, daughter of Bill Andrews & Tanya Andrews

Tigh Bryant Koistinen, son of Chad & Terra Koistinen

Clarissa Ruiz-Roigoza, daughter of Gladys Raigoza & Jose Ruiz.

Kimberly Ruiz-Raigoza, daughter of Gladys Raigoza & Jose Ruiz.

Adriene Nicole Schulz, daughter of Travis & Chelsea Schulz

## **SPECIAL 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUILT IN THE MAKINGS**

Have you picked up your quilt block? Our quilt team is making a commemorative 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt. You are invited to help make this beautiful quilt by taking a blank quilt block and designing it with something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use clothe paints.

The quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of these 7 ½" blocks, which are available in the church office. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140<sup>th</sup> celebration.

## **April's Mission of the Month is Baby Care – by the Missions Committee**

Products such as diapers, Pacifiers, bottles and nipples, baby washcloths, baby wipes, baby blankets, sleepers and bibs. There are several organizations in our community in need of baby supplies to support new Mothers. Supplies donated will be taken to the organizations within Codington County in need of Baby Care Products.

## **UPDATE ON UKRAINE REFUGEE FAMILIES ARRIVING IN APRIL:**

Ihor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and Davyd, ages 7 and 10, have been delay due to corrections necessary on their immigration papers. We hope this will be resolved soon.

Vasyl Molod, arrived on April 27<sup>th</sup> and is staying with Pastor Cheryl and husband Scott at Wilmot for the first few weeks until employment is obtained.

**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 & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. **Altar Flowers** today are given from the flower fund in honor of those making Affirmation of their Baptism. Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran inside and out of our walls. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers, stop at the office, call the office, or send your donation to:

***Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201***

### **SUMMER CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Summer classes are available to assist you in achieving the important baptismal responsibility of educating young people the catechism. Summer confirmation class is available for any young people 7th thru 12th grade who have not completed this training. If you have questions, would like to sign your child up for a class contact Pastor Cheryl. Cell: 605-237-1501 or email: [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com).

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett      **Organist/Pianist:** Laura Atwood  
**USHERS:** Josh and Michaela Casper, and Melody Schulz & Jensen Wienjes  
**GREETERS:** Kat & Audrey Anderson    **COMM ASSIST:** Rick Brownell & Kat Anderson  
**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  
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