



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 19, 2022
Grace Lutheran Church *8:30 am Service*
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

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Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pew Bible 226

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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

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

⁴**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.**

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

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Pew Bible p 951

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Return to the Lord”

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Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Pew Bible p 871

Response Before: Glory to you, O Lord. After: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Amazing Grace”

ELW 779

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| 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see. | 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |
| 3 Through many dangers, toils, and
snares I have already come; | 5 When we've been there ten thousand
years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun. |

MISSION OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION: Marti Knudsen, Director of NESODAK

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: “Just as I Am Without One Plea” ELW 592 vs 1 & 4

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| 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. | 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. |
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DEDICATION OF OFFERING: Let us pray... Almighty God, **who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love. Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring Your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before You today, to spread Your peace in the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(time of silence for reflection)

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Response to: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.

BLESSING:

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world,
bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love,
bless your eyes and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be,
bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see.. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

ELW 611

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

DISMISSAL: Go with peace... no longer blind. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements for March 19th

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, Denton (Bob) Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Steve Schlenner, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, the family of Patty Rondeau, 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.

Welcome into the Family of God Today

We welcome Tripp William Barber, son of Heidi and Clint Barber, into the family of God through Holy Baptism. Sponsors for Tripp are Hunter & Kylie Schindler. May God protect then, encircle them with His promises and fill their hearts with joy.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: March 31st is the deadline to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you are a Thrivent customer please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you.

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 by Ethel Hanse in loving memory of Lyle Hansen from his family. 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***

On the CALENDAR - For the week of March 19th thru 26th

Today	<i>Mission of the Month Lutheran's Outdoors Presentation at Worship</i> 8:30 am - Worship service 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship NO Sunday school 11 am - Worship service & Baptism of Tripp William Barber
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 Watertown Banquet
Tuesday	Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors Meet
Wednesday	NOON - Community Lenten services 12:05 12:30 pm – Community soup luncheon 5 pm First Communion Class 6 pm - Prophets Bible Study 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Midweek Lenten Worship
Sunday	7:30 pm Youth Group meets in Youth Room 8:30 am Worship service w/Holy communion & Baptism of Jax, Brycen & Skie Schiernbeck

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday school
11 am Worship service w/Holy communion
& Baptism of Olivia Ann Rudebusch

Upcoming Events:

March 29th - Beth St Martin telling Ryan's Story - a drug addiction presentation
April 2nd – Palm Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt/Face Painting 9:30 to 11
April 9th – Easter services at 7:30 & 9:30 with Spanish speaking at 11 am
Easter Brunch from 8:30 to 11 am
April 11 – 13: SD Synod Spring Theological in Watertown
April 16 – Country Gospel Jamboree 2-4 pm; noon meal; silent auction.
April 30th Affirmation of Baptism service at 11 am
May 21st - Senior Recognition Sunday

Community Lenten services on Wednesday:

Prairie Lakes Pastoral Care Jodi Brinkman will conduct the worship service Wednesday with Grace Lutheran preparing the luncheon for the Community Lenten services. The service will begin at 12:05 and held in the sanctuary at Grace Lutheran. Lunch follows in the Fellowship Hall. **VOLUNTEERS are needed** to set the tables, help prepare the lunch and serve, collect the money, usher and clean up.

Beth St Martin to speak on drug addiction on telling Ryan's Story

Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD will speak at Grace Lutheran at 7:30 pm, Wednesday evening, following Lenten worship on March 29th. Her talk is called Ryan's Story and tells the story of a family dealing with the addition of a child and the pain and grief of dealing with the loss of a loved one by overdose. The goal of Ryan's Story is trying to "erase some of the stigma around drug addiction" and help people understand it can happen to anyone. St Martin tells the story from the non-addict view and then talks about grief, coping with grief, and "what I do to cope with grief". Officer Alexis Buyse from the Watertown Police Department will be on hand to answer questions about what local law enforcement are dealing with. St Martin was to speak during the Mini-Youth gathering in January, which was cancelled. Several expressed interest in hearing this story about addiction. With the increase in drugs in our community and upcoming events of prom and graduation, we are providing this opportunity to hear this story in hope it may save another family the pain and grieve of losing a child through the heartache of addiction Everyone is welcome.

HELP CREATE A SPECIAL 140TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT

To commemorate the 140th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church, we invite the congregation to help make a quilt! The quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 ½" blocks, which we will provide. Each family can take 1 block and design it however you wish to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13th** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration. Blank quilt square are available at the church office.

Country Gospel Jamboree! April 16th

Terry Foster and the Classic's will be the featured band for this year's Country Gospel Jamboree. Area musicians and singers are encouraged to come join the fun with a number or two with the band sharing their musical talents. Contact Pastor Cheryl 605-237-1501.

There will be a noon meal served until 1:30 prior to the jamboree. The meal will consist of a Chef salad or hamburger or brat with mac salad, baked beans and chips for \$10.00. The meal will be eat in or take out. Denise Biller is in charge of the meal.

A silent auction will also be held from noon to 3:30 pm in the hallways around the fellowship hall. Donations to the silent auction are welcome. If you have items to donate to the silent auction, contact Darlene Bresson or drop the items off at the office.

All proceeds from the Jamboree activities go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generous donations.

Dinner for Two for a year Tickets available

Tickets are now available for a chance to win *Dinner for Two* for each month for a year. The twelve dinners for two are at: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys, Mavericks, El tapatio, North Shore, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senor Max's, and the Watertown Brewing. Cost of the tickets are just \$5.00. The winner will be drawn during at the April 16th Jamboree at approximately 3:30 pm. All proceeds go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church. 5

“Lutheran Outdoors” is the March Mission of the Month by the Missions Committee.

This mission consist of three different camps offering a summer camp experience for children or for the whole family to get away or it may also be a winter retreat. It consists of Outlaw Ranch, NeSoDak and Klein Ranch, all in South Dakota. Marti Knudsen, of NESODAK, will attend the March 19th worship services to talk about the camps.

OUTLAW RANCH - For all ages! Youth camps for K-12, Mission, leadership and adventures experiences for Middle School and High School youth, and Family Camp for all ages. Youth can hike, fish, canoe, and ride horses in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota while God is molding them into young leaders. Families can get away to experience an all-inclusive, faith-filled family vacation. Open year-round.

NeSoDak - Located on Lake Enemy Swim, in Northeast South Dakota, NeSoDak provides a safe place for youth to build relationships, develop new skills, and live in a grace-filled community. NeSoDak offers specialty waterfront camps for a variety of ages. NeSoDak also features a high comfort retreat center for retreat groups, family vacations, hunting, and fishing trips. Open only in the summer.

KLEIN RANCH - For youth who have completed grades 5-12 and adults. If you love horses you will love Klein Ranch. Programs at Klein are focused on small group experiences and riding the wide-open prairie. Klein Ranch is a unique camp that offers youth the opportunity to begin to stretch their boundaries, and abilities, as they ride horses on 2,300 acres of Wild West ranch. Open only in the summer.

Check out the Website for the 2023 Summer Camp Schedules. Your donations will help send a child that can't afford the cost of this adventurous camp. What a difference it can make in a child's life. A

place where God's people can receive preparation for a life of faith, love, and living in the loving arms of God.

Easter Flowers Insert

An insert this week in the bullet is available for flower and plant donations for the Palm Sunday palms and Easter Sunday flowers. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish considering the increase in the cost of flowers during the last year. Please return the form no later than April 7th.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg hunt with face painting

There will be an Easter Egg hunt and face painting between services on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Postcards are being sent out to the Grace Lutheran neighborhood with an invitation for our neighbors to come and join the fun. Children are asked to come and join in the palm processional for each worship at 8:30 and 11 am. The Easter Egg hunt and face painting will take place between the service during the regular Sunday school time. Children will also be singing during the 11 am service.

Easter Brunch planned

An Easter Brunch will be served on Easter morning, April 9th. Worship services at set for 7:30 and 9:30 am with a Spanish speaking service at 11 am for our Spanish speaking neighbors. Bruch will be service in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 to 11 am.

Application made for Ukraine Refugee Family

We are sponsoring Tokarev Igor Pavlovich, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and David, ages 7 and 10, from Ukraine. The process can take a few weeks followed by travel arrangements. The process may take a month or more. Igor is a welder by profession and loves his job he says. The family is from the city of Zaporozhye and currently in Poland.

If you would like to provide financial assistance for their flight or with any other financial needs there is a separate fund set up through Grace to help get them started.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

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