



Grace Lutheran Church 1883-2023

Worship of Thanksgiving ~ September 25, 2022
Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Isaiah 12: 2-6*)

We come to share together, to celebrate the God who is present amongst us.

The Lord our God is our strength and song, and is even now our salvation.

We come to share together to celebrate with all the world, that the Lord is God.

**With joy we gather around God's fountain of grace
to be refreshed and renewed.**

We come to share together to celebrate with songs of praise and joy
for the Lord our God's eternal presence is forever amongst and with us,
and all peoples.

We sing with joy:

Thank the Lord, our Mighty God! Praise God's holy name! Amen.

GATHERING SONG:

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—

here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on Philippians 4:1-9)*

God of mercy, **in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Brothers and Sisters, do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears your prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Amen.**

GREETING

KYRIE ELW p 147

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 149**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. 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.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **O God, Your joy fills our hearts and strengthens our souls. The light of the glorious gospel of grace has shone into lives and illuminated the power of your Word, uniting us in godly love and Christian fellowship. Instill in each of us an increasing thirst for an ever-deepening love for each other and for You, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 12: 2-6 **Pew Bible p 558**

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ³ With joy you will draw

water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 145: 1-13

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
² **Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**
³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
⁴ **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
⁶ **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**
⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
⁸ **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
¹⁰ **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.**
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
¹² **to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

PRAISE SONG: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW 836

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| <p>1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.</p> <p>2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.</p> | <p>Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.</p> <p>3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!</p> |
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SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 1-9 Pew Bible p 955

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME AND SINGING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Alleluia"

ELW p151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10: 22-30

Pew Bible p 873

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:

"Christ, be Our Light"

ELW 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.
2 Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
4 Longing for shelter, many are
homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

APOSTLE'S CREED....

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

**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.**

**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. 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

SONG of OFFERING: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts we bring, a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: (*In Gratitude to You, O Lord*)

God of the living, with all Your creatures great and small we sing Your bounty and Your goodness, for in the harvest of land and ocean, in the cycles of the seasons, and the wonders of each creature, You reveal Your generosity.

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:

Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy, that we may honor each gift as You cherish Your creation, and praise You in all times and places.

That this day may be holy, good and joyful: **we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.**

That we may offer to You our worship and praise along with the work of our hands, minds and hearts, to love and serve the neighbor in all we do:

we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation, grant that we may cherish the earth, our home, and live in harmony with this good earth:

we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful for all your beloved children. We pray for those who want to be healed in mind, body, or spirit especially, especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Stanley, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Judy, Lavern, Elvira, Ronald, Cleone, Melody, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Caden, and Robert, the family of Stanley Wagner, the family of Judy Eide, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Make them whole again: **we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by Your Holy Spirit, in communion with all Your holy ones, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ. Free us from prejudice and fear so all may see your face in us: **we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.**

That we may always and everywhere give thanks to You, O God, for all of our blessings and giftedness. We especially give you our thanks and praise for the many who have blessed Grace Lutheran with their time, talents and resources for the “raise the roof” project: **we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.**

Hear these prayers and all those things you know we need, in your precious Sons name. **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 152

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW p 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS:

“Lamb of God”

ELW p 154

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.

“Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW 462

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| 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us. | of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness. |
| 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing | 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory. |

“All Are Welcome”

(Refrain) All are welcome, friend and stranger,

At the banquet of the Savior. All are welcome, all are welcome here.

1. From the woman who comes crying, Leaving tears at Jesus' feet,
To the man who knows the right way But cannot see. *(Refrain)*
2. From the ones who feel forgotten, Those who sense their place is gone,
To the ones who live in hunger. Here you belong. *(Refrain)*
3. Go into the streets and cities, To the farms and families,
Tell about the splendid table, God's mercy. *(Refrain)*

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Let us Pray... **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give**

ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING:

As you go from here, remember this: The God we serve is merciful and compassionate, endlessly patient and full of faithful love. He is trustworthy in all that he says, and faithful in all that he does. So go out in confidence, knowing that God goes with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on your with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Table Prayer: Let us thank God for food and drink that we are about to receive with the doxology...

Be present at our table, Lord! Be here and everywhere adored.

Your mercies bless, and grant that we May feast in Paradise with Thee!

Amen.

SENDING SONG:

“Praise to You”

(Refrain) Praise to you, O Great Creator, Maker of the land and sky.

Praise to you, O Living Water, hope and breath of ev'ry life.

1. We are lost and we are longing, wand'ring in the wilderness,
searching for your holy presence and the reason we exist. **(Refrain)**

2. Hear the cries of all creation, how the tears like rivers flow
for your touch of grace and healing and the love that leads us home. **(Refrain)**

3. May we live your way of justice, may we walk your way of peace.

May we see your sacred vision, may we know your sweet release. **(Refrain)**

SENDING: Go in peace... Celebrate God Blessings. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements for September 25th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Stanley Crane, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Ronald Newell, Cleone Pekelder, Melody Quade, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Caden Thompson, and Robert Wittrock, the family of Stanley Wagner, the family of Judy Eide, 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 25th thru October 2nd

Today Celebration Sunday - Thanksgiving & Appreciation meeting goal

9:30 Sunday school NOTE TIME!
10:30 am – Worship Celebration Service
11: 30 am – Potluck meal and Fellowship
3 pm – Youth Group Funday – Disc Golf
6:30 – 8 pm: Synod Listen, Learn and Care for ALL Prairie Coteau
Conference people to meet with the Synod Staff

Monday 8 am Lefse making continues (week 3)
1-4 pm: Dorcus Quilters meet
5:30 pm Banquet serving inside

Tuesday 8 am Lefse making continues (week 3)

Wednesday 6-7 pm Wednesday school
6 pm – GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS in the basement
6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
7 pm Family Worship
7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room

Friday Home Schoolers Group meets in Fellowship Hall 8 to Noon

Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Worship service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 Sunday school
11 am Contemporary Worship service

Upcoming Events:

October 4th & 11th: First Communion Classes
October 13 & 15th: 1517 “Here I Still Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)
October 29th – Nordefest Plus
November 5th – Fall Craft Fair

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett	READER: Edwin Williams
PIANIST: Isaak Montemayor	GREETER:
USHERS: Rich and Liz Dunn	Communion Server: Liz Dunn & Dylan Jordan
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	
<i>Pastoral Calls:</i> You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com	

Youth Group fun day TODAY

Youth of Grace Lutheran in grade 7th thru 12th are invited to a fun day activity to place disc golf at the Slumberland disc golf course near the Zoo. The group will go out to eat following their outing. Parents are encouraged to help with this event and other youth group activities. Contact Becky Sprouse or Pastor

Listen, Learn, Care Events Scheduled Across Synod TODAY

We're excited to announce that after a two-year hiatus, Listen, Learn, and Care events will be taking place in every conference around the Synod this fall. This is your chance to meet with Bishop Constanze and Associates to the Bishop Pr. Renee Splichal Larson and Pr. Jonathan Steiner and share your thoughts about how things are going in your congregation and around the Synod. The schedule for these events is below. We hope to see you soon!

All events will take place from 6:30 to 8pm local time:

- **Prairie Coteau: Grace Lutheran, Watertown, Sept. 25**
- Medary: First Lutheran, Brookings, Oct. 11

God's Work – Our Hands to be held on Wednesday, September 28th

The time has been moved back to 6 pm for Confirmation students to help. Volunteers will take individual items for kits and bundle them together. It is not hard and does not take long as many hands make work light. Please take a little time helping prepare the items for the kits.

Load the Truck for World Relief

The materials collected and bundled for Lutheran World Relief will be loaded on the truck on October 2nd. Please plan to help. The truck is scheduled to be here around 1:30 to 2 pm. Members are asked to assist in carrying the boxes of quilts and kits to the truck. With many hands the work goes quickly.

First Communion Classes for children 2nd grade on up who have not yet taken instruction can register for the Tuesday class for October 4th and 11th. The classes will begin at 6 pm. Parents are welcome and encourage to stay as the children will have an assignment between the two classes. To register, call the office of contact Pastor Cheryl by October 2nd.

Sign up for Coffee Fellowship:

Coffee fellowship is being services at 9:30 am each Sunday. It is a great time to get back together after this long absence. Please come and join in coffee and fellowship and sign up as the coffee server for a week or two. We need everyone to take a turn.

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 Farol & Jeremy Hendickson by Janie Stianson. **Altar Flowers** today are given by James & Sharon Goble in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly and son Gary, son-in-law Lynn's heavenly birthday, and grandson Christopher. 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 2nd Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201***

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