



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 2, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church

8:30 am Service

Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"God is Here"

ELW 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.

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.

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.

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!

GREETING: *ELW p 147*

KYRIE *ELW p 147 – 148*

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Glory to God” ELW p 148 & 149*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 *Pew Bible p 762*

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 37: 1-9

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one
who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Pew Bible p 966

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life
that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors
did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your
tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere
faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now,
I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is
within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of
cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner,
but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved
us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his
own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages
began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ
Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the
gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a
teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the
one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day
what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good
treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

Children's Sermon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Alleluia"

ELW p151

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

GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5-10

Pew Bible p 852

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?" ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?" ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" ELW 818

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| 1 O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care. | 3 Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and
strong, |
| 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way. | 4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live. |

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
(This time of offering is for the mission & ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.)

SONG of OFFERING: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts 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 THE PEOPLE

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

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:

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ, for our South Dakota Bishop Constanze, our Rostered Pastors of the South Dakota Synod, our seminarians, and those who wrestle with the possibility of answering the call to ministry. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster, especially all those in Florida and suffering from the damage of Hurricane Ian: relieve all who have been affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant those in leadership self-discipline to appreciate diversity, a desire for justice and peace, and inspire them with love for your people. We ask for your blessings upon those who serve in the Armed Forces with courage to face the challenges they encounter. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Stanley, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Judy, Lavern, Elvira, Ronald, Cleone, Melody, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Randy, Caden, and Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For Grace Lutheran and every congregation: cause a revival throughout our world with a desire to hear your word, rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died and now live with you. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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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.

BENEDICTION: *(based on 2 Timothy 1: 1-14)*

As you go from here, may God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. Do not let your faith or your witness grow cold. Remember: God's gift of faith is like a flame; when the embers of that flame have cooled, you must fan them again to keep them ablaze.

So remember what you have been taught and what you have experienced. Live in such a way that all who know you may see the light of God reflected in you.

And may the grace of God, give life and free you from despair,

the love of Jesus Christ, bless you with truth and peace,

and the presence of the Holy Spirit guide you always in faith, hope, and love for the days ahead. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ***"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"*** ***ELW 544***

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, by your blood new life receiving,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing: in your body, firm believing,
glory be to God on high! we are yours, and you the Lord.

Christ, your cross and passion sharing, 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
by this eucharist declaring we go forth alert and living
yours the final victory. in your Spirit, strong and free.

2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, Partners in your new creation,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing, seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
ears attentive to your word; may we faithful foll'wers be.

DISMISSAL: Go in peace... with faith in the Lord. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**
Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for October 2nd

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, Randy Sangl, Caden Thompson, 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.

On the CALENDAR - For the week of October 2nd thru 9th

Today 8:30 am Traditional Worship service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 Sunday school
11 am Contemporary Worship service
1 pm Services at Edgewood
1:30 – 2 pm Load the Truck of LWR materials.

Monday 8 am Lefse making begins (week 4)
1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters
5:30 pm Banquet
5:30 pm Foundation Meeting
6 pm – Choir practice

Tuesday 8 am Lefse making continues (week 4)
6:30 pm – First Communion Class (class 1)

Wednesday 10:30 am service at Avantara
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

Thursday 6 pm – Call Committee meets

Friday 8 am to Noon – Home Schoolers meet

Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:30 am Faith and Blue Forum in Fellowship Hall
9:45 Sunday school
11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion

Upcoming Events:

October 10: Indigenous Persons Day – Office Closed
October 13 & 15th: 1517 “Here I Still Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)
October 29th – Nordefest Plus
November 5th – Fall Craft Fair

Load the Truck for World Relief TODAY

The kits and quilts have been boxed up and ready to load on the truck for Lutheran World Relief. The truck is scheduled to be here around 1:30 to 2 pm today. If you can help in anyway, please be here as the work goes quickly with many hands to help.

First Communion Classes start Tuesday October 4th

Children in the 2nd grade on up are invited to First Communion Classes on Tuesday evening October 4th and 11th at 6 pm. Students are required to participate in two classes. Those unable to attend at this time, please contact pastor. Any youngster who has not yet taken First Communion class is encouraged to register with Pastor Cheryl by October 2nd at 605-237-1501 or Email: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com.

The students will take their first communion on All Saints Sunday, November 6th.

Choir Practice to be held on Monday's

Monday, October 3rd, those interested in joining the choir as asked to meet at 6 pm in the

choir room. Mariam Raml and Kayla Mohring will co-organize the choir until a director is found. All members are welcome to join.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: JoAnn Spartz

USHERS: Geri Mohrer & Steve Vogt

PIANIST: Isaak Montemayor

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

Faith and Blue forum Sunday, October 9th

The local Law Enforcement of Watertown will be at Grace for their *Faith and Blue* event next Sunday, October 9th at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend to share in this time of support and learn about our local law enforcement. This is a great opportunity to ask questions. *Faith and Blue* is a national movement to build bridges and break down biases between law enforcement professions and the communities they serve through outreach and houses of worship. Steve Rehorst, Administrative Division Captain and Police Chaplain Pastor Jeff Ruggels are working with area churches to hold these events to answer questions and share this time with the people of Grace. All are encouraged to attend. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Bible Study on the Prophets starts October 19th

A study and discussion of God's prophets in the Bible and how these stories and scriptures relate to our world today will begin on Wednesday evening, October 19. The plan is to initially talk about what a prophet does, why God needs prophets, and why it is so important to read about prophets in the Bible.

Kayla Mohling will lead the discussions each Wednesday night from 6 to 7 pm in the library.

Some of the major prophets will be covered focusing on one or two each week reading scripture pertaining each. The main objective is to inform and affirm that getting into God's word is part of strengthening our relationship with God, just as it did for the prophets.

Prophets, just like us, sometimes doubt what God told them. The study will be held while the children are in Wednesday school, making it a great opportunity for parent to participate.

To register and receive an email outline prior to the study, email Kayla at:

kayla.i.mohling@gmail.com. Bring your own Bibles.

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. 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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