



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 15, 2021
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 John 6)

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope

and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

“Here’s Hope”

(Refrain) Here’s hope given for you,
Gift of life full and true.
Jesus comes to make us each his own.
Beloved, we are made new.

We are the body of Christ
Here to be food for each other
In joy, in suffering. *(Refrain)*

My grace is sufficient for you
For pow’r is made perfect in weakness.
Give witness to the truth. *(Refrain)*

Rise then as servants of God.
Follow the light of freedom
To walk the way of love. *(Refrain)*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In a world with much evil, God continues to work for good.
In a culture which worships foolishness, God still offers wisdom as a gift.
In a time filled with lies, God’s promises are true.
In a society obsessed with "reality," God’s love is constant.
Let us come to the One who offers the Bread of Life, the promise of redemption, and the grace of forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of the Covenant. How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways?
How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world not caring where they lead us?
How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day?**

How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, God sent redemption for all.

In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls.

In Christ, God gives the cup of salvation to thirsty people.

We give thanks to God for everything: forgiveness, hope, new life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Pew Bible p 516

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 15-20 Pew Bible p 952

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Word of Life, Jesus Christ” WOV p 48

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Pew Bible p 868

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: ***“We Eat the Bread of Teaching”*** ***ELW 518***

Refrain

to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*

We eat the bread of teaching,
drink wine of wisdom,
are given here a taste of the kingdom.
Together joined, the greatest and the
least,
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

2 Simple ones whose hearts are
yearning,
come and gain from Wisdom's learning;
bread and wine she is preparing,
know her loving in the sharing. *Refrain*

1 Wisdom calls throughout the city,
knows our hunger, and in pity
gives her loving invitation

3 Enter with delight and singing,
for her richness now is bringing
us this joyful celebration;
eat and drink in jubilation. *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
(*This time of offering is for the mission & ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.*)

SONG of OFFERING: “We Are an Offering” **ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours; We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you;
We are an offering, we are an offering

DEDICATION OF OFFERING:

Let us pray... **On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in
the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put
together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes
more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its
usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your
blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the
church, the world, and all of creation.

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:

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide all who teach and preach a greater knowledge and fill those who hear the work with all truth and peace. Let us invite others into worship and an understanding of your love. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas and a new vision for Grace. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, mend the earth. Restore burnt lands and destroyed forest. cleanse the air, cool warming oceans and send rain pattern on parched ground. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns to prepare for extreme conditions. We thank you for the rains you have provided for area farmers and ranchers and all producers of our foods.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all nations, direct our leaders to work for the good of all people, letting go of personal agendas. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. We pray for our military personnel and families, grant them a sense of your abiding presences wherever they may be.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer through treatments, surgeries or illness of any kind, especially Rhys, Roy, Jim, Shannon, Joyce, Carla, Tammy, Bella, Loren, Bruce, Doug, Judy, Rick, Deb, Scott, Donnie, Robert, the family of Roger York, the family of Gerald Urban, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.
God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of insight, inspire the members of Grace Lutheran to envision a mission and ministry to enliven this assembly. Bless them with creative ideas and awareness to enrich their work to bear witness to your grace experience here in their daily life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Let us pray as Jesus 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 & BLESSING: (inspired by Ephesians 5:15-20)

These are complex times. Look carefully how you walk, not blundering along foolishly, but as those who are wise with the wisdom of Christ.

**Wherever we go and whatever happens to us,
we will give thanks to God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Go now, blessed and filled with the wisdom of God,
blessed and nourished by the life of our Lord Jesus Christ
and blessed and directed by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
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.

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

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)*

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)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace... as one body and one Spirit.
Thanks be to God. We Will!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements for August 15th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Carla Frost,
Tammy Giessinger, Bella Hatch, Loren Holzwarth, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy
Lien, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Scott Skooley, Donnie Vrtacnik, and Robert
Wittrock, the family of Roger York, the family of Gerald Urban, 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 August 15th thru 22nd

Today 8:30 am Worship service
Monday 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
Wednesday 10 am - Service at TownView
10:30 am – Service at Jenkins Living Center
5:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
6 pm – Visioning meeting for members young and old
Sunday 8:30 am Worship & Baptism of Maverick John Ronke
w/communion
Raise the Roof Fund Raising meeting following Worship

Upcoming Events:

September 1 – Confirmation begins
September 12 – Rally Day for Sunday school
September 15 – Rally Day for Wednesday school
Youth Groups starts meeting at 7:30 pm
Family worship at 7 pm
September 19-21: Fall Theological at Pierre, SD (Pastor gone)
October 15 & 16th: 1517 “Here I Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)
October 30th – Nordefest Plus

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** Dee Haugan
USHERS: Doug and Ann Murfield **KEYBOARD:** Isaak Montemayor
PRAISE TEAM: Judy Everson, Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Kayla Mohling,
Krisma DeWitt, Leigh Carstensen, Rhonda Lorenz
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**

GLCW (Glacé Lutheran Church Women) preparing kits for World Relief

School supplies are out in the schools and as everyone turns their attention back to school, GLCW wants to remind you of the supplies needed for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. Only supplies are needed as the book bags have been purchased.

Other kits are prepared for Baby Care and Personal Care. Information for these kits at with the tubes in the Narthex.

Your voice is needed at Visioning August 18th

Visioning continues Wednesday from 6 to 8 pm August 18th to identify the positive and negative aspects of Grace Lutheran. We want all voices heard, especially the

youth, as part of the mission and ministry planning for your future of Grace Lutheran. During the July meeting, individuals identified positive and negative aspects of Grace in response to questions about their experiences and feelings.

By bringing together a diverse group of people to reflect on their ideas and dreams for Grace Lutheran, we dig deeper into our current unnoticed and unrealized asset and liabilities.

These questions are on sticky notes in the hallway going to the parking lot. You are invited into this dialogue by contributing your responses. Diverse answers provide a deeper understanding of who we are as we envision our mission and ministry for the future.

We would like your individual responses to the following:

1. What do you feel are the assets of Grace Lutheran?
2. What are the liabilities/drawback of Grace Lutheran?
3. What are areas of Grace Lutheran that are not being fully utilized?
4. What are the good activities currently happening at Grace?
5. What are activities that are not happening at Grace but should be?
6. What would you change about Grace Lutheran if you could? The ideal Grace Lutheran.
7. How do we currently serve God at Grace Lutheran?
8. How do we invite/welcome others into Grace Lutheran?
9. Now we say: "Grace Lutheran, where grace is experience daily." How do you see grace experienced daily at Grace?
10. What should the mission of Grace Lutheran be?

By combining community-wide voices with various backgrounds and unique contributions everyone has an opportunity to participate. Common ground is often found to build on each other's strengths for the good of the whole community.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in these exercises. At the next meeting, we will be combined the most prominent responses. In September, we will have an opportunity to review data of our community and county to understand the mission field that surrounds us.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Pueblo de Dios, our "Neighbors in Solidarity"

The mission of the month is **Pueblo de Dios**, a bilingual church in central Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The mission and vision of Pueblo de Dios: Following God; Breaking down barriers; Standing with people in need.

The South Dakota Synod responds to God's call to share the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ with all people, from all nations and walks of life.

Pueblo de Dios is a congregation of English speakers and Spanish speakers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each Sunday they gather to worship together as one people – the people of God. Many of our families speak Spanish at home and English at work and school, or have one parent that prefers English and one parent that prefers Spanish. Each Sunday we read, pray, and declare our beliefs together – no matter what language we speak.

More information is available at: <https://www.pueblodedios.org/> Financial support can be given through the South Dakota Synod.

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 Will Morlock in loving memory of Pat Morlock whose birthday would be on the 17th. Altar Flowers today are given by Will Morlock in loving memory of Pat Morlock. 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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