



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*Second Sunday of Easter ~ 8:30 am ~ April 24, 2022*

*Grace Lutheran Church*

***Welcomes You to Worship***

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**PRELUDE**

**“Day of Arising”**

**Piano solo**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**“The Strife is O’er”**

**ELW 366**

- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
  - 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
  - 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

- 4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you, from death's sting free your servants too, that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**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 p147**

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 p149**

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 and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and 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 and honor and 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 of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 5: 27-32**

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

**RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 150**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup>Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will

wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

### **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia! Lord and Savior" ELW p 151**

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

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

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

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### **MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "We Walk by Faith" ELW 635**

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| <p>1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."</p> <p>2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"</p> | <p>3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:</p> <p>4 For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.</p> <p>5 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.</p> |
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### **Sending of Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson**

Brenda, on November 1, 2021, we of Grace Lutheran Church welcomed you to be a diaconal intern in this place: to observe, participate in, and lead in the full stretch of

Gospel ministry in Word and Service with us and among us. With the Gospel, you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in service to this community, in outreach of our multicultural neighbors, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing upon your work and your ministry. People of God, members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church, do you release Brenda Handel-Johnson from service as your intern? **We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.** Brenda, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Grace Lutheran Church? **I do, and I give thanks to God for your ministry together.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Brenda Handel-Johnson among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: Bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: Keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: Prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together, Heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Brenda, her family, and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you have given to us. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING OF THE INTERN:** Brenda, may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace. **Amen**

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY  
OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SONG of OFFERING:** *"Create in Me"*

*ELW 185*

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. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**PRAYER OF OFFERING:** Let us pray... **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

**PRAYER PETITIONS:**

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your blessing upon seedtime and harvest and bless our farmers and ranchers with favorable weather for spring planting and pastures to grow. Open our eyes to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world and our hearts to care for your ever renewing resources. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most vulnerable and in need. Defend our men and women of the Armed Forces with your heavenly grace and give them courage to face the dangers that surround them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you especially Rhys, Roy, Esther, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Darrell, Joyce, Dennis, Kendal, Rich, Judy, Carla, Kaye, Mary, Duane, Doug, Sylvia, Judy, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Daryl, Caden, Carol, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise, in outreach and service, especially Brenda. As she has been a blessing to us, bless her as we now send her forth to be a blessing to others. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious and holy God, give those who make Affirmation of Baptism today diligence to seek you, ears to listen for your word; and a heart to love the way of truth and righteousness. Grant to them O God, courage, like Thomas, to boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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.**

We indeed give thanks and praise to the Almighty and merciful God for the glorious resurrection of 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”***

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**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:** 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**

The risen Christ walks with us here. Come, All who are hungry and thirsty.

**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.

**Special Music:** **“God, We Gather as Your People”** by David Lohman

**“Let us Break Bread Together”**

**ELW 471**

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| 1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. | 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. | 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. |
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**POST COMMUNION BLESSING:**

And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen you and keep you His grace unto life eternal. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Let us Pray... **We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SENDING BLESSING:**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*“Hallelujah! Sing your Praises”*

*ELW 535*

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| Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. | 1 I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.   |
| 1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I  | 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. |

**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. Tell all what God has done. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

**Announcements for April 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Darrell Brekke, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Kendal Ceroll, Rich Dunn, Judy Eide, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Mary Hawkins, Doug Koutz, Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Rick Raml, Carolyn

Ronke, Roger Rust, Daryl Stowell, Caden Thompson, Carol Wagner, 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 April 24<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/ Sending for Intern Brenda & Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday school 9:30 am Coffee/Cake in farewell for Intern Brenda 11 am Worship service w/Affirmation of Baptism & Holy Communion 1:30 – “Seeing God in the Movies”
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 6 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Bell Choir Practice
Wednesday	6 pm – Wednesday School 6 pm – Raise the Roof Meeting 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm - Youth Group
Thursday	6 pm – Grief Support group meets
Friday	6 pm to Midnight – Youth Lock-in for all youth 7 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday	8:30 am Worship service 9:30 am Sunday school & Coffee Fellowship 11 am Worship service 1 pm Service at Edgewood

**Upcoming Events:**

May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day – the children will be singing at the 11 am service  
Boy Scouts pancake feed fund raiser at Grace from 9 am to 1 pm

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1 pm Set up for the Mollie B show at Cloud 9

May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 9:30 Mollie B and the Squeezebox band at Cloud 9

May 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Recognition Sunday  
Adult Confirmation Class at 10 am.

May 29<sup>th</sup> Summer worship schedule – One Service at 8:30 am.

**“SEEING GOD IN THE MOVIES” - TODAY at 1:30 pm**

Join us for a movie, popcorn and discussion in the Youth Room on the last Sunday of the month. The movie for April .... Was by vote. Come see what was chosen.

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 lovingly given in memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today is given by Jennifer & Grace Wickherst, in celebration of all of the confirmand’s accomplishments. God Bless you all. 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**

**MAKING AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** today at the 11 o’clock Service are:

Samuel James Anderson, son of Arne & Patty Small-Anderson

Chloe RaeAnn Bauman, daughter of Alissa Bauman  
Kaydence Grace DeHaan, daughter of Krystle & Anthony DeHaan  
Tegan Jade Gasper, daughter of Tyler & Krisha Gasper  
Daniel James Henrichs, son of Paul Henrichs and Jennifer Ageton  
Dominic Marcus Donald Krauth, son of Kathy & Adam Shulstad and Robert Krauth.  
Aryanna Elizabeth Pahl, daughter of Alyssa & Tony Pahl  
Keisha Kaylee Payne, daughter of Allan & Rae Payne  
Abigail Catherine Reeves, daughter of Becky & Adam Reeves  
Grace Rylee Wickherst. Daughter of Adrian and Jennifer Wickherst

**LIMITED TICKETS available for Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band** - Don't wait for the last minute to get your tickets for the Mollie B and Squeezebox band show as tickets are limited for the May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm show. Mollie B is a multi-instrumentalist and award-winning vocalist, songwriter, television director/producer, and Hall of Famer as seen on RFD tv. There is room for dancing. The show will be held in the large room of Cloud 9. Their kitchen is open prior to the show to order off their menu. We thank Cloud 9 for donating their space to Grace for this Raise the Roof Fund Raiser opportunity. Cost of the tickets are \$30 and available at the office

**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).

An **ADULT CONFIRMATION** class will begin on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. If you are an adult who would like to renew your understanding or attend a study of the catechism, contact Pastor Cheryl to sign up.

**Grief Support Group Meeting Thursday evening Grace Grief Support** - This group is open to members within or outside of the Grace community and meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. They will meet at 6 pm on April 28 in the Library. The meeting is open to any person who is experiencing loss of a person, friend or family member or is finding themselves coping with grief overload through discussion and sharing each other's sorrows and joys. Contact Intern Brenda or Pastor Cheryl for more information.

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett    **DIACONAL INTERN:** Brenda Handel-Johnson  
**READER:** Edwin Williams    **MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Brenda Handel-Johnson  
**PIANIST:** Brenda Handel-Johnson    **SONG LEADER:** Becky Sprouse  
**USHERS/COMMUNION SERVERS:** Ashlynn Andrews, Geri Mohror, Jackie & David Abel  
**BELL CHOIR:** Becky Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Liz Dunn, Riley Sprouse, Jackie Abel, Jason Mohr, Isaak Montemayor  
**Sound/Video Tech Team:** Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Jason Mohr, Anthony DeHaan, & Dylan Jordan  
**Pastoral Calls:** *You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com)*

**LAST WEEK  
ATTENDANCE**

4/15/22 & 4/17/22  
Worshippers: 285

**ROOF FUND**

Current: \$159,000  
Cost of materials: \$57,741  
Goal: \$171,000

**LAST WEEK DEPOSIT**

Deposits: \$6,541  
Weekly Budget: \$6,256