



140 Years Grace Lutheran  
1883-2022

*Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 15, 2023*  
**Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship**

*Traditional Service ~ 8:30 am*

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**PRELUDE**

*Setting 10 ELW p 203*

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

***"Arise, Your Light Has Come"***

***ELW 314***

1 Arise, your light has come!

The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light has come!

Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light has come!

All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light has come!

The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

**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**

**“Have Mercy on us”**

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray... **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49: 1-7**

**Pew Bible p 592**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

<sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God.”

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength—  
6he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

7Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 40: 1-11**

1I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

2**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

3The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

5Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans  
for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them  
known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

6**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

7And so I said, “Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8**‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.’ ”**

9I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

10**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth**

**from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Pew Bible p 926**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Children's Sermon**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**“Alleluia!”**

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: John 1:29-42 Pew Bible p 862**

**The Holy Gospel according to St John, the first chapter.**

*Response: Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that

this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

### MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY:

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

*ELW 434*

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| 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br>does its successive journeys run;<br>his kingdom stretch from shore to<br>shore,<br>till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:<br>the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,<br>the weary find eternal rest,<br>and all who suffer want are blest. |
| 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,<br>and praises throng to crown his head;<br>his name like sweet perfume shall rise<br>with ev'ry morning sacrifice.         | 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring<br>peculiar honors to our king;<br>angels descend with songs again,<br>and earth repeat the loud amen..              |
| 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  |  |

#### 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.**

**OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church**

**SONG of OFFERING:** ***“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” ELW 312 vs 1-2***

1 Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.	2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown; bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone: though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.
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**OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... **Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**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:**

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Open our eyes to come and see those in need of your words of love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect lands that have endured floods and fires, support plants and animals who depend on it, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting wildlife during harsh winter storms and cause us to respond with care to those who must work in the elements. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**



## **BENEDICTION:**

As we leave from here, remember this:

All God's gifts are right in front of you! Not only that, but God himself is right alongside, to keep you steady and on track until Jesus returns. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, will do this, for he is faithful. He will never give up on you.

And May the God of All Grace Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**                    ***"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"***

***ELW 808***

1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace... Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

***Thank you for worshiping with us today!***

**Announcements for January 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Darla Gilman, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Becky Nelson, Ronald Newell, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Raaf Stolp, Caden Thompson,

Todd Wilson, 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 January 15<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Traditional Worship service 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Sunday school 11 am Contemporary Worship service Girl Scouts Activities in Fellowship Hall
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal served by the Banquet board Volunteers are needed to serve – please come.
Tuesday	Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors Zoom meeting & Text Study
Wednesday	10 am Service at Townview 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 6 pm Prophets Bible Study 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Youth Group meets
Thursday	9 am Elizabeth Circle meets 1:30 Mission Committee meets
Sunday	8:30 am - Worship service w/communion <b>9:30 am – Caramel Rolls are available for sale.</b> 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am - Sunday school 11 am - Worship service w/communion

**Upcoming Events:**

January 29 – One Worship Service at 10 am  
9 AM Sunday school with children singing at 10 am service  
Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting at 11 am.  
We need you there to approve the budget!  
A POTLUCK meal will follow  
**With Farewell for Cindy Vander Leest.**  
February 3 – 6 pm to 9 pm Elementary Lock-in for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
February 5 – Grace Lutheran Council installation during both services  
February 16 thru 21 – Pastor Cheryl on Vacation  
February 20 – Ash Wednesday

**Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex.** Offering envelopes are numbered

weekly envelopes use for recording your regular donation so you can receive an annual report for your financial records at the end of the year. Please pick them up as it saves on the cost of mailing. If you can take one to someone, please do so.

**Caramel Rolls:** Those delicious caramel rolls Darlene makes will be available on Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at coffee or to-go. The rolls will be available at 9:30 am for coffee or to go.

### **Annual meeting planned for January 29**

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the church Sanctuary following the 10 am worship. There will only be one worship service that day to allow for the 11 am meeting. Important business of the church will be discussed, including the budget. To vote and pass the budget, a certain number of members must be present, so please plan to be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, a ZOOM link will be available as we need the numbers to have a vote.

**ZOOM Link for Annual Meeting:** If you are not able to attend the annual meeting, email Pastor Cheryl for a ZOOM link to be sent to you prior to the meeting. You will need to download the ZOOM app on your computer or phone prior to the time. Instructions can be sent to you if additional help is needed PRIOR to the meeting – NOT during. Email Pastor by Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at: [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com) to receive a ZOOM link.

### **Potluck Meal following Annual meeting**

There will be a potluck meal at noon on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> following the Annual Meeting. (approximately 11:45 am) We encourage you to take time to participate by bringing a dish to pass and staying to visit and get to know your family at Grace Lutheran. Fellowship is an important part of being a member of the church family and we look forward to spending time with you and your family.

**Farewell for Cindy Vander Leest.** Cindy will be retiring at the end of January and time to say thank you for her years of service to Grace Lutheran and give her best wish will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> during the church potluck. Come and share a piece of cake with Cindy and wish her well.

**Our Fruit and Nuts store will be open** on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> during the potluck. If you have not had a chance to explore all the products we have available, please take time on Sunday to check it out and do some shopping. Darlene Bresson will have a display available and information on this new venture at Grace Lutheran. The items are also available any time the office is open.

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

**READER:** Edwin Williams

**USHERS:** Aslynn Andrews Geri Mohror, Steve Vogt

**PIANIST:** Isaak Montemayor

**SONG LEADER:** Becky Sprouse

**SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM:** Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht

Gary Rukstad and Dylan Jordan.

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***by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com***

**Grace Lutheran Foundation Grants** are due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Grant forms are

available in the office. Please pick them up and get them completed prior to the due date.

**The Watertown Banquet Board is serving** the Monday night Banquet January 16. If you are available to come and serve the meal, we would appreciate the help. Serving starts at 5:30 pm. Please arrive by 5 pm

**Ukrainian Refugee Efforts is Mission of the Month**

The statewide "Freedom's Haven for New Americans Workforce" has set a goal of 1,000 Ukrainians for Watertown, SD. Winter is setting in hard in Ukraine, and Russia is targeting the electricity, water, and other infrastructure systems. With 7 million refugees already in Poland, Germany, and other European countries, Ukrainians are running out of places to turn for assistance. In short, people are dying. Ukrainian's coming to the US must have a sponsor. Lutheran Social Service and Codington Country Social Services provide many programs of assistance. Ukrainians have now been allowed to work as soon as they arrive in the US and their Ukrainian driver's license will be valid. Your monetary and volunteer assistance is needed.

For more information contact Pastor Cheryl or go to:

<https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/giving/support-an-existing-fund/freedoms-haven-for-new-americans-workforce>.

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 as a memorial for Leland Bachman's 1st heavenly birthday on January 19, a former avid listener and brother of Karyl Somers Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran inside and out of our walls. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers, stop at the office, call the office, or send your donation to:

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