



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 16, 2022
Grace Lutheran Church *11 am Service*
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by Jeremiah 31: 31-34)*

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

We are children of the living God.

Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

GATHERING SONG: “We Are a Chosen People of God”

(Refrain) We are a chosen people of God;

Called into light and gathered in love;

Redeemed and held by the holy one.

We are a chosen people of God.

Look around you and see

People in your neighborhood;

Endless variety; God has created good.

We’re a part of it all, chosen and called. *(Refrain)*

Look around you and see

The blessings given us;

Earth, sky and sea; they’re all placed in our trust.

We’re a part of it all, chosen and called. *(Refrain)*

Look around you and see

Not all is going right.

In this mystery; we’re called to be a light.

We’re a part of it all, chosen and called. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity, that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word.

Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

DECLARATION OF GRACE & ABSOLUTION

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying: "I will write my law on your hearts; I will forgive your wrongdoing and remember your sins no more."

Sisters and Brothers, hear the good news, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

KYRIE

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1 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

3 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

2 Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

(Refrain) Everybody's got something to offer;

Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer In the name of the Lord.

To the lost and the lowly ones The message it is clear;
We have all got a gift to give Our hands, our hearts, our tears. *(Refrain)*

To the believers gathered here The message it is true;
We have all got a gift to give In all we say and do. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

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.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:27-34 Pew Bible p 642

²⁷The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.”

³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the

greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

PRAISE SONG:

"I Lift My Eyes"

(Refrain) I lift my eyes to the mountains.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from our God

Who made heav'n and earth.

In the scorching sands of desert

There's promise of shade.

In your deepest night a still small voice

Says don't be afraid. *(Refrain)*

In your going and your coming

A Guardian is near.

In the face of death the open arms

Of love appear. *(Refrain)*

When it all seems so confusing,

Alone in despair,

The cross reveals new hope for life

To rise from there. *(Refrain)*

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5 Pew Bible p 967

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: "Alleluia"

Alleluia. To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 1-8

Pew Bible p 853

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

MESSAGE

Video Message based on Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor Jeff Backer, of St. Dysmas, your prison ministry in SD.

SONG OF THE DAY: ***“People of Hope”***

(Refrain) We are people of hope alive in myst'ry,
Growing in faith, learning to love.

We are people of hope through-out all hist'ry,
Held by the one who will never let go.

We are dead in our striving for wealth and for might
But God rich in mercy has loved to life. ***(Refrain)***

We are what God has made us, created in Christ,
For justice and mercy to be our way of life. ***(Refrain)***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see; Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

PRAYER SONG: **“Hear Our Prayer”**

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*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:

For all the baptized, that their hearts become compassion and fill with grace and mercy, equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Bless scientist with knowledge to renew and restore your creation and empower us to be worthy stewards of all resources. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. We ask for your blessing upon Pastor Jeff and all who serve to share the message of repentance and salvation at St Dysmas. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jody, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Judy, Lavern, Elvira, Ronald, Cleone, Melody, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Randy, Tracy, Caden, Todd, Robert, and the family of Jennifer Kittelson, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those in our congregation and community engaged in sponsorship and those who serve to support refugees and immigrants, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice and independence on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let me be a channel from above.
Make me an instrument of your love,
An instrument of your love.

When a friend is in need of an open heart,
Let me be there, oh let me be there.
When a friend is lost with nowhere to go,
Let me be there. *(Refrain)*

When someone is hungry, when someone is cold,
Let me be there, oh let me be there.
When someone needs help to carry their load,
Let me be there. *(Refrain)*

If someone should wonder is God still alive,
Let me be there, oh let me be there.
If someone should wonder does God really care,
Let me be there. *(Refrain)*

SENDING: Go in peace... your help comes from the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We Will!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements for October 16th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jody 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, Tracy Schaefer, Caden Thompson, Todd Wilson, and Robert Wittrock, the family of Jennifer Kittelson, 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 16th thru the 23rd

Today 8:30 am Traditional Worship service
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
 9:45 Sunday school
 11 am Contemporary Worship service
 Monday 1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters
 5:30 pm Banquet
 Tuesday 8 am Flatbread Making
 9:30 am – Prairie Coteau Pastors Meet @ Summit
 5:30 pm - BeFriender Communion Training
 6 pm – Donut Making (NOTE time change)
 6 pm – Education and Youth Committee meeting
 6:30 pm – Dance class
 Wednesday 10 am service at Town View
 10:30 am service at Jenkins
 6 pm Wednesday school
 6 pm – Bible Study on the Prophets
 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
 7 pm Family Worship **with Holy Communion**
 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
 Thursday 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle
 10:30 am Service at Stoneybrook
 1 PM – Mission Committee meets
 7 pm Krumkake Making
 Friday 8 am to Noon – Home Schoolers meet
 Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
 9:45 Sunday school
 10 am BeFriender Communion Training
 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion

Upcoming Events:

October 29th – Nordefest Plus
 November 5th – Fall Craft Fair

Wednesday Bible Study and discussion on the Prophets

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. Discussion will be on 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 Wednesday night study from 6 to 7 pm in the library. Each week, one or two of the major prophets will be covered 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** Leland Bachman former avid listener and brother of Karyl Somers. The altar flowers were given from Marlene Holzwarth in honor of Loren's heavenly birthday. 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

Dorcus Fund Raiser - Jam for Sale

Darlene Bresson is selling jam after services today and October 16th. All proceeds will go to Dorcas for their need for quilts and kits for next year. There is strawberry, rhubarb strawberry, blueberry, peach, and new this year, pepper jelly!

Making's for the October 29th is Nordefest Plus

On Tuesday the 18th at 8 am they will be making Flatbread and then in the evening at 6 pm the donut makers will be in the kitchen. Krumkake will be made at 7 pm on the 20th and Rosette making is set for 8 am on the 25th. Volunteers are welcome to come and help with any and all of these activities and if you don't know how or have never made them, they will gladly teach you. For those who enjoy egg rolls, you can order them from Gwen Peshman ahead and pick them up that day.

Come enjoy the fellowship and work for a great cause for Grace. Hours for Nordefest Plus are 9:30 am to 1 pm, The day includes a noon lunch and entertainment.

"Got it at Grace" Saturday November 5th

Over 14 crafters are already signed up with several vendors ready to sell their wares at the Fall Craft and Vendor Fair. Besides a day for shopping, there will be concessions during the day to stop by and enjoy a great lunch. Mark your calendars to stop between 9 am and 3 pm, Saturday November 5th.

Tables for Sale

The Memorial Committee has purchased new lighter weight round tables and 8 ft long rectangle tables and will now sell several of the older tables. Cost of each table is \$20. Stop at the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Darlene Bresson

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor

USHERS: Ann and Doug Murfield

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

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