



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 10, 2021
Grace Lutheran Church *11 am Service*
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Hebrews 4: 14-16)

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.** We have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

OPENING SONG: “Come”

Come worship the Christ, lift up your hearts with a new living praise. Come join in the marvelous song sung by those who live in God’s embrace. By the word of the Maker the heavens came alive, The waters were placed in the dance of the sea. So let us stand in awe of creation And the One who called it to be. No one can be saved by their own might or make their lives more secure by the strength of an army. Wait for the Lover who offers guidance and life abundantly. The eyes of the One, our designer, watch over us like a mother who nurtures her children. Blessed are you, a chosen people. Rejoice, live the Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Mark 10:17-31)

Almighty and Holy One, **we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven’t opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: We draw false and fleeting comfort from our material things. True comfort comes from God’s love for us and by responding with that same love to family, friend, neighbor, and stranger. By God’s love we are forgiven. **Let us do likewise. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what**

lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, 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”

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

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **O Lord, Your arm is never too short to touch us and meet our needs. Our hands are opened toward You with offerings of love and sacrifice. Receive these gifts and use them for Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Pew Bible p 746

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 90: 12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.** ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.** ¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children. ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

PRAISE SONG: “Gather Us In”

Gather us in. Gather us in. God only knows where we have been. Gather us in.
Gather us in. We have come for mercy. We have come for peace. We have come

with heavy hearts looking for release. God is God of mercy. God is God of peace.

God has felt our heavy hearts God has set them free.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

Pew Bible p 972

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LEAD-IN:

“Open My Heart to Your Love

Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace. Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way. Healer of nations and broken hearts, you are the pathway to peace. Singer of life in the face of death, may we be your vessels so love will increase. Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace. Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Pew Bible p 822

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the tenth chapter. *Response: Glory to you, O Lord.* ¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the

good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: “*Travelers On the Journey*”

We are trav'lers on the journey Yearning to believe! Hearts are burning, eyes are opened. We are trav'lers on the journey of love. What is life really all about in the struggle of faith? Hear the word reaching out to you, Jesus is alive today. Do we walk in our foolishness with our hearts ever slow To the touch of the Holy One, Who is with us on this road? We are blessed in the gathering at the table of grace. Free to see in another's pain The face of Jesus here today.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH....

You are not only risen and alive, you are Lord. This your ascension, your ascendancy over the whole universe. You stand over and above all that is best in life as its source. You stand above all that is worst as the ultimate victor. You stand above all powers and authorities as judge. You stand above all failure and weakness and sin as forgiveness and love. You alone are worthy of total allegiance, total commitment. You are Lord, 'My Lord and my God.'

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Made children and heirs of God's promise, 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: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Inspire those among us to hear your call. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Grant favorable weather for the harvest and provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to uphold justice, to show such compassion, and love for their neighbors. Care for our service men and women and their families while they carry out their duties in a changing world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We pray for all who have health issues, especially Rhys, Roy, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Carla, Don, Duane, Bruce, Doug, Judy, Pastor Dan, Jessica, Rick,

Deb, Caden, Donnie, Carol, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life and inspiration is budding for Grace Lutheran. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: Go now in the confidence of people who have found mercy. Follow Jesus, keeping the commandments, letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world, and investing everything in God's realm. And may God come close to you and keep you safe; May Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold; and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "Giver of the Heartbeat"

Giver of the heartbeat, lover of the unclean, Singer of freedom for the wounded You're the song of all life. We come blessed by your hand, Tied to the pulse of the land. For all the breath of creation We give thanks to you. We are

longing for truth Courage to follow you. All of our hurts and our failings We bring them to you. Open our lives to hear The word to unwrap our fears. Free us to love all our neighbors We pray this to you.

SENDING

Go in peace... to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Announcements for October 10th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Don Harrington, Duane Holker, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Pastor Dan Ofstehage, Jessica Pekelder, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Caden Thompson, Donnie Vrtacnik, Carol Wagner, 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 10th through 17th

Today 8:30 am Traditional Worship service NO Communion
9:30 Sunday school

9:30 Coffee Fellowship
 11 am Contemporary Worship service NO Communion
 6:30 pm Lay Leaders Training on Zoom
 Monday OFFICE CLOSED
 8 am – Lefsa Making Workshop
 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
 6 pm Bell Choir Practice
 7:15 pm Choir Practice
 Tuesday Noon – Watertown Ministerial Meeting at HyVee
 6 pm – First Communion Class (Session 1)
 Wednesday 10:00 am Service at Hi-Rise
 4 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
 6 pm Wednesday School
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 7 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary
 Thursday 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle meets
 10:00 am Service at Stoneybrook
 6 pm – Grace Council meets
 October 14 (pm) to 17th Pastor gone for 1517 Here We Stand Conference
 Friday Blood Drive at Grace Fellowship Hall
 Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/Lutherans Outdoors
 9:30 Sunday school
 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/Lutherans Outdoors
 Sunday/Wednesday school children will sing

Upcoming Events:

October 30th – Nordefest Plus

November 6th – Vendor Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall (if you have crafts or items to donate, please drop them off after October 18th.)

“A great big hug and thank you to all who helped load the LWR truck! We truly could not have done it without you! We had a lot of great help which made the task go quickly. It was a wonderful ending to a great year for Dorcas! Thank you!” Darlene Bressen

LEFSA MAKING in progress for Nordefest Plus ~Lefsa Makers needed! Last Monday and Tuesday at 8 am, Lefsa to help. On Monday they peel, boil and mash the potatoes and Tuesday they make the dough, roll, and fry it. If you are available, please stop by and join the fun. If you’ve ever wanted to learn, now is the time.

Donut making schedule for Nordefest Plus. If you are able to donate dough for donut or help make the donuts, the times have been set for Tuesday’s, October 19th & 26th at 6:00 pm. Julie Stock has a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Choir Practice Continues: The Bell choir is in need of more people to ring the bells. If you are able to help out, please contact Brenda Handel-Johnson. Choir and bell rehearsals are held on Monday's, Bells at 6-7 pm, Choir 7:10-8:10 pm. All youth through adults with an interest in music, singing, bells or other, are welcome to let us know for Brenda to contact you.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** Darlene Bressen

USHERS: Chloe Bauman, Cindi Vanderleest

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**

VISIONING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH. Next Visioning meeting will be on Wednesday evening, October 20th at 7:30 pm following Family Worship services. The data received from FaithX will be used to begin writing a visioning statement and action steps.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Our “Neighbors in Solidarity”

Lutheran World Relief: Lutheran World Relief, was founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience. The envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. They tackle global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. LWR works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and do not evangelize. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives by partnering with communities to build and grow rural economies. Their work is to break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive with a goal to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end. The Quilt & Kit Ministry is the longest running program of LWR. The first quilts distributed in 1945 went to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year. This year the quilters are sending 685 quilts, along with 102 school kits, 51 personal care kits and 103 baby care kits. Their work includes help in agriculture and emergency assistance. To give to LWR go to <https://lwr.org/>

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 by Elvira Moen in loving memory of Hilmer Moen. Altar Flowers today are given by Will Morlock in honor of his and his late wife Pat's Anniversary. 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***

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES START TUESDAY EVENING. Children in the 2nd grade on up are invited to First Communion Classes on Tuesday evening October 12th and 19th 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 are encouraged to register with Pastor Cheryl by October 7th. The students will take their first communion on Sunday, November 7th.

“Thank you to Doug and Nila Bavis for the new lefsa grills.

From the Nordefest Plus Group

Anxious: Fighting Anxiety with the Word of God—Bible Study Retreat on October 23rd.

We live in a broken, sad, scary place. We don't need to watch the natural disasters and political unrest in the news to know what our bodies already know. Our bodies get sick. Our minds are fragile. The mortality rate for humans is astonishingly high. There's plenty to worry about, and the world is full of faulty solutions for our anxieties. But true peace comes when we learn to hold God's Word up to what worries us. There, we learn we can't fix ourselves; we can't protect ourselves. Instead, the Bible tells us we can rest, knowing that Jesus walked into the broken, sad, scary places to rescue us and love us. He is the One who fixes. His is the only protection that matters. This eight session retreat will be Saturday, October 23rd from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. Lunch will be served. The cost of the book is \$22.25. Registration is due by October 18.

Faith and Blue forum at Grace on Sunday, October 24th. The local Law Enforcement in Watertown is putting on Faith and Blue events in October and will be at Grace Lutheran on Sunday, October 24th 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. Coffee and cookies will be served. 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 welcome, especially parents of Sunday school children while children are attending class. 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. The premise for a strong community is build on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

Thank You Cathy Zubke for filling for Pastor Cheryl today.

We appreciate sharing your gifts with us.

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