



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 18, 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 Psalm 113)*

Praise the Eternal God!

All you who call yourselves children of God, come and praise His name!

May God's name be lifted high in the hearts of His people.

At all times and in every place, may the name of the Lord be praised!

GATHERING SONG:

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW 710

- 1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.
- 2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;

- on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.
- 3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(inspired by Luke 16: 1-13)*

O God, **we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."**

Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you,

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*inspired by 1 Timothy 2:4-6*)

The God of salvation, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth, offers forgiveness to each of you through the Redeemer sent in human form. Be grateful that over and over you are given the chance to begin again and that nothing you have done can separate you from God's love. **Amen.**

KYRIE

ELW 151

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... **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

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.

1. 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*)

2. 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*)

OFFERING PRAYER: (*inspired by Luke 16*)

Let us pray... Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs.**

Knowing that many voices clamour and compete, we pray that these offerings given may become symbolic of our decision to serve one master, one God.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1 **Pew Bible p 619**

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

²**Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴**The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The Lord makes the woman of a childless house

to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

PRAISE SONG:

"Glory to the Love"

(Refrain) Glory to the Love, Glory to the Life. Glory to the child of Light.

From heaven to earth across the universe glory to the peace of Christ.

1. Moving, reaching into our lives, seeds of promise stirring inside. (Refrain)

2. Teaching, healing, seeking the lost, Turning tables, bearing the cross. (Refrain)

3. Guiding Spirit open us wide To see Christ in each others' eyes. (Refrain).

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Pew Bible p 966

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: "Alleluia"

Alleluia. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Pew Bible p 851

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:

"Do Justice"

1. Racing around, chasing idols,
Unfulfilled, empty vessels
World on the edge, out of control,
Will we survive, God only knows.

(Refrain) Do justice, love mercy,
Walk humbly with our God, with our God.

2. People broken, falling pieces,
Dignity lost, loving ceases.

Hopeless eyes, lonely faces,
Yearning hearts, hurting places. *(Refrain)*

3. Deadly hunger, desperate crying,
Wounded living, children dying.
Nails in the flesh, piercing fear,
Why can't we see Christ hanging here?

(Refrain)

BLESSING & DEDICATION OF LWR KITS & QUILTS

Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed the member of Grace Lutheran Church with so many Gifts — many with a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now

we offer the fruits of their labors, the Quilts and kits made for Lutheran World Relief with love, to you.

We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, a Baby Care Kit, a School Kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them. Keep showing us ways we may serve you together with our neighbors in need.

Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God.

**We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God,
who was to come into the world.**

We believe that he is in the Father and the Father is in him.

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing we have life in his name. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world..

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:

Response to: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

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 & BENEDICTION: (inspired by Luke 16: 1-13)

Go now and continue to offer prayers and thanksgiving for everyone.
Be shrewd in dealing with the world around you
but do not be seduced into serving wealth.
Weep for those who suffer and share faith and truth with all.

And may God welcome you with love;
May Christ Jesus give you knowledge of the truth;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all godliness and dignity. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ***"Lord of Justice"***

(Refrain) Lord of Justice, Lord of life, Help us to do what you know is right. Oh, oh, oh, Lord of Justice, Lord of life, Guide us through the day and night. 1. To the stranger may we give welcome, To the hungry may we give bread. To the naked may we give clothing,	To the homeless a place to lay their head. (Refrain) 2. To the wounded may we give healing, To the voiceless may we give words. To the captives may we give freedom, To the tortured release from all the hurt. (Refrain)
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SENDING: Go in peace... to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for September 18th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Stanley Crane, Jody Crane, Jerry Dipprey, Judy Eide, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Kaye Harriott, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Lavern McPeck, Elvira Moen, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Caden Thompson, 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 September 18th through 25th

Today	8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/Blessing of quilts and kits for World Relief 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am – Speaker on sponsoring a Ukrainian Refugee family 9:45 Sunday school 11 am Contemporary Worship service
September	18-20: Fall Theological at Pierre, SD
Monday	8 am Lefse making begins (week 2) 1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet
Tuesday	8 am Lefse making continues (week 2)

Wednesday 7 pm Lefse Worship
 10 am service at Townview
 10:30 am service at Jenkins Center
 6 pm Finance and Stewardship meeting
 6 pm Wednesday school
 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
 7 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary
 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
 Sunday Celebration of Thanksgiving & Appreciation Sunday
 9:30 Sunday school
 10:30 am – Worship Celebration Service
 11: 30 am – Potluck meal and Fellowship
 3 pm – Youth Group Fun day – Disc Golf
 6:30 – 8 pm: Synod Listen, Learn and Care for ALL Prairie Coteau
 Conference people to meet with the Synod Staff

Upcoming Events:

Sept 28th - 6 pm - God's Work, Our Hands – putting World Relief kits together
 October 2nd – Load the kits and quilts on truck for World relief.
 October 4th & 11th: First Communion Classes
 October 13 & 15th: 1517 “Here I Still Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)
 October 29th – Nordefest Plus
 November 5th – Fall Craft Fair

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER:

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor

USHERS: Ann & 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

Pastoral Calls: *You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com*

Ukraine sponsorships for Refugees TODAY

Sister Barb Younger will be in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 today to talk about the sponsorship of Ukrainian refugees and answer question about the program.

(Lee Gabel is unable to attend.) At this time, we are looking for those who are interested in making a commitment to pledge financial assistance and volunteer assistance for transportation, shopping, schooling, and a variety of other welcoming support.

World Relief Materials due in September

GLCW (Glac Lutheran Church Women) collect materials for kits for World Relief. Materials for School, Baby Care, and Personal Care items can be purchased and left in the Narthex or office. The list are available in the office and in the September Gleanings. Please check the needs as several supplies have already been donated. A monetary donation can be made for

GLCW to purchase any items they are short on. All members are asked to assist in combining these kits to send to World Relief on Wednesday evening beginning at **6 pm** September 28th.

Sign up for Coffee Fellowship:

Coffee fellowship is being services at 9:30 am each Sunday. It is a great time to get back together after this long absence. Please come and join in coffee and fellowship and sign up as the coffee server for a week or two. We need everyone to take a turn.

God's Work – Our Hands to be held on Wednesday, September 28th

The time has been moved back to 6 pm for Confirmation students to help. Volunteers will take individual items for kits and bundle them together. It is not hard and does not take long as many hands make work light. Please take a little time helping prepare the items for the kits.

Adult and Parent help with Youth Group. Sunday, September 25th disc golf is being planned for the Youth of Grace Lutheran. We are in need of adults and parents to help with this event and others. That is how we develop the family of Grace Lutheran Church, by teaching young people to be in fellowship with others from their faith family and being the face of Jesus to others. Contact Becky Sprouse or Pastor.

Listen, Learn, Care Events Scheduled Across Synod

We're excited to announce that after a two-year hiatus, Listen, Learn, and Care events will be taking place in every conference around the Synod this fall. This is your chance to meet with Bishop Constanze and Associates to the Bishop Pr. Renee Splichal Larson and Pr. Jonathan Steiner and share your thoughts about how things are going in your congregation and around the Synod. The schedule for these events is below. We hope to see you soon!

All events will take place from 6:30 to 8pm local time:

- Northern Plains: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Aberdeen, Sept. 22
- **Prairie Coteau: Grace Lutheran, Watertown, Sept. 25**
- Medary: First Lutheran, Brookings, Oct. 11
- Bear Butte: South Canyon Lutheran, Oct. 18
- Prairie Rivers: Trinity Lutheran, Mitchell, Oct. 23
- Crossroads: Our Savior's Lutheran, Sioux Falls, Nov. 3
- Southeastern: Trinity Lutheran, Yankton, Nov. 4

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** In loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling" from the Schmeling Radio Fund. The Altar flowers are given by Randy & Lorraine Shuller in honor of their 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:

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