



~ *Christ the King Sunday* ~
November 26, 2023 – 11:00 am service
Grace Lutheran Church - Welcomes You to Worship
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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 25: 31, 34)

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,
then he will sit upon his glorious throne. And he will say to those on his right,
“Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

Thanks be to God

GATHERING SONG:

“Travelers on the Journey”

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Sovereign God, **we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us. Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love.

The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ, for God's Word gives us strength to love our neighbors near and far
and power to speak up for those who are broken. Hear the good news, you are forgiven, and loved to serve one another, especially our neighbors in need, as Christ serves us. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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: “Song of Offering”

PRAYER OF OFFERING:

Let us pray... **God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** **Pew Bible p 702**
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

PRAISE SONG: “Awesome God”

SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:15-23** **Pew Bible p 949**
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: ALLELUIA (DR p 101 Blue)

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46 **Pew Bible p 807**
Response Before: Glory to you, O Lord. After: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: “Jesus, Name Above all Names”

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

PRAYER SONG: “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love, especially at this time of Thanksgiving and Christmas. We pray for the work of World Hunger organization, food pantry's and those organization that serve the needs of the less fortunate locally at all times. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. Restore the lands that have suffered drought, flooding, fires, and hurricanes. Provide safe habitat for wildlife and the animals of the field. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of compassionate leadership and wise decision-making. Restore aid to all who are under siege and care for any who are suffering. Provide to our Servicemen and women, past and present, your gracious care and keeping, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer especially Rhys, Roy, Esther, Shannon, Allen, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Joan, Carol, Kristi, Sharlee, Sylvia, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Deb, Kaisley, Glen & LaRue, Raef, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, the family Dustin & Melissa Bruckner and daughters Harper and Charley, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. We offer up our thanks and praises in the healing you have brought upon those we have prayed for over the past months and years. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation, especially our Christmas Dinner, the Banquet, Penny's for Mission, and Can's for Caring. We pray for all member of Grace Lutheran to open their hearts to the joy and fulfillment of participating in our ministries. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. We pray for

those who are missing a loved one during this holiday season and strengthen them with the knowledge we will be united with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER SONG: “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

THE COMMUNION

*ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME TO COME
FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER.
YOUNG CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING*

COMMUNION SONGS: “He is Exalted”
“We are Called”

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray... **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

SENDING & BLESSING

Go out into the world, and as you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have been received – give. As you have heard – proclaim.

And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be always with you. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “*Lord of Justice*”

SENDING: Beloved of God, go in peace... to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. We will!

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for November 26, 2023

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Allen Benson, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Harper Evjen, Joan Hawkins, Carol Henrichs, Kristi Herting, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Lynn Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Deb Schlenner, Kaisley Schulz, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Raef Stolp, Ashlea West, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, the family Dustin & Melissa Bruckner and daughters Harper and Charley, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, transportation personnel, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

On the CALENDAR - For the week of November 26th thru December 3^d

Today	8:30 am Traditional Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee in Fellowship Hall NO Sunday school 11 am – Contemporary Worship Service w/Holy Communion Decorating for Christmas with - Potluck Soup at Noon following 2 nd service
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Wednesday	5:30 pm – Wednesday evening meal 6 pm Dinner Church 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Wednesday school 7:30 pm Youth Group
Thursday	10:45 – 1 pm Home Schoolers at Grace
Sunday	8:30 am Hanging of the Green Service 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 9:45 am – Sunday school 11 am – Hanging of the Green Service 1 pm – Service at Edgewood

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 26th – Christmas Decorating after church for everyone. Please help.
December 3 – Hanging of the Greens Sunday
December 10 – Children's Christmas Program at 2 pm followed by lunch
Youth Bake Sale
December 17th – 6 pm Las Posadas
December 24th – 4 and 6 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 25th – 10 am Christmas Service

DECEMBER BAKE SALE FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT YOUTH

A Bake Sale is schedule for December 10th at Grace Lutheran. Those going to the 2024 National Youth Gathering are asking members of the congregation to donate baked good as a fund raiser for their trip and to help families with a busy holiday season.

Baked goods will be available for sale in the Narthex between services, following the services, and prior to the Childrens' Christmas Program at 2 pm. A signup sheet for people to donate to the bake sale is available.

Bakes sale items should be brought to the church on Saturday from 2 to 4 pm to get them prepared for sale and set up for Sunday. All baked sale items are welcome, not just Holiday goods. Candy and other homemade items are also welcome. All proceeds go to the Youth fund for those going to the Youth Gathering. Donations are also welcome, just designate Youth Gathering on your offering.

***"Love Came Down"* theme of CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The children's Christmas Program is set for Sunday, December 10th at 2 pm in the Grace Lutheran sanctuary. The Christmas story, told by the children, reminds us of the good news that God sent Jesus to be our Savior that special night in Bethlehem, and we celebrate that still today. This year, the Grace Preschool children will join the Wednesday and Sunday school children in presenting the story. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. The program is directed by Kat Anderson

CHRISTMAS MEAL PLANNING

Merry Christmas!! The 49th Annual Christmas Meal planning has begun!! This year we will be doing Delivery and Carry-Out only. We will start following the Christmas Day service. We will serve the meal from 11:00 am -1:00 pm. If you would like to donate to the Christmas Meal, we need Pies, Monetary Donations, and Volunteers, which can help with the preparations, serving, delivering, and/or clean-up.

There will be more information to follow in the church bulletins and the Gleanings as it gets closer.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact one of the Chair-people: Julie Stock, Denise Biller, Darcy Raethz, Becky Knadle and Gena Urevig.

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 and Altar Flowers** are given by Will Morlock in loving memory of his wife Pat who passed away six years ago. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the front door.. 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*

USHERING NEEDS FOR

Grace Lutheran is looking for a head usher for either or both Sunday services. It is my understanding in years past there has been a person or people who have held this volunteer position but at some point, it went by the wayside. A head usher is someone who helps train new ushers, schedule them, and ensure things run smoothly during the church service. All things needed at Grace.

Most congregations have a head usher and a list of volunteers to serve. At this time, we are working on creating a list of ushers, communion assistants, greeters, and readers for Sunday services. Volunteers can sign up in advance for a specific time or month and/or for the service they prefer. The benefit is to save time each week in “finding” someone to fill these needs and allow members to select a month and time convenient for them rather than being asked when they arrive at church. Our young people in confirmation also need the guidance of adult ushers to learn the proper service they provide and so they don’t feel taken advantage of.

There is no age limit. If you can fill these needs, please complete a Stewardship event request or let the pastor know so your name can be added to the list. Thank you.

Mission Of the Month – Food Pantry & Beacon Center

Each month the Mission Committee selects a different opportunity to highlight as a mission. For November, the Mission of the month will be: Food Pantry – Beacon and Salvation Army – They have a list of items online of their needs. The November Beacon Center needs are: mac’n’ cheese/easy mac; ramen; kids pajamas (newborn– 2T; oatmeal; milk (any kind); toilet paper. Donations and support from the community allow the Beacon Center to provide financial relief to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. You can also give directly through Amazon, Target, and Walmart through direct links on their donation page at: <https://www.beaconcentersd.com/food-and-supplies>. The Salvation Army will have an online sign up for bell ringers. They also take donated goods and food shelf items as well as a need for volunteers. Go to: <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/watertown/>

MISSION COMMITTEE FUND RAISERS

If you have pennies left over from various shopping expenditures, and would like to unload them, the Pennys for Mission Can will be in the Narthex to drop them in or you can drop them off at the office. The penny’s eventually do add up and will be used for the various missions of Grace Lutheran.

DONATE POP CANS TO MISSIONS

The Mission Committee has a recycling house next to the garage at Grace Lutheran. Recycled pop and beverage cans can be dropped unbagged in the small building for the committee to take to recycling. If you have a large bag full of cans, they can be placed between the garage and the recycling house. The funds received from recycling goes to support the missions of the Grace Lutheran Mission Committee.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

If you regularly purchase Gift Cards for Birthdays or Christmas? You can purchase them through Grace Lutheran and help Grace. Each time your purchase Scrip – Grace receives between 3 to 5% of the amount to go into the general fund. We have gift cards available for Walmart, County Fair, Hy-Vee, Target, Applebee’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Ranch and Starbucks. If you have others you generally purchase, just ask Kat and she’ll be happy to order them for you. Scrip is a great fundraiser for the Grace Lutheran mission plan. Please consider using them for your next purchases. The cards can be bought after the service or anytime at the office.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Ed Morrison

Keyboardist: Isaak Montemayor **Acolyte:** Maria Lima

USHERS: Melody Schulz and family and Soren Bisgard & family

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Soren Bisgard & Maria Lima

PRIASE TEAM: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Krisma DeWitt, Karen Kasperson, Rhonda Lorenz.

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

STORM RELATED AND CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Have you send your email and/or cell number to Grace to receive announcements in case of inclement weather?

Our new Church Management Software can send out reminders and church notices by Emails and/or Cell Phone Text. In case of a Snowstorm and church must be canceled this winter, we need your contact information.

To update, send KAT and Email: gracelc@midconetwork.com or call the office at 605-886-5737 to be added to this important list and receive these notices.



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