



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Reformation Day ~ October 31, 2021
Grace Lutheran Church *8:30 am Service*
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

BELLS OF REFORMATION RINGING

GATHERING HYMN:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

ELW 504

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword
and shield victorious; he breaks the
cruel oppressor's rod and wins
salvation glorious. The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe! With craft
and dreadful might he arms himself to
fight. On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his
might! We would be lost, rejected. But
now a champion comes to fight, whom
God himself elected. You ask who this
may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ
Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son,
adored. He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all
threat'ning to devour us, we tremble
not, unmoved we stand; they cannot
overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant
rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is
doomed to fail; God's judgment must
prevail! One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide, no
thanks to foes, who fear it; for God
himself fights by our side with weapons
of the Spirit. Were they to take our
house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they
cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours
forever!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Let us put aside our good works and remember that we do sin and fall short of the glory of God. Lord of all, **the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide.** God of our refuge and strength...**have mercy on us and cleanse our hearts. Amen**

GIFT OF ASSURANCE: God does show you God's own righteousness, and divine forbearance. Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us, you may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ the Son of God sets you free from your slavery to sin. Your sins are forgiven. Through his death and resurrection, a place is made for you in His household, and you may be known as children of God. To the glory of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Adoro te devote" *Arr. Anne Krentz, organ*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible p 642

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 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;** ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. **⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.** ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day. **⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.** ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;** ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. **¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."** ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**Pew Bible p 915**

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S TIME**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?”***ELW p142*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia...

GOSPEL: John 8: 31-36**Pew Bible p 871**The Holy Gospel according to St John, the eighth chapter. *Response: Glory to you, O Lord.***BELLS RINGING**

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BELLS RINGING**MESSAGE****SERMON SONG: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”****ELW 517**

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
 curb those who by deceit or sword
 would wrest the kingdom from your Son
 and bring to naught all he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make
 known, for you are Lord of lords alone;
 defend your holy church, that we may
 sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send our final strife and lead us out of death
peace and unity on earth; support us in to life.

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: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" ELW 686 sts 1 & 2

1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.	2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.
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OFFERING PRAYER: (inspired by Jeremiah 31: 31-34)

Let us pray... **Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. And you call us to follow Your example— to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds a welcome. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

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: We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire your church on earth to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your earth, for mountains, rivers, oceans, skies and all galaxies. Reform our hearts to love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. We praise you for the harvest, for those who process it to eat, for those transfer, those who stock it on their shelves and

all businesses who work to bring food to the people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations. Reform those who would use their authority to be self-serving. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. We thank you for those who willingly service in the Armed Forces and their families Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit especially Rhys, Roy, Esther, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Carla, Mary, Don, Duane, Bruce, Doug, Judy, Jessica, Rick, Deb, Caden, Donnie, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, bible study groups, Sunday and Wednesday school, youth groups, and all who seek reform themselves and pursue learning here at Grace Lutheran. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation and pray for those who to continue to restore it. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p 144

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We indeed give thanks and praise to the almighty and merciful God for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, and remember His words spoken on that ancient night...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us pray as our Savior has taught us

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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Lamb of God”

ELW p 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Amazing Grace” ELW 779

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| 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me! I once was
lost, but now am found; was blind, but
now I see. | has brought me safe thus far, and grace
will lead me home. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, and grace my fears relieved; how
precious did that grace appear the hour
I first believed! | 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his
word my hope secures; he will my
shield and portion be as long as life
endures. |
| 3 Through many dangers, toils, and
snares I have already come; 'tis grace | 5 When we've been there ten thousand
years, bright shining as the sun, we've
no less days to sing God's praise than
when we'd first begun. |

POST COMMUNION BLESSING: And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen and preservice you unto life eternal. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us Pray... **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”* ELW 729

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset
by change, but Spirit-led, must claim
and test its heritage and keep on rising
from the dead. | in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in
Christ's humanity. |
| 2 Across the world, across the street, the
victims of injustice cry for shelter and
for bread to eat, and never live before
they die. | 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood, and
teach us how to share our bread and
feed the starving multitude. |
| 3 Then let the servant church arise, a
caring church that longs to be a partner | 5 We have no mission but to serve in full
obedience to our Lord; to care for all,
without reserve, and spread his
liberating word. |

DISMISSAL

Go in peace... the truth has set you free. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Announcements for October 31st

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Mary Haukens, Don Harrington, Duane Holker, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Jessica Pekelder, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Caden Thompson, Donnie Vrtacnik, 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 31st thru November 7th

Today	REFORMATION DAY 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/Holy Communion
Monday	6 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:15 pm Choir Practice (All musicians are welcome)
Wednesday	4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement 6-7 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
Thursday	2 pm Rostered Pastors meeting by ZOOM
Thursday & Friday	Set up for Fall Vendor Fair
Saturday	9:00 am to 3 pm Fall Vendor Fair
Sunday	ALL SAINTS DAY & First Communion 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/Holy Communion

Upcoming Events:

November 12th – Prairie Coteau Conference Youth Retreat 5 pm to midnight

November 21st – Thanksgiving Service at 5 pm.

Adult and Parent helper Need for Youth Group Retreat. Friday, November 12th the Youth will hold a Prairie Coteau Mini- Gathering for the youth of the Prairie Coteau. This will be a time to get to know each other before going to the Gathering next summer. We are looking for helpers for the evening. Contact Becky Sprouse if you are willing to help.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: JoAnn Spartz

USHERS: Geri Mohror, Steve Vogt, Keisha Payne

COMMUNION SERVERS: Geri Mohror & Keisha Payne

PIANIST: Judy Everson

SONG LEADER: Becky Sprouse

BELL CHOIR: Becky Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Liz Dunn, Riley Sprouse, Jackie Abel & **STILL WELCOMING RINGERS** (We need 2-4 more for Christmas) If you play a musical instrument, we would love to have to share your talent with us.)

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Raise the Roof – Roof projects at Grace.

Replacement of several roofs are needed over the Fellowship Hall, Education Wing, Kitchen, Office, Classrooms, and Bell Tower. A designated fund was set up at Grace Lutheran to raise money for the needed project. The cost of the project has increased from the original goal of \$140,000 due to an increase in materials and supply cost due to the pandemic and will be between \$153,000 to 172,000. Currently we have raise \$120,000 for the project Donation towards the project can be made as memorials or gifts by check sent to Grace or you now can give on the Grace Lutheran website at glcwn.org. Go to glcwn.org and click on the Giving link. You will enter the amount you want to give, then chose the roof fund under account. You will then have the options to log in with an email or Facebook, or as a guest. After you enter the gift details, the next page shows the account you have chosen, AND the processing fee. You can add this fee to the gift, so it does not cost the church funds, just click on the square to do so. There is also a memo area where you can note information about your gift such as if it is given in memory of someone, in celebration, or an appreciation gift. After this information is entered, you will confirm it before it is processed. Thank you for your generous offerings for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran.

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 in memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. The altar flowers are given through donations to the flower fund. 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*

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