



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 24, 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

1 God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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.**

KYRIE

ELW p 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For this holy house, and for all who offer here

their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

FESTIVAL HYMN

“This is the feast”

ELW p 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Pew Bible p 641

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. ²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”** ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. ⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.** ⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. ⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

Pew Bible p 974

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has

no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. 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: 10:46-52

Pew Bible p 823

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the tenth chapter. *Response: Glory to you, O Lord.* ⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG:

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

ELW 722

1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain. Its beating was
the pulse of God; its breadth, God's
vast domain. The heart of God, the
heart of Christ combined in perfect
rhyme to write God's love in human
deeds, eternity in time.

2 As once you welcomed those cast
down and healed the sick, the blind, so
may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find. Lord, join
our hearts with those who weep that
none may weep alone, and help us
bear another's pain as though it were
our own.

3 O Christ, create new hearts in us that
beat in time with yours, that, joined by
faith with your great heart, become
love's open doors. We are your body,
risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we
yield that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.

4 O Love that made the distant stars, yet
marks the sparrow's fall, whose arms
stretched wide upon a cross embrace
and bear us all: come, make your
church a servant church that walks your
servant ways, whose deeds of love rise
up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

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: 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: Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world who serve to share your truth and for faithful theologians who open the eyes of the blind. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all those who work the lands, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them, process and deliver them and stock them on shelves. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good, especially for those who are oppressed and vulnerable. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Watch over our military personal and their families as they serve our nation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others, care for the sick and provide comfort and strength to all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick especially Rhys, Roy, Esther, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Carla, Don, Duane, Bruce, Doug, Judy, Jessica, Rick, Deb, Caden, Donnie, and Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Provide a renewed spirit within our congregation to hear the call of our neighbors and revive the brave spirit of our founders of Grace Lutheran. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. 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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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.

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

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.

“Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW 612

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow. 2 and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.
1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace 2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love.

3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

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:

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

ELW 820

1 O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought, thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.

3 In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine; the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine. We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.

4 Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above, in endless adoration and everlasting love; then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring, and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace... Your faith has made you well. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Announcements for October 24th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Eshter Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Don Harrington, Mary Hawkins, 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 24th thru 31st

Today

8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/Holy Communion

9:30 Faith and Blue Event in Fellowship Hall for all adults

9:30 – 11 am Dorcas selling jams

9:30 Sunday school
 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/Holy Communion
 Monday 5:30 pm Raise the Roof Committee meeting BY ZOOM
 6 pm Bell Choir Practice
 7:15 pm Choir Practice (All musicians are welcome)
 Tuesday 5:30 pm Glacial Lakes Multi Culture Committee (Pastor)
 6 pm Donut making night – please help with dough or making
 Wednesday 4 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
 6-7 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
 Thursday & Friday Set up for Nordefest Plus
 Saturday 9:30 – 1 pm Nordefest Plus
 Sunday **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

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Ed Williams

USHERS: Tigh Koisinen, Geri Mohror

COMMUNION SERVERS: Geri Mohror,

Scott VanderLeest

PIANIST: Judy Everson

SONG LEADER: Becky Sprouse

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

Dorcas Fund Raising activities. “Dorcas will be selling jams on Sunday, Oct. 24th between services. They will have strawberry, blueberry, peach, strawberry-rhubarb, and apple butter. Cost is \$3.50/8 oz jar. Proceeds go to purchase fabric and supplies to make more quilts. We will also be selling Rada cutlery in November and December, so make a list of items you need. Rada cutlery also makes great gifts and is reasonably priced. Thank you for your support.”

“Attention Crafters and Carpenters! If you have made items that you’d like to share with the Gift Shop for Nordefest, we’d very much appreciate them! We still have items left from the Vendor Fair last March, so we’ll be selling them at Nordefest

(proceeds go to Grace Lutheran Church Women) and we'll also be selling items at the Vendor Fair (proceeds go to Raise the Roof) the first weekend in November (the weekend after Nordefest.) The Gift Shop will be set up in the first SS room, next to the southwest door. Come check us out! Great time to start your Christmas shopping!"

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.

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 giving by Harold Kirchgasser in memory of Linda Ritz, "Happy Birthday" in heaven Linda. 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*

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. This roof project includes removal and replacement of ballast and membrane, metal cap, installation of wood fiber board, and Carlisle 60 mil EPDM. These roofs have served their purpose for more years than are generally estimated and now time to do the necessary work of replacing them. 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 glcwtm.org. The website enables you to give financial gifts online to Grace anytime and from anywhere. Go to glcwtm.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.