



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
~ August 13, 2023 ~ 8:30 am ~
Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship
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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

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Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.**

We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW 635

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near

and seek where you are found:

4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.

5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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 p147

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 p149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God,

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 19: 9-18

Pew Bible 284

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in

his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 85: 8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 10: 5-15

Pew Bible p 921

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the

name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL LEAD IN:

“Calm to the Waves”

ELW p 794

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Pew Bible p 796

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

ELW 755

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
2 As a mother stills her child,
thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey thy will

when thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
3 When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me:
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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. *(We greet you all in peace.)*

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church

SONG of OFFERING: "We Are An Offering" ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours; We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you;

We are an offering, we are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER: *(inspired by Psalm 65)*

Let us pray... **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of 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:

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. May our faith get out, onto our lips and into actions of our feet and hand through our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, you call us to care for your world and share all that this fruitful earth produces with others. Bless those who work in the field; grant favorable weather

to engaged in agriculture; and bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Give our men and women of our armed forces a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of all health care providers, comfort all who grieve, and soothe any who are sick especially Nannette, Rhys, Roy, Esther, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Carol, Kristi, Sharlee, Sylvia, Monte, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Deb, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, and Sandra, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Stir the hearts of those who would share their time with the young folks of Grace Lutheran in faith formation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING p 152

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.**

PREFACE

SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy" p 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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:

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat and be restored.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS:

"Lamb of God"

ELW p 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. (x2)

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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

ELW 697

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

1 I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW 773

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING: And now may this body and blood of our Savior

Jesus, strengthen you and keep you His grace unto life eternal. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray... **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

COMMISSION & BLESSING: (based on Matthew 14:22-33)

Friends, Jesus calls us to step out on to the water with him, to leave the safety of our boats, and to walk toward Him in faith, joining Him in the work He is already doing in our world. And when the wind and waves get high and threaten to overwhelm us, we remember His words:

“Don’t be afraid. Take courage. I am here.”

So let’s go with faith, to follow where Jesus leads, confident that His love and presence go with us.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: **“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”** **ELW 763**

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| 1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation. | It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i>
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? | 3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing. | 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? <i>Refrain</i> |

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Confident in faith. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for August 13

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Nannette Argabrite, Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Harper Evjen, Carol Henrichs, Kristi Herting, Sharlee Kjellsen, Sylvia Larson, Monte Lunde, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Dorothy Schooley, Deb Schlenner,

Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, and Sandra Wittrock, 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 August 13th thru 20th

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am 140 th Anniversary Committee meets 9:30 – Helpers in Narthex to make Anniversary Quilt Blocks
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Wednesday	10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 5 pm Education Committee Meets 6 pm “Death & Resurrection of the Messiah” Bible Study
Sunday	8:30 am Worship service -Childrens Blessing of the Backpacks 9:30 am Pie Social

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 30 – Confirmation Begins
Usher training
September 6th – Wednesday School Rally Day
September 10th – Sunday School Rally Day
September 15th – 10 am Ribbon Cutting for the next 140th years.
September 16th – 2 to 4 pm - 140th Open House Coffee & Fellowship
September 17th – 10:30 am - 140th Anniversary Worship Service
Noon – Lunch will be served.

YOU ARE INVITED - To a Pie and Ice Cream Social

Everyone is invited to a free pie and ice cream social on Sunday, August 20th following worship service. There will be several kinds of pie to chose from and lots of time to gather together and socialize on this last Sunday before school starts. Bring the whole family for the Blessing of the Back Packs during worship and stay to enjoy a slice of pie – 9:30 am next Sunday.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY – AUGUST 20TH

The blessing of the backpacks is a time when we pray for our students. We bless the backpacks and pray over those who carry them to give the love, support, learning, forgiveness, safety, and a happy time at school. This is a time we remind our children and their families of the love and support their church family offers them and encourage them to use their gifts to be good listeners, welcoming to newcomers and enjoy their time of learning. School starts on August 24th and we pray they get off to a great start and a blessed year.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Did you know you can help raise money for Grace Lutheran to pay for everyday purchases like groceries, gas, dining out, your morning coffee addiction, even your family's summer vacation by purchasing Scrip gift cards to use instead of cash or credit cards? Each time your purchase Scrip – Grace receives between 3 to 5% of the amount to go into the general fund. Currently there is available scrip for Walmart, County Fair, Hy-Vee, and Target with **Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Ranch and Starbuck available SOON**. Just ask Kat. 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.

FRESH FRUIT ORDERS – Order # 3 is now open! Orders Due TODAY!

Fruit lovers can order pears, plums, prunes, peaches, blueberries and nectarines from Watertown Fruit by Grace. Orders can also be made a half box. Call Darlene to order: 605-421-1258 OR email: gracefruit22@gmail.com. Orders are due by August 13th with deliver around August 27th.

Dried fruit, nuts, candy are available for purchase at the office anytime. All proceeds of this fundraising project go to Grace Lutheran Church.

GLEANINGS – The newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

Would you like your Gleanings Emailed or Texted to you? To help save on the increasing cost of mailing out the monthly newsletter of Grace Lutheran, and with our new church management software, the Gleanings can now be sent to you by email or text.

A form is available in the office to provide your email and cell phone information for this service. PDF's of the Gleaning's are online at glcwtm.org/Resources/Gleanings. (You will not be removed from other mailers from Grace Lutheran, just the monthly newsletter. The Gleanings is also available on our Facebook page each month as well.

HELP AVAILABLE TODAY! MAKE YOUR QUILT BLOCK AND BE INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL 140TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT

The quilt team from Grace Lutheran is making a commemorative 140th anniversary quilt and want everyone to be included. Each family can take a blank quilt block and design something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use clothe paints.

Blocks are available at the church office. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the office) **no later than August 13th** to be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration.

HELPERS WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX TODAY and next Sunday to assist people with their 140th quilt block. A group will have fabric markers, to design them on the spot on August 6th and the 13th. Bring your ideas, or they will help you create one.

If you are unable to get to church or in need of someone to help you, call the office and leave your name and number and someone will get the block to you.

FUNDING TO RENOVATE THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Funds have been received to fill in the pit and update the lighting of the choir room to renovate it to a multipurpose room, but additional funds are need for finish work and carpeting. If you

would like to donate to this project, you can make a designated offering to the Multipurpose Room Fund in your offering envelop or online at glcwn.org/give and select from the list.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: LWR School Kits

The August Mission of the Month is the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. The kits consist of: FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper; ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; ONE pencil sharpener; ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons; ONE 2 ½" eraser. Sample are in the Narthex. Other kits needed are: Baby care kit. They consist of: Diapers: t-shirts or flannel. T-shirts can be any color and writing on it is ok. Flannel should be white or light colored. Personal Care Kit: Adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb, or finger nail clippers.

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** today are given by Will Morlock, in loving memory of his wife Pat's heavenly birthday. 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**

Wednesday/Sunday school teachers are Needed!

We are in need of Wednesday and Sunday school teacher for the year. If you are willing and able to teach this year, or part of the year or even team teach with someone, please let the office know. This years teacher will meet on Tuesday evening, August 29th at 6 pm to plan for Rally days and the year.

September 6th – Wednesday School Rally Day beginning at 6 pm

September 10th – Sunday School Rally Day beginning at 9:45 am.

Registration is due for children attending this year. You can pick up a registration form in the office or go online to glcwn.org/Education/students and look for the Online Registration form to fill out. We look forward to your children 3 yr to 6th grade attending.

CONFIRMATION starts on August 30th

Confirmation is a two-year course of instruction designed for 7th and 8th graders but in some situations, it may include students outside that range due to unforeseen circumstances. Students study the Old and New Testament of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism and Lutheran Living to help them grow in faith and learn how to develop their own personal relationship with Christ. Arrangements can be made for students who are unable to attend at this time. Contact Pastor Cheryl if you have difficulty in scheduling. Confirmation classes begins on August 30th with usher and acolyte training at 6 pm. Registration forms are available in the office or online.

DINNER CHURCH TO BEGIN Wednesday Evening Activities

Changes will be taking place for the Wednesday evening activities at Grace Lutheran beginning in September. Wednesday activities will begin at 6 pm with Dinner Church in

Fellowship Hall. This will also be the Opening Exercises for Wednesday school.

The weekly service will be a dinner church - meaning a light meal will be served each week beginning at 5:30 pm and continuing until 6:15 pm. This change is to provide students who have activities after school an opportunity to eat and help for busy parents.

Worship is for everyone and will be based each week on the students Sunday/Wednesday school curriculum. Confirmation class and Wednesday school classes will follow from 6:30 to 7:30 each week.

Volunteers will be needed to prepare the meal and clean up, offer meals and donations are needed to start to project.

Once the program is up and going, parents will be asked to sign up for a night to serve or team up with another family to serve a meal.

Dinner church is church around the table based on Jesus teachings of healing and eating with all people.

Wednesday night Dinner church is not just for children and youth but for all who want to attend midweek worship and hear the Word of God proclaimed. Each week an order of service will be provided with a reading, singing, prayers, a short message, and a meal.

Those attending will pick up their meal and join others at a table to eat and worship together. A free will offering will be taken each week for the meal.

We encourage you to give it a try beginning on Wednesday evening, September 6th preceding Rally Wednesday.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** Dee Haugan
KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor **SONG LEADER:** Becky Sprouse
USHERS: Doug & Ann Murfield **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Geri Mohror
SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, & Dylan Jordan

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