



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

2nd Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 15, 2023
Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship

Contemporary Service ~ 11 am

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you called us by name to come,
and we respond with delight and gladness
In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.
In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!
In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Baptized in Water" ELW 456

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation.

Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew you before your birth loves you still and strengthens you, that you will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. You are forgiven all your sins, and called into fellowship through Christ.

Thanks be to God.

KYRIE “COME”

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: *“What Shall I Give”*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... **Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love to bring Your healing to the world. Take what we have gathered here, and magnify the gifts we offer before You today, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49: 1-7 Pew Bible p 592
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 40: 1-11

- ¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- ²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
- ³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans
for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them
known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- ⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:**

burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth

from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

PRAISE SONG:

"Who You Say I Am"

Praise Team

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Pew Bible p 926

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LEAD-IN:

"Alleluia"

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

Pew Bible p 862

The Holy Gospel according to St John, the one chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:

"Grace Alone"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

PRAYER SONG: “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

ELW 752

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Open our eyes to come and see those in need of your words of love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world’s waters: protect lands that have endured floods and fires, support plants and animals who depend on it, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting wildlife during harsh winter storms and cause us to respond with care to those who must work in the elements. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders with a desire to do your will above their own; fill governing bodies with honesty to act with integrity and justice; equip those of the military with discernment and compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. We pray especially for those dealing with illness: Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Darla, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Becky, Ronald, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Tracy, Raaf, Caden, Todd, and Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called who have stood up for the vulnerable and oppressed. Give us bold trust in you to testify to your word, even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of

our Lord Jesus Christ, and we are united together with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

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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.

BENEDICTION:

As we leave from here, remember this:

All God's gifts are right in front of you! Not only that, but God himself is right alongside, to keep you steady and on track until Jesus returns. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, will do this, for he is faithful. He will never give up on you.

And May the God of All Grace Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Walk in the Spirit of Love”

SENDING:

Go in peace... Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements for January 15th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Darla Gilman, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Becky Nelson, Ronald Newell, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Raaf Stolp, Caden Thompson, Todd Wilson, 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 January 15th thru 22nd

Today 8:30 am Traditional Worship service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 Sunday school
11 am Contemporary Worship service
Girl Scouts Activities in Fellowship Hall

Monday 1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters
5:30 pm Banquet Meal served by the Banquet board
Volunteers are needed to serve – please come.

Tuesday Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors Zoom meeting & Text Study

Wednesday 10 am Service at Townview
10:30 am Service at Jenkins
6 pm Prophets Bible Study
6 pm Wednesday school
6 pm Confirmation Class
7:30 pm Youth Group meets

Thursday 9 am Elizabeth Circle meets
1:30 Mission Committee meets

Sunday 8:30 am - Worship service w/communion
9:30 am – Caramel Rolls are available for sale.
9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am - Sunday school
11 am - Worship service w/communion

Upcoming Events:

January 29 – One Worship Service at 10 am
9 AM Sunday school with children singing at 10 am service
Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting at 11 am.
We need you there to approve the budget!
A POTLUCK meal will follow
With Farewell for Cindy Vander Leest.

February 3 – 6 pm to 9 pm Elementary Lock-in for 3rd to 6th grade.
February 5 – Grace Lutheran Council installation during both services
February 16 thru 21 – Pastor Cheryl on Vacation
February 20 – Ash Wednesday

Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Offering envelopes are numbered weekly envelopes use for recording your regular donation so you can receive an annual report for your financial records at the end of the year. Please pick them up as it saves on the cost of mailing. If you can take one to someone, please do so.

Caramel Rolls: Those delicious caramel rolls Darlene makes will be available on Sunday January 22nd at coffee or to-go. The rolls will be available at 9:30 am for coffee or to go.

Annual meeting planned for January 29

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th in the church Sanctuary following the 10 am worship. There will only be one worship service that day to allow for the 11 am meeting. Important business of the church will be discussed, including the budget. To vote and pass the budget, a certain number of members must be present, so please plan to be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, a ZOOM link will be available as we need the numbers to have a vote.

ZOOM Link for Annual Meeting: If you are not able to attend the annual meeting, email Pastor Cheryl for a ZOOM link to be sent to you prior to the meeting. You will need to download the ZOOM app on your computer or phone prior to the time. Instructions can be sent to you if additional help is needed PRIOR to the meeting – NOT during. Email Pastor by Saturday January 28th at: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com to receive a ZOOM link.

Potluck Meal following Annual meeting

There will be a potluck meal at noon on Sunday, January 29th following the Annual Meeting. (approximately 11:45 am) We encourage you to take time to participate by bringing a dish to pass and staying to visit and get to know your family at Grace Lutheran. Fellowship is an important part of being a member of the church family and we look forward to spending time with you and your family.

Farewell for Cindy Vander Leest. Cindy will be retiring at the end of January and time to say thank you for her years of service to Grace Lutheran and give her best wish will be held on Sunday, January 29th during the church potluck. Come and share a piece of cake with Cindy and wish her well.

Our Fruit and Nuts store will be open on Sunday, January 29th during the potluck. If you have not had a chance to explore all the products we have available, please take time on Sunday to check it out and do some shopping. Darlene Bresson will have a display available and information on this new venture at Grace Lutheran. The items are also available any time the office is open.

Grace Lutheran Foundation Grants are due February 15th. Grant forms are available in the office. Please pick them up and get them completed prior to the due date.

The Watertown Banquet Board is serving the Monday night Banquet January 16. If you are available to come and serve the meal, we would appreciate the help. Serving starts at 5:30 pm. Please arrive by 5 pm.

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 as a memorial for Leland Bachman's 1st heavenly birthday on January 19, a former avid listener and brother of Karyl Somers Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran inside and out of our walls. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers, stop at the office, call the office, or send your donation to:

Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201

Ukrainian Refugee Efforts is Mission of the Month

The statewide "Freedom's Haven for New Americans Workforce" has set a goal of 1,000 Ukrainians for Watertown, SD. Winter is setting in hard in Ukraine, and Russia is targeting the electricity, water, and other infrastructure systems. With 7 million refugees already in Poland, Germany, and other European countries, Ukrainians are running out of places to turn for assistance. In short, people are dying. Ukrainian's coming to the US must have a sponsor. Lutheran Social Service and Codington Country Social Services provide many programs of assistance. Ukrainians have now been allowed to work as soon as they arrive in the US and their Ukrainian driver's license will be valid. Your monetary and volunteer assistance is needed.

For more information contact Pastor Cheryl or go to:

<https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/giving/support-an-existing-fund/freedoms-haven-for-new-americans-workforce>.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Adam Wientjes

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor

USHERS: Adam and Jensen Wientjes

PRIASE TEAM: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling, Marian Raml

CHOIR MEMBERS: Becky Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Kayla Mohling, Riley Sprouse, Marian Raml, Krisma DeWitt, Karen Kasperson

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, & Dylan Jordan

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