



Grace Lutheran Church 1883-2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ 8:30 am ~ May 15, 2022
Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to Worship

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Congregation responses in Bold Print

PRELUDE

“Will the Circle be Unbroken”

Choir

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING HYMN: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” ELW 385

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king! To all the
world glad news we bring: Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love,
that life, which cannot die, and sing with
hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's
mighty stone is rolled away; let all the
world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and
sing today with one accord, the life laid
down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of 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.**

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

ELW p148

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... Mighty God, **you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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: Acts 11:1-18

Pew Bible p 895

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they

were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Pew Bible p 1007

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

CHILDRENS TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Alleluia!"

ELW p 151

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

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

Pew Bible p 877

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* **ELW 367**

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| <p>1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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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: *"Create in Me"* **ELW 185**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS:

Let us pray... Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life and cause a revival across our country through your Holy Spirit. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Revive ecosystems that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water. Grant favorable weather to farmers and ranchers as they toil during the spring work and bring forth a bountiful harvest to feed a hungry world and all living creatures. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide leaders of this world, state, and nation to hear your command to love all people, to serve with compassion, and to create an environment of fair treatment and justice for all they serve. Grant to our military men and women trust in your promises and courage to fulfill their duties.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all people who cry to you for help especially those with medical issues we pray for Rhys, Roy, Esther, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Darrell, Joyce, Dennis, Kendal, Judy, Carla, Kaye, Mary, Jennifer, Sharlee, Doug, Sylvia, Don, Judy, Theresa, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Larry, Daryl, Caden, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.

Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you *and* especially our Grace Lutheran graduates who will face many challenges to their faith. Sustain them by your faithfulness and give them strength in faith in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints who have gone before us in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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.

SENDING COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Christ has given you a new commandment: that you love one another, as Christ has loved you. By this, everyone will know that you are Christ's disciples, if you share that love with the world. And through this love, all things will be made new. Go now, and do as Christ commands. May may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † grant you His peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing”

ELW 389

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| 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die. | yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died. |
| 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time. | 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all. |
| 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, | 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise. |

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, love one another as Christ has loved you! **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Announcements for May 15th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Darrell Brekke, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Kendal Ceroll, Judy Eide, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Jennifer Kiddleson, Sharlee Kjellsen, Doug Koutz, Sylvia Larson, Don Learned, Judy Lien, Theresa Pekelder, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Daryl Stowell, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, and Families of Mary Hawkins & Larry Schmeling, 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 May 15th thru 22nd

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| Today | <i>Senior Recognition Sunday (11 am service)</i>
8:30 am Worship service
9:30 am Coffee Welcoming in Narthex
10 am - Adult Confirmation Class
11 am Worship service w/ Senior Recognition
& Holy Communion with Seniors and families |
| Monday | 1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters
6 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Bell Choir Practice |

Tuesday 9:30 to noon Prairie Coteau Conference pastors meet @ Rosholt
 Wednesday 10:00 am – Service at Townview
 10:30 am – Service at Jenkins
 6 pm – Family Worship Service
 NO Youth Group
 Friday Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall 9 am to 4 pm
 Sunday 8:30 am Worship service w Holy Communion
 Baptism of Jax Lee Mattson
 9:30 am Coffee
 10 am - Adult Confirmation Class
 11 am Worship service w/Holy Communion
 Blessing over Law Enforcement & EMT's

Upcoming Events:

May 29th – Summer worship schedule begins – One Service at 8:30 am.

June 3 & 4 – SD Synod Assembly & VBS Day Camp

June 5 – 10:30 am Brunch

Noon - Bike Blessing

June??? TBD – Exciting news – Get Ready for the June mother-daughter evening “*Let’s Fla’mingle*” Watch for more information coming out SOON!

Today is Senior Recognition Sunday at the 11 am Service. The 2022 graduating seniors are: Dawson Lynn Briggs, daughter of Stacey and Ryan Briggs; Chelsea Mayshawn Finckm daughter of Chad and Lacie Finck; Mickel Johnson Brownell, son of Colby and Jessica Brownell; Wade Andrew Jordan, son of Joe Jordan & Leslie Jordan; Hannah Michelle Kennedy, daughter of Sommer Kennedy & Darrell Bruce; Triton Jon May, son of Jonathan and Stacy May; Jason Godfrey Mohr, son of Leah and Scott Mohr; Madison Leigh Park, daughter of Chester and Nikole Park; MeiLi Elizabeth Planteen, daughter of Jeff and Christina Planteen; Abby Marie Reid, daughter of Sandra Wittrock & Roger Wittrock and Clinton Reid & Sarah Reid; Cooper John Schmit, son of Bill Schmit and Randy Schmeichel & Michelle Schmeichel; Aysia Leighanne Rose Stefanich, daughter of Jeannie Helm and Allen Brudwick; Spencer Stock, son of Julie and Kevin Stock; and Jesse John Urevig, son of Paul and Gena Urevig.

VBS is coming up... in June on Friday and Saturday... June 3 & 4th... entitled Zoomerang: Returning to the Value of Life. VBS is open for 3-year-old to 6th graders. Time runs from 1 pm to 7:30 pm on Friday and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday. Meals and snacks will be provided. There is also an option for 5th and 6th graders for an overnight camp-out here at Grace – just mark the box on the registration form. And parents are asked to come and help. We are planning lots of fun activities so make sure your moms and dads know you want to come to VBS... to get signed up... to join the fun at this year’s VBS

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 given by Richard & JoAnn Deberg, in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary – May 16th. **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by Sherry & Gary Jongeling, our 45th Anniversary – 5/21/1977. 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**

Grace Music groups celebrate the year of music making on May 23.

The Grace Choir and Handbell members will finish out the year of music-making on Monday, May 23. Any and all musicians who have assisted with music throughout the year (including singers, pianists, ringers, accompanists) and their family members are invited to a Barbecue/Potluck on **Monday, May 23 at 6 pm**. Bring a dish to share and your family. The location will be announced. Questions? See Brenda or call or text 605/929-1698 or call the church office for specifics.

Grace Grief Support meets in Library on Thursday, May 26

This group (open to members within or outside of the Grace community) continues on Thursday, May 26 at 6 pm in the Library at Grace. Any person who is experiencing the loss of a person, friend or family member or is finding themselves coping with grief overload is welcome to join this discussion and support group. Walking together is a way that we support each other and share each other's sorrows and joys. Questions? See Intern Brenda or Pastor Cheryl.

SUMMER CONFIRMATION CLASS: Summer classes are available to assist you in achieving the important baptismal responsibility of educating young people the catechism. Summer confirmation class is available for any young people 7th thru 12th grade who have not completed this training. If you have questions, would like to sign your child up for a class contact Pastor Cheryl. Cell: 605-237-1501 or email: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com.

LWR Monthly Mission Kit Request for May is Soap: For baby care kits: TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars. For personal care kits: TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping. Please bring Soap during the month of May for an offering for the LWR kits.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Brenda Handel-Johnson

READER: Dee Haugan

PIANIST: Brenda Handel-Johnson

SONG LEADER: Leigh Carstensen

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

USHERS: Geri Mohror, Liz Dunn

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Jason Mohr, 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

Push Mower Wanted: Does anyone have a push lawn mower they no longer use and would like to donate to Grace Lutheran? We are in need of one. Please contact Rich or the office if you do and Thank you ahead of time.

Address for Sharlee Kjellen. Sharlee suffered a stroke while visiting her son in Wyoming. If anyone would like to send a card her address is: Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, 3100 Channing Way, ICU Room #226, Idaho Falls, ID 83404.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE

5/4/22 & 5/8/22

Worshippers: 162

LAST WEEK DEPOSIT

Deposits: \$2,706

Weekly Budget: \$6,256