



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 24, 2021*  
*Grace Lutheran Church* *11 am Service*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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**PRELUDE**

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GREETING:**

Brothers and Sisters, We meet in the presence of God, who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(inspired by Jeremiah 31:7-9)*

Praise God! For God is gathering His people together. **From near and far we come together**—the wounded and the whole, the weak and the strong—**seeking God's presence, God's forgiveness,** and God's direction for our lives. **Come Let us Worship with Joy!**

**OPENING SONG:**

***"Praise to You"***

Praise to you, O Great Creator, Maker of the land and sky. Praise to you, O Living Water, hope and breath of ev'ry life. We are lost and we are longing, wand'ring in the wilderness, searching for your holy presence and the reason we exist. Hear the cries of all creation, how the tears like rivers flow for your touch of grace and healing and the love that leads us home. May we live your way of justice, may we walk your way of peace. May we see your sacred vision, may we know your sweet release.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(based on Mark 10:46-52)*

When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways:

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!**

When we want to honor your "still speaking voice", but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!**

When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference:

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to you! Trust in the one who has guided the church for two thousand years. Trust in the one who rescues the brokenhearted and redeems those crushed in spirit. Trust in the one who is able to save. Through Christ,

God forgives you all your failings. You are free to live in this world, your sight restored, for your faith has made you well. **Thanks be to God!**

**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.**

**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: "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"**

Everybody's got something to offer; Young and old, the prince and the pauper.  
Everybody's got something to offer In the name of the Lord. To the lost and the lowly ones  
The message it is clear; We have all got a gift to give Our hands, our hearts, our tears.  
To the believers gathered here The message it is true; We have all got a gift to give  
In all we say and do.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray... **O Lord, Your arm is never too short to touch us and meet our needs. Our hands are opened toward You with offerings of love and sacrifice. Receive these gifts and use them for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9                      Pew Bible p 641**

<sup>7</sup>Thus 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." <sup>8</sup>See, 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. <sup>9</sup>With 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**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. <sup>2</sup>**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."** <sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. <sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.** <sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. <sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**PRAISE SONG:                      "Great Is the Lord"**

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord,

and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise, Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory, Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise, Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28**

**Pew Bible p 974**

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike 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. <sup>28</sup>For 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 LEAD-IN:**

**“Open My Heart to Your Love**

Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace. Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way. Healer of nations and broken hearts, you are the pathway to peace. Singer of life in the face of death, may we be your vessels so love will increase. Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace. Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way.

**GOSPEL: 10:46-52**

**Pew Bible p 823**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the tenth chapter. *Response: Glory to you, O Lord.* <sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then 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.” <sup>52</sup>Jesus 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**

**SONG OF THE DAY:**

**“Grace Alone”**

Every promise we can make, Every prayer and step of faith, Every difference we will make, Is only by His grace. Every mountain we will climb, Every ray of hope

we shine. Every blessing left behind, is only by His grace. *Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone. We will go forth in grace alone.* Every soul we long to reach, Every heart we hope to

teach, Everywhere we share His peace, is only by His grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away. Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by His grace.

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. **We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.** True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. **This is our faith. This is our hope.**

### **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”**

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*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.**

Hear these ancient words spoken for your grace.

### **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”***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace, lamb of God, lamb of God, lamb, of God.

#### **“Round the Table”**

Come together 'round the table. Come and taste the wonder, A healing touch and a deep connection From the living center of it all. Seeking meaning on the run You try and save the day. But all is ready, will you come? Love invites the

way. Bring a friend or enemy, Or one you hold or blame. With each other we are one, Here in Jesus' name. Hear creation groan for life. Will hate and hunger cease? In the roar of violence The world cries for peace.

### **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:** *“Shout to the Lord”*

My Jesus, my savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; Let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and

majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

**SENDING**

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

**Announcements for October 24<sup>th</sup>**

***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 24<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/Holy Communion <b>9:30 Faith and Blue Event in Fellowship Hall for all adults</b> 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 6<sup>th</sup> – Vendor Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall (if you have crafts or items to donate, please drop them off after October 18<sup>th</sup>.)

**Dorcas Fund Raising activities**

“Dorcas will be selling jams on Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 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.”

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:**

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

**READER:** JoAnn Spartz

**USHERS:** Adrienne Schulz, Larry & Janet Williams

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

Larry & Janet Little

**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**

**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!

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](http://glcwtm.org). The website enables you to give financial gifts online to Grace anytime and from anywhere. Go to [glcwtm.org](http://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.

**Adult and Parent helper Need for Youth Group Retreat**

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Check us out on our website at [glcwtm.org](http://glcwtm.org)  
And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**