



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 19, 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: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" ELW 588

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving

for the goodness of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Pew Bible p 622

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause. ²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.** ³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God. ⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.** ⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them. ⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.** ⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a Pew Bible p 982

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you

engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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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. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37 **Pew Bible p 821**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the ninth chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641

1 Let us build a house where love can
dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and
visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
2 Let us build a house where prophets
speak, and words are strong and
true, where all God's children dare to
seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as
witness and as symbol of God's
grace; here as one we claim the faith
of Jesus: *Refrain*
3 Let us build a house where love is
found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that
frees us:
4 Let us build a house where hands
will reach beyond the wood and
stone to heal and strengthen, serve
and teach, and live the Word they've

known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions

heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF LWR QUILTS AND KITS....

Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed the member of Grace Lutheran Church with so many Gifts — many with a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of their labors, the Quilts and kits made for Lutheran World Relief with love, to you.

We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, a Baby Care Kit, a School Kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them. Keep showing us ways we may serve you together with our neighbors in need.

Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. **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: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” ELW 686 sts 1 & 2

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| 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. |
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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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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:

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

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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.

COMMISSION & BLESSING: (inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

Go out, clothed in strength and dignity.

Submit yourselves to God and resist the devil.

Delight in the Lord's teaching,

open your hands to the poor,

and let your actions arise from the wisdom of God.

And may God draw near to you and strengthen you;

May Christ Jesus teach you the ways of simplicity;

and may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom

and make your fruitful in peace and righteousness. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "All Depends on Our Possessing" **ELW 589**

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| 1 All depends on our possessing
God's free grace and constant blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
by their God are not forsaken
and will keep a dauntless heart. | all my longing shall be stilled.
To your lovingkindness tender
all my being I surrender:
Lord, on you alone I build. |
| 2 God, who hitherto has fed me
and to many joys has led me,
is and ever shall be mine.
God, who did so gently school me
and who daily guides and rules me,
will remain my help divine. | 4 Well you know what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt your wisdom never;
as you will, so be it ever;
I commit to you my way. |
| 3 When with sorrow I am stricken,
hope my heart anew will quicken, | 5 If on earth my days should lengthen,
God, my weary soul still strengthen;
all my trust in you I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding; |

like a stream away it's gliding;
safe I anchor in your grace.
Go in peace... The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God. We Will!

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for September 19th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Sky Asfeld, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brevier, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Duane Holker, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Jessica Pekelder, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Caden Thompson, Donnie Vrtacnik, Carol Wagner, and Robert Wittrock, the family of Scott Schooley, 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 September 19th through 26th

Today	GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/Blessing of quilts and kits for World Relief 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 – Putting Kits together in Fellowship Room 11 am Contemporary Worship service
September	19-21: Fall Theological at Pierre, SD (Pastor gone)
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
Wednesday	4 pm Confirmation Class in Basement 6 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
Friday	4 – 7pm Side-by-Side ticket sellers needed outside KWAT Radio Station
Sunday	MISSION OF THE MONTH Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am BRUNCH in Fellowship Hall (fund raiser) 9:30 Sunday school 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion Load the kits and quilts for World Relief

Upcoming Events:

September 28th – 7 pm – Adult Confirmation Class
October 12th & 19th - First Communion Class for 2nd graders on up.
October 15 & 16th: 1517 “Here I Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)

October 30th – Nordefest Plus

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

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS:

Brenda Handel-Johnson will begin as the Music Director in October starting with choir and bell rehearsal on Monday, October 4th. Bells at 6-7 pm, Choir 7:10-8:10 pm. A full hour with each group to begin with. The time can be negotiated at that first practice or if you are interested but unable to meet on Monday, you can send a note to the church office. Brenda will get in to find out what works best for your schedule.

All youth through adults with an interest in music, singing, bells or other, please attend or let us know for Brenda to contact you.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Dee Haugen

USHERS: Geri Mohrer, Keisha Payne

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

Preparations are being made for Nordefest Plus ~Lefsa Makers needed!

Each Monday and Tuesday at 8 am, Lefsa helpers are needed. On Monday they peel, boil and mash the potatoes and Tuesday they make the dough, roll, and fry it. They will be doing this through October 12th. If you are available, please stop by and join the fun. If you've ever wanted to learn, now is the time.

Coffee Fellowship:

You are invited to join us on Sunday morning for coffee fellowship between services beginning at 9:30 am. If you are bringing children to Sunday school, please stop and take this time to get to know each other. Please sign up to be a coffee server for a week or two as well. We need everyone to take a turn. This is an important time of fellowship and we need your help. Thank you.

God's Work – Our Hands Sunday is today

This is a day kits for World Relief are put together. At 9:30 am, volunteers will take individual items for the kits and bundle them together. It is not hard and does not take long as many hands make work light. Next week, the trucks will be here to load so please have brunch and stick around to help load the kits and quilts on the truck.

Adult and Parent help with Youth Group. We need help with activities for the 7th through 12th Youth groups, such as bowling, attending concerts together or a lock-in. We NEED adults and parents to help with these events. Time together with their friends and peers are important for youth and a time for them to get to know each other to create that feeling of family with the youngest members of our congregation. Each year we promise to support the children and youth of the congregation. This is an important way for you to answer that call.

ENJOY BRUNCH – SUNDAY September 26th and support the fund-raising efforts for the roof project. Brunch will begin at 9:30 am following service. On the menu will be: Egg Bake with ham, sausage, bacon, or veggie; cheesy hashbrowns, fruit, muffins, rolls, yogurt & granola, juice and coffee. The brunch is by free will offering and all fund go to support the roof fund. If you are able, the World Relief Truck will be here for the kits and quilts and your help would be very appreciated.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – “Neighbors in Solidarity”

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 by Karen and Allen Kasperson in honor of children, a gift from God. Altar Flowers today are given by Randy & Lorraine Shuller in honor of their 45h Anniversary. 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***

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