



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 3, 2021
Grace Lutheran Church *11 am Service*
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Hebrews 1: 1-3)

Long ago, at different times and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the Hebrew prophets. **But in these last days, we have heard God's voice through His Son, Jesus Christ, who has been given dominion over all things and through whom all worlds were made.** He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command; the One who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death; the One who, even now, reigns in the heavens, seated at the right hand of God. **This is our God! Let's worship together.**

OPENING SONG:

"Your River, O God"

Your river, O God, is full of water, water alive with justice and grace. Your river, O God, it flows with mercy for ev'ry child through ev'ry time and place Ev'ry birth on this earth speaks the mystery. Ev'ry heart, from the strt, light for all to see. Come and hear all who fear, you are not alone. Come and see, be set free, rest here in your home. As we grow may we know waves of hope surround. As we live may we give love that has no bounds.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 8)

Great God of all creation, who are we that you are mindful of us? You who set the stars in motion, who launched waves crashing against the shore, who knows the heights and depths of the world; Why do you bother with us? You count the hairs on our heads, and call us each by name. You give us your wisdom and you uphold us by your Spirit. You tend to us and care for us, and we do not understand why.

We cannot grasp your love for us, O God, for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving. We become enmeshed by our own needs and wants and desires and we fail to see beyond anything but our own little circles. Turn us around, O God. Help us to see as you see, and to reach out as you reach out. Remind us once again of the sacredness of our ordinary, day-to-day lives. By your Spirit, teach us to live truly as beings little lower than angels. In your mercy, O God, forgive who we are and bless who we will be. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God says to you, let the little children come to me. It is to you the kingdom of God belongs. God forgives all your sin through Christ crucified. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, 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: Genesis 2:18-24 Pew Bible p 2

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!— ²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, ⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?** ⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them. ⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field, ⁸**the birds of the air, the**

fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea. ⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PRAISE SONG: “How Majestic Is Your Name”

Oh Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. O Lord we praise Your name, O Lord we magnify You name, Price of Peace, mighty God. O Lord God Almighty.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Pew Bible p 970

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” 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: Mark 10:2-16 Pew Bible p 822

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the tenth chapter. *Response: Glory to you, O Lord.*

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said,

“Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Boundless Love”*

Boundless love touches And changes the heart of us. Boundless love touches and changes the heart of us. O Spirit of Jesus you sit at our table And call us to a radical meal Of boundless love that climbs over barriers So nothing can keep us apart. We structure injustice that keeps some from eating, You prepare us for a different feast Of boundless love that climbs over barriers So nothing can keep us apart. Oh Spirit of life come and move through the people, Confronting the powers of death ‘Cause boundless love climbs over barriers So nothing can keep us apart.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: We Believe....

We believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God. We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world. We believe that he is in the Father and the Father is in him. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we have life in his name. 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”

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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:

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Inspire our witness to Christ Jesus that all may know the power of His forgiveness and the hope of resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining

species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder and protection for the world you created. We praise you for the harvest and ask your protective hands over those who work long hours to bring in the crops. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Establish leaders to guide the nations to peace for all people. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support the human family. Enable our military personal to serve with wisdom, kindness, and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any disability. Have compassion on those who struggle with additions. Tend to the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, and pity the afflicted, especially Rhys, Roy, Sky, Jim, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Carla, Duane, Bruce, Doug, Judy, Jessica, Rick, Deb, Caden, Donnie, Carol, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Enlighten those who listen from away that we are united in faith through Christ. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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.

BENEDICTION: Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, Go in the confidence of people who have found mercy through him, keeping the commandments and letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world, And may God come close to you and keep you safe; may Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold; and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need. both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

“Made for Love”

We've been molded by the Creator's hand. Here in Jesus we have grace to stand. Moving by the Spirit, we are made for love. Sun and starlight, sparkling

waters, Morning birds that serenade, In the image of the Maker We are wonderfully made. In the water's holy blessing, Spirit coming like a dove, We're

a witness to the wonder; We are loved are called here into service, A forgiving,
and so we love. Live out justice, treasure loving way.
kindness, Journey humbly ev'ry day. We

SENDING: Go in peace... to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for October 3rd

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, 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

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| Today | 8:30 am Traditional Worship service 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 11 am Contemporary Worship service 1 pm Service at Edgewood |
| Monday | 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting 6 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:15 pm Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 10:30 Service at Avantara 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 |
| Thursday | 2 pm – Rostered Pastors meet by Zoom October 8-10 Pastor Vacation for Granddaughters wedding |
| Sunday | 8:30 am Traditional Worship service NO Communion 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 11 am Contemporary Worship service NO Communion 6:30 pm Lay Leaders Training on Zoom |

Upcoming Events:

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 of if you are interested but unable 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:** Joann Spartz

USHERS: Tegan Gasper, Scott & Cindi VanderLeest

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor

PRAISE TEAM: Judy Everson, Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Kayla Mohling, Krisma DeWitt, Leigh Carstensen, Rhonda Lorenz

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

LEFSA MAKING in progress 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.

Donut making schedule for Nordefest Plus. If you are able to donate dough for donut or help make the donuts, the times have been set for Tuesday's, October 19th & 26th at 6:00 pm. Julie Stock has a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

VISIONING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH: Next Visioning meeting will be on Wednesday evening, October 20th at 7:30 pm following Family Worship services. The data received from FaithX will be used to begin writing a visioning statement and action steps.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief, was founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience. The envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. They tackle global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. LWR works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and do not evangelize. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives by partnering with communities to

build and grow rural economies. Their work is to break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive with a goal to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end. The Quilt & Kit Ministry is the longest running program of LWR. The first quilts distributed in 1945 went to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year. This year the quilters are sending 685 quilts, along with 102 school kits, 51 personal care kits and 103 baby care kits. LWR Mission Quilts are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. Your careful adherence to our quilt-making guidelines will ensure that every quilt is useful, consistent and fair. Their work includes help in agriculture and emergency assistance. To give to LWR go to <https://lwr.org/>

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 Bonnie & Mike Oletzke in honor of Joan Goeman who went to heaven to be with God and Jim. Altar Flowers today are given by Cal & Nyra Brown. 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***

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Children in the 2nd grade on up are invited to First Communion Classes on Tuesday evening October 12th and 19th at 6 pm. Students are required to participate in two classes. Those unable to attend at this time, please contact pastor. Any youngster who has not yet taken First Communion class are encouraged to register with Pastor Cheryl by October 7th. The students will take their first communion on Sunday, November 7th.

Anxious: Fighting Anxiety with the Word of God—Bible Study Retreat on October 23rd: We live in a broken, sad, scary place. We don't need to watch the natural disasters and political unrest in the news to know what our bodies already know. Our bodies get sick. Our minds are fragile. The mortality rate for humans is astonishingly high. There's plenty to worry about, and the world is full of faulty solutions for our anxieties. But true peace comes when we learn to hold God's Word up to what worries us. There, we learn we can't fix ourselves; we can't protect ourselves. Instead, the Bible tells us we can rest, knowing that Jesus walked into the broken, sad, scary places to rescue us and love us. He is the One who fixes. His is the only protection that matters. This eight session retreat will be Saturday, October 23rd from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Cost of the book is \$22.25. Registration is due by October 18.

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And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**