



140 Years of
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 21, 2023 ~ 8:30 am
Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

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Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

ELW 392

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| <p>1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."</p> <p>2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?</p> <p>3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.</p> | <p>Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.</p> <p>4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.</p> <p>5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
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has redeemed us by his blood."</p> |
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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. Amen.**

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

ELW p147

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.**

FESTIVAL HYMN

"This is the Feast"

ELW p149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God,

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14**Pew Bible p 884**

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,
the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Pew Bibles 986

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia! Lord and Savior"

ELW p 151

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

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

Pew Bible p 879

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am

coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord You Give the Great Commission" ELW 579

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: *Refrain*

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."

Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: *Refrain*
4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society: *Refrain*
5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

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. (*We greet you all in peace.*)

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church
(*This time of offering is for the mission & 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.

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **Generous God, we give you our gifts of time; our gifts of talents; our gifts of money; building stones for Your Kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing, within Your loving purpose. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us 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:

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with one another. Help us to be the face of Christ and weave your church together with mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use its resources wisely. Fill farmers and ranchers with patience's to place safety first during the days of spring work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Defend our men and women of the Armed Forces with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations and give them courage to face the perils that surround them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Denise, Joyce, Millie, Harper, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Evelyn, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, Sandra, the family of Arden Hanson, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. We pray for our graduating seniors. Walk with them in life and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet to live faithfully in their vocation and in their lives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints gathered at your banquet table. **Amen.**

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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We indeed give thanks and praise to the Almighty and merciful God for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**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:

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS: “Lamb of God”

ELW p 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“God Is Here!” ELW 526

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

“Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed” ELW 463

1 Lord, who the night you were betrayed did pray
that all your church might be forever one:
help us at ev'ry eucharist to say with willing heart and soul, "Your will be done."
Oh, may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

2 For all your church on earth, we intercede;
Lord, make our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us all closer, each to each, we plead, by drawing all to you, O Prince of peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

3 And hear our prayer for wand'ers from your fold;
restore them, too, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith your saints confessed of old,

and to the church still pledged that faith to keep.
Soon may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all your church above—
one with your saints in one unbroken peace,
one with your saints in one unbounded love;

more blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in unity.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen you and keep you His grace unto life eternal. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray... **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION:

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world around you.

We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.

As you go out to give a living witness, as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world, go knowing that God goes with you, sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

"Day by Day"

ELW 790

1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

2 Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Jesus prays for you. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for May 21th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Denise Biller, Joyce Brever, Millie Brinkman, Harper Evjen, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Martha “Evelyn” Quade, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, the family of Arden Hanson, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, transportation personal, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

On the CALENDAR - For the week of May 21st to 28th

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11 am – Senior Recognition during Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Wednesday	4 pm BeFriends meet 6 pm Education Committee meets 7 pm Family Worship Service
Sunday	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 8:30 am Worship service (Begin Summer schedule of one service)

Blessing of the Motorcycles has been cancelled for this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS: A Century of Love

Let's Celebrate Phyllis (Johnny) Jongeling Turning 100!! On June 4th 11 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church. For any unable to attend, you can send a message to Phyllis at TheJongelings@gmail.com.

Summer Youth Group meets starting May 31st

Beginning May 31st Youth Group will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

-Come plan the summer—Have a meal—

Enjoy fellowship with other youth. Bring your friends

All 7th thru 12th graders are welcome!

Today is Senior Recognition Sunday at the 11 am Service. The 2023 graduating seniors are: Ethan Aichele-Bohling; Ronald Begalka; Samantha Berg; Mallory Bisgard; Lane Brandenburger; Keegan Carter; Kali Gasper; Adicyn Johnson; Brianna Johnson; Jaydon Morris; Dylan Norgaard; Jordan Nygaard; Aysia Pahl; Christopher Park; Lilian Revalee Clarissa Ruiz-Raigoza.

Monday Morning Coffee Bible Study

Have Coffee with Josh, Youth & Family Director each Monday morning at 9 o'clock beginning

May 15 in the Conference Room. Each week there will be a study of the text for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your Bibles—Bring your Friends. All are welcome.

Funding to Renovate the Multipurpose Room

Funds have been received to fill in the pit and update the lighting of the choir room to renovate it to a multipurpose room, but additional funds are need for finish work and carpeting. If you would like to donate to this project, you can make a designated offering to the Multipurpose Room Fund in your offering envelop or online at glcwn.org/ give and select from the list.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

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READER: Dee Haugen

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GREETER: Esther Bakeburg

PIANIST: Isaak Montemayor

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Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, and Dylan Jordan.

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by E-mail: chervlaracelc@midconetwork.com***

SPECIAL 140TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT IN THE MAKINGS

Have you picked up your quilt block? Our quilt team is making a commemorative 140th anniversary quilt. You are invited to help make this beautiful quilt by taking a blank quilt block and designing it with something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use clothe paints.

The quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of these 7 ½" blocks, which are available in the church office. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13th** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration.

May's Mission of the Month is Joy Ranch – by the Missions Committee

Joy Ranch of South Dakota is both a non-profit organization and an actual 126 acre ranch located a few miles outside of Watertown, South Dakota on Lake Lyle. It is home to over 20 horses, a flock of ducks, generations of cats, a donkey named Eeyore and two goats. Founded in 1989 by Joy Nelson, the organization's core mission is to help challenged individuals get a chance to meaningfully connect with horses. Typical recipients of this program include everyone from foster children to those with life-altering conditions, disabilities or diseases. Joy Ranch of South Dakota hosts numerous kids camps through out the summer. Activities include pontoon rides, swimming in Lake Lyle, horse drawn wagon rides, trail riding, playing basketball, outdoor games on Main Street, popcorn and movies, smores' around the campfire and lots more.

UPDATE ON UKRAINE REFUGEE FAMILIES ARRIVING IN APRIL:

Ihor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and Davyd, ages 7 and 10, will arrive on Monday evening in Minneapolis. They will arrive in Watertown on Tuesday late morning. There is a meal train set up for anyone who would like to provide a meal for them for the first week or two at: <https://mealtrain.com/16r9yw> Their apartment is # 119 at Wilkeshire Apartments, 1845 Westminster Ave.

If you would like to donate any perishable food items: fruit, vegetables, dairy products etc., please have them to the church on Monday and they will be taken over to their apartment at Wilkeshire Apartments. There will be a meet and greet.

“Keepers of the Kingdom” theme for July Vacation Bible School

Grab your armor and your trusty steed and get ready for a medieval time at *Keepers of the Kingdom!* based on Ephesians 6:10–18 during the 9:30 am to 12 Noon sessions July 24th to 28th VBS at Grace Lutheran Church.



Children learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son. And they will be equipped with the armor of God as they train to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in the battle for truth!

But we are not meant to fight this battle alone! God, the ruler of the good kingdom, has given his kingdom keepers spiritual armor to wear.

Be sure to register your children by June 16 for this fun and exciting time of learning about the Armor of God. A registration form is included in this newsletter or at the church office. Please return it by June 16 to order materials. Friends are always welcome at Grace Lutheran Church—202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

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 in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. Altar flowers are given today from Sharon Goble in honor of James Goble’s birthday and their 49th Anniversary. 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:

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