



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ 11:00 am ~ April 25, 2021

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Grace Lutheran Church

Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

The one who has created us, **who sustains us, who redeems us,**
who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.

This is our God! **Let's worship Him together!**

OPENING SONG:

"Child of the Water"

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

DEDICATION OF OFFERING: Let us pray... God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG of OFFERING: ***"What Shall We Give"***

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Pew Bible p 887

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

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Pew Bible p 990

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CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LEADIN: "When Seed Falls on Good Soil"

GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18

Pew Bible p 872

Response Before: Glory to you, O Lord. After: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: "Have No Fear Little Flock"

ELW 764

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

*Response of Welcome: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we
will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER SONG: "Hear Our Prayer"

ELW 178

PRAYER PETITIONS: *Response:* Your mercy is great.

PRAYER SONG: "Hear Our Prayer"

ELW 178

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE COMMUNION

The families of the confirmands will come forward as a family first.

COMMUNION SONGS

"Borning Cry"

"Communion Response"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

Let us Pray... God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you
have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us
forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to
the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "Cling to the Cross"

**DISMISSAL: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
...In the name of Christ, We will. Amen.**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** JoAnn Spartz
USHERS: Scott and Cindy Vander Leest **KEYBOARD:** Isaac 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 Pisht
& Gary Rukstad. **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** JoAnn Spartz
Pastoral Calls: *You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or
by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com*

Announcements for April 25

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Roger Benthin, Joyce Brever, Nila Davis, Matt Engan, Loren Holzwarth, Bruce Jahraus, Sonja Johnson, Judy Lien, Deb Schlenner, Bob Starr, Layla Steen, Raef Stolp, and Donnie Vrtacnik, the family Joyce Raastad, the family of Chris Johnson, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for our military personal and their families as they serve to protect our country.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 9

A congregational vote is schedule for 10 am on Sunday, May 9th for the purpose of securing a Kubota 4WD Side-by-Side gasoline utility vehicle RTV-X850 from Eastside Equipment as part of the "Raise the Roof" fund raising currently being conducted. This required a vote of the congregation because the value is more than \$5000 and Grace will be entering into an agreement. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

"Raise the Roof" Fund Raising Work: Next meeting Tuesday, May 4th at 6 pm

Help is needed upcoming events: Selling tickets on the donated hunting gun, meat bundle and Watertown bucks; July 18th Grace Sanctuary 100 years celebration and rededication; 4th of July parade; and other fund raising projects. Please come and volunteer your time in this important work for Grace Lutheran Church.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (950 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST** today is given in loving memory of Roy and Doris Schmeling from the Schmeling Radio Fund. Altar Flowers today are given by Cal and 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**

MAKING AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM today are Michael Berg, son of Tanizha & Michael Berg; Nathan Briggs, son of Stacey and Ryan Briggs; Kaytlynne Holida, daughter of Brian Holida & Renita Harrington and Carter Volkart, son of Lindsay & Joshua Volkart. We congratulate them on their accomplishment and pray the Holy Spirit will continue to work in them as they grow in faith.

Bible Study Retreat May 1 on “Why I Believe”

Scripture calls Christians to “be prepared” to give answers to anyone who asks about the Christian faith. Are you prepared? Or do you feel ill-equipped?

A one-day Bible Study retreat will be held on May 1 from 10 am to 4 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. The study is designed to equip you and give you confidence in addressing those questions and gain valuable insights into the foundational tenets of faith with others through this study. It is filled with insightful notes from Chip Ingram and thought-provoking questions that will help you delve deep into why you believe what you believe.

The facts of the resurrection, the reliability of the Bible, and the evidence for creation – all have solid proofs that you, your children, your grandchildren, and your friends can understand and share with anyone seeking hope.

This six session study guide includes the following topics:

- Rethinking Apologetics for the 21st Century
- Why I Believe in the Resurrection
- Why I Believe in the Bible
- Why I Believe in Life After Death
- Why I Believe in Creation
- Why I Believe in the God of the Bible

To register for this one-day Bible study and receive a study guide, contact Pastor Cheryl by Text 605-237-1501 or emailing: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com with your name, email and cell number. Lunch will be provided.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – “Raise the Roof” Grace Roof Replacement

Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall and Education wing were dedicated in 1958. The New Narthex was added in 1975. Then in 1992, major repairs were done to the roof, the sanctuary, the bell tower, the parish education unit with the addition of an elevator to access the church sanctuary.

These roofs have served their purpose for more years than are generally estimated and it is now time to do the necessary work of replacing them with a new roof over the Fellowship Hall, Education Wing, Kitchen, Office, Classrooms, and Bell Tower.

The estimated cost of \$140,000 will include: removing the existing ballast and membrane, metal cap (saving it); the installation of h" wood fiber board over roof surface area, and Carlisle 60 mil EPDM; a Ballast Roof System Seal with the installation of walkway pads around 2 large rooftop units, reinstallation of the metal cap and new ballast. To do all the work at one time would actually save money for the

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