



140 Years of  
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 8, 2023*  
*Grace Lutheran Church - 11 am service*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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**PRELUDE**

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**Jesus emerges from the water.**

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

Jesus is named. Claimed.

**We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.**

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

**BAPTISMAL SONG: "We are Baptized in Christ Jesus" ELW 451 vs 1 & 2**

**HOLY BAPTISM OF LAINIE MAE FINCK** *p 227 in ELW*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

We gather around the water of life for this gift of the baptism. As you bring Lainie Mae Finck to receive this gift, you are entrusted with responsibilities.

As parents and sponsors, it is your responsibility to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the Word of God and the Holy Supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, provide instruction in the Christian faith and nurture her in prayer.

Do you promise to help Lainie grow in the Christian faith and life?

**I do**

People of God, do you promise to support Lainie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Oh Lord... Pour out your Holy Spirit, wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lainie Mae Finck, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Let us pray.

Oh Lord, sustain Lainie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lainie Mae Finck, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Lainie, Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome our new sister in Christ.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**SONG** (*Cont*): **"We are Baptized in Christ Jesus"** **ELW 451 vs 3**

**GREETING:** 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** **"Have Mercy on us"** *p 203 in ELW*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... O God our Father, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



**SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

**Acts 10:34-43**

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

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**GOSPEL LEAD-IN: HELP US O LORD**

Help us O Lord to hear your word. Open our hearts to feel your word.

Give us the strength To live your work each day. (Repeat)

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

**Pew Bible p 784**

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the third chapter.

*Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

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

## **MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"**

**ELW 445**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**PRAYER SONG: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"**

**ELW 752**

**PRAYER PETITIONS:**

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen the faith of bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, teachers, newly ordained, and any contemplating ministry. Inspire them to serve with imagination and wisdom to do your reconciling and redeeming work.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Bring relief to drought-stricken lands and provide healing for lands who have endured flood and fires. Walk with us through the challenges which surround us and wash away our anxiety by your promised presence freeing us from despair. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Create hearts of cooperation and constructive dialogue between the nations leaders. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity and provide relief

for those in war torn countries. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Darla, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Becky, Ronald, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Tracy, Raaf, Caden, Todd, and Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, especially Lanie May Finck, her parents and sponsors as the words renew the knowledge how God's love has touched her and all those washed in the waters of baptism, that they may bear witness to your grace and praise your name. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"**

**ELW 752**

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Lord, we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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 taste the joy of God!

**THE COMMUNION**

*ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME TO COME FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER. CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A BLESING*

**COMMUNION SONGS:** "Boundless LovE"

**"Spirit of Gentleness" ELW 396**

**COMMUNION BLESSING:** And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us Pray... **Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING:**

Go now as a light to the nations. Honor the Lord; preach what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfil all righteousness.

And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;

May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved ones, today and always. **Amen**

**SENDING SONG:** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" **WOV 721**

**SENDING:**

Go in peace... Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

***Thank you for worshiping with us today!***

**Announcements for January 8<sup>th</sup>**

***Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:***

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Darla Gilman, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Becky Nelson, Ronald Newell, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Raaf Stolp, Caden Thompson, Todd Wilson, 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.

**Baptized into Christ at Grace Lutheran:** We Welcome today into the family of God, Lainie May Finck, daughter of Lacie and Chad Finck. Her sponsors are Kyle and Lindsey Fischer.

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we welcomed Clara Ingrid Chavez-Mohling, daughter of Jessica Chavez and Jesse Mohling, into the family of God. Her sponsors were: Kollin Mohling, Michelle Erlandson-Mohling, and Kayla Mohling.

**On the CALENDAR - For the week of January 8<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>**

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| Today     | 8:30 am - Worship service w/communion<br>9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship<br>9:45 am - Sunday school<br>11 am - Worship service w/communion<br>& Baptism of Lanie May Finck   |
| Monday    | 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters<br>4:30 – Banquet Board meets<br>5:30 Grace Foundation meets<br>5:30 pm – Grace Lutheran Serves the Banquet<br>(Helpers be there by 5 pm if possible)   |
| Tuesday   | Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association meets at HyVee<br>4:30 pm Watertown Worship & Music committee meets<br>6 pm – Outreach & Fellowship Committee meets   |
| Wednesday | 10 am - Service at High Rise Apartments<br>6 pm - Prophets Bible Study<br>6 pm - Wednesday School<br>6 pm - Confirmation in the basement<br>7 pm - Family Midweek Worship<br>7:30 - pm Youth Group meets in Youth Room |
| Thursday  | 10:30 am – Service at Stoneybrook<br>6 pm – Grace Council meets  |
| Sunday    | 8:30 am Worship service<br>9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship<br>9:45 am - Sunday school<br>11 am Worship service<br>Girl Scouts activities in Fellowship Hall in the afternoon   |

**Upcoming Events:**

- January 29 – One Worship Service at 10 am
- 9 AM Sunday school with children singing at 10 am service

Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting at 11 am.  
We need you there to approve the budget!  
A POTLUCK meal will follow

**With Farewell for Cindy Vander Leest.**

February 3 – 6 pm to 9 pm Elementary Lock-in for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Ukrainian Refugee Efforts is Mission of the Month**

The statewide “Freedom’s Haven for New Americans Workforce” has set a goal of 1,000 Ukrainians for Watertown, SD. Winter is setting in hard in Ukraine, and Russia is targeting the electricity, water, and other infrastructure systems. With 7 million refugees already in Poland, Germany, and other European countries, Ukrainians are running out of places to turn for assistance. In short, people are dying. Ukrainian’s coming to the US must have a sponsor. Lutheran Social Service and Codington Country Social Services provide many programs of assistance. Ukrainians have now been allowed to work as soon as they arrive in the US and their Ukrainian driver’s license will be valid. Your monetary and volunteer assistance is needed.

For more information contact Pastor Cheryl or go to:

<https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/giving/support-an-existing-fund/freedoms-haven-for-new-americans-workforce>

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 from Louise McPeck in honor of LaVern’s 80th Birthday and celebrating 80 years as a “Grace” member. Your gifts are an important part of 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*

**For additional announcement and up to date changes,  
check out our website at [glcwtn.org](http://glcwtn.org)  
And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett                      **READER:** Becky Sprouse

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