



Grace Lutheran 1883-2024

~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany ~
January 14, 2023 – 11:00 am service
Grace Lutheran Church - Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by John 1: 38-39, & 46*)

Come and see, come and see!

We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

Come and see, come and see!

We come with open hearts to experience Jesus

Come and see, come and see!

We come to follow Jesus

Come and see, come and see!

We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Come and see, come and see!

Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

GATHERING SONG: “Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW 798

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Inspired by Psalm 139*)

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And you love us still. Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; When we wonder how You could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully, wonderfully made, in Your image!

Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our hearts. And you love us still. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(*inspired by Matthew 19:26, Psalm 139, Romans 8:31-39*)

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, 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
(The ushers will come forward to receive the offering.)

SONG of OFFERING: "Song of Offering"

PRAYER of OFFERING:

Let us pray... **God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible p 215

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

PRAISE SONG: "Here's Hope"

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Pew Bible p 929

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: ALLELUIA (DR p 101 Blue)

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51 Pew Bible p 863

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

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: "Be Still"

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

PRAYER SONG: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church throughout the world, God of truth. Let the leaders be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities and renewed commitment to your call. We pray for those who, in answering your call, must leave the known for the unknown and the comfortable for the uncertain. Grant them courage and steadfast faith.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We delight in the goodness of your creation, God of nature and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect all wildlife and creatures that live in the outdoors. We pray for those who work in harsh elements and care for livestock in frigid weather.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Fill their hearts with compassion to work for the benefit of all people through visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equity and uplifts those on the margins of society. We pray for our service men and women and their families as they fulfill their duty in the uncertainty of this world.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims or who long for relief or restoration, especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Allen, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Joan, Carol, Kristi, Sharlee, Sylvia, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Deb, Glen & LaRue, Raef, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, the family of Robert Lenning, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. Stir the hearts of those at Grace Lutheran to continue to do the work of Jesus.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. Grant us peace in the knowledge we will meet with them again at your banquet table.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER SONG: “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

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 as we remember the words spoken on that ancient night, and trust in His grace...

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:

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

THE COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONGS:

**“You Are Mine”
“Communion Response”**

COMMUNION BLESSING: And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen and preserve you unto life eternal. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us Pray... **Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING & BLESSING

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads. Do not be dominated by anything. Allow no room within yourselves for deceit, but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit. And may God be with you and speak through you; May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life; And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy. **Amen**

SENDING SONG:

"Go In Peace"

SENDING: Come and See, the peace of the Lord, in His calling. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for January 14th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Allen Benson, Danny Brekke, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Harper Evjen, Ted Frost, Carol Henrichs, Kristi Herting, Sylvia Larson, Lavern McPeck, Elvira Moen, Jada Mohror, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Lynn Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Deb Schlenner, Kaisley Schulz, Raef Stolp, Ashlea West, Robert Wittrock, and Sandra Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, transportation personnel, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

On the CALENDAR For the week of January 14th

Today	8:30 am – Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 9:45 am – Sunday school 11 am – Contemporary Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	Martin Luther King Jr Holiday 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 Banquet meal
Tuesday	1:30 pm Mission Committee meeting
Wednesday	10 am – Service at Townview 10:30 am – Service at Jenkins 5:30 to 6:15 - Wednesday meal 6 pm – Dinner Church and Wednesday school opening 6:30 to 7:30 pm – Wednesday school 6:30 to 7:30 pm – Confirmation 7:30 to 9 pm – Youth Group
Thursday	9 am – Watertown Ministerial Association meets at Grace
Friday	6 pm to midnight – Youth Fun Night for grade 7 – 12
Saturday	11 am to 1 pm Chili Cook-off

Sunday, January 21 – ANNUAL MEETING DAY

9:30 AM - Sunday school

10:30 am - Worship Service w/children singing

11:30 am – Annual meeting

Noon – potluck meal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 20 – 11 am Chili Cook-off tasting begins.

January 21st – Annual meeting at 11:30 am

Sunday school at 9:30

One Worship Service at 10:30 am.

Noon – Potluck meal in Fellowship Hall

February 10th – Celebration of Love Banquet for all members and non-members.

February 14th – Ash Wednesday

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex. Offering envelopes are numbered weekly envelopes use for recording your regular donation so you can receive an annual report for your financial records at the end of the year. Please pick them up as it saves on the cost of mailing. If you can take one to someone, please do so.

FILL THE SHELVES FOR Olena Shevliakova – PANTRY SHOWER

Olena will be moving into an apartment this week and we'd like to get her off to a good start. So we are having a pantry shower to fill her cupboards with food (and refrigerator) supplies. ***Olena does not eat meat, ONLY fish!*** Otherwise everything else is fine. At this time we are not asking for any kitchen or household items until she has moved in and we see what is needed. There were items left over from last springs donations which we will go through first. After she has moved in, we will put together a list of items she needs. Gift Cards are also welcome.

Olena has acquired a substitute teacher position with the Watertown School District for the time being. If there are any who would be able to offer rides to Olena for the winter, please let Pastor know.

**Outreach and Fellowship Committee Planning Fellowship Events “Just for Fun”
CHILI COOK-OFF January 20th**

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee of Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on Saturday January 20th. There will be prizes for the best chili. Judging will be by the tasters and a panel of judges. There is no cost to enter the chili competition and just \$5.00 to taste all the chili beginning at 11 am. For more information call or text Denise Biller at 605-377-5106.

CELEBRATION OF LOVE February 10th

Enjoy a night of food, dancing, fellowship, and time to celebrate the season of love on February 10th at the 2nd Street Station. The evening of fellowship for all couples and singles will begin with a social hour at 5 pm and serving of the meal at 5:30 pm. No formal attire is required. Tickets for this First Annual Celebration of Love are \$30 for single and \$50 for two and available at the church office. You must purchase prior to February 4th. We especially encourage newly married and long-time married couples to come and let us celebrate you. The committee is looking for those who could provide rides for our elderly members or any

who may not drive during the evening. If you are able, please let the office know.

YOUTH FUN NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR January 19

Youth in grades 7th thru 12th are invited to a fun night on Friday, January 19th from 6 pm to Midnight at Grace Lutheran. The evening will begin with a meal, include games and several fun activities to be determined. Parents are asked to help with the night. If you are able, please contact Pastor Cheryl, 605-237-1501.

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR January 21

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th in the church Sanctuary following the 10:30 am worship. There will only be one worship service that day to allow for the 11:30 am meeting. Important business of the church will be discussed, including the budget. To vote and pass the budget, a certain number of members must be present, so please plan to be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, a ZOOM link will be available as we need the numbers to have a vote.

Caramel Rolls will be available on January 21st beginning at 9:30 am to eat in or take out. All proceeds go to the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

ZOOM Link for Annual Meeting: If you are not able to attend the annual meeting, email Pastor Cheryl for a ZOOM link to be sent to you **prior to** the meeting. You will need to download the ZOOM app on your computer or phone prior to the time. Instructions can be sent to you if additional help is needed PRIOR to the meeting – NOT during. Email Pastor by Saturday January 20th at: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com to receive a ZOOM link.

Potluck Meal following Annual meeting

There will be a potluck meal at noon on Sunday, January 21st following the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to take time to participate by bringing a dish to pass and staying to visit and get to know your family at Grace Lutheran. Fellowship is an important part of being a member of the church family and we look forward to spending time with you and your family.

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.. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the front door.. 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*

WATERTOWN FRUITS BY GRACE SALES

Our fruits, nuts, snacks and candy items are always available at the office Monday thru Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm and Wednesday until 7 pm. All proceeds go to Grace Lutheran

GRACE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION GRANTS are due February 15th. Grant forms are available in the office. Please pick them up and completed prior to the due date.

MISSION OF THE MONTH Ukrainian Refugee Efforts

During the past year, Grace Lutheran has sponsored 5 refugees from Ukraine. Vasyl Molod and Igor and Luv Tokariev and boys Davyd and Ramir. All have settled into their apartments, jobs, and school in Watertown.

Currently a new refugee, Olena Shevliakova, arrived in South Dakota on December 20th and is staying with host family Ty and Jen Moos at Webster. She will be moving to Watertown in the coming weeks as she obtains employment and an apartment.

The statewide "Freedom's Haven for New Americans Workforce" set a goal in 2023 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. Ukrainian's coming to the US must have a sponsor. Lutheran Social Service and Codington County Social Services provide many programs of assistance. They are allowed to work as soon as they arrive in the US. Volunteer assistance is needed to provide transportation for the first weeks they are here so they can apply for employment. Currently there are 6 families plus two singles in Watertown and another family coming this month.

Grace Lutheran has a separate account to make donations for our refugees to help them get established as they come. You can give online at glcwn.org or mail to the Ukraine Fund at Grace Lutheran, 202 2nd St, SE, Watertown, SD 57201. Gift Cards are also welcome. For more information or if you can help, contact Pastor Cheryl.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Ed Morrison

KEYBOARDIST: Isaak Montemayor

Acolyte: Soren Bisgard

USHERS: Maria Lima and Melody Schulz & family

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Soren Bisgard & Maria Lima

PRIASE TEAM: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Krisma DeWitt, Karen Kasperson, Rhonda Lorenz.

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, & Dylan Jordan

Pastoral Calls: *You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com*



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Memorial, Radio, Youth Trip, Parking Lot,
Multipurpose Room or other on that page.**