



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

6th Sunday of Easter ~ May 14, 2023 ~ 11 am
Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship

Contemporary Service ~ 11 am

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 66*)

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth,

Sing out the praises of God.

Come all you people and know the joy of the Lord,

The love of God is greater than the tongue can tell!

Bless the Lord all you people, bless his Holy Name!

We praise, and worship, and honor, and glorify Your name O Lord!

GATHERING SONG: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631

CALL TO CONFESSION (*inspired by John 14*)

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*inspired Titus 3: 4-8*)

Hear now God's assurance of pardon: "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ

they teach their children, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor. As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may love you above all. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

ELW 752

PRAYER PETITIONS:

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Watch over our farmers and ranchers as they busy themselves with spring planting and fill drivers with a sense of safety on the roads as they meet them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to those in power so all may live in peace. We ask for your blessings upon our refugee families and all who are fleeing war, conflict and violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Millie, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, Sandra, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for all those we've loved who have gone before us and now live with you. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. 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. **Amen.**

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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.

SENDING & BENEDICTION: *(based on John 14:18-19)*

Listen to the promise Jesus makes: I will never abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. Even though the world will not be able to see me, I will never vanish from your sight. And since I live, you will also live. Go from here in the knowledge that you do not go alone: the power and presence of God goes with you.

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG: "Boundless Love"

(Refrain) Boundless love touches And changes the heart of us.
Boundless love touches and changes the heart of us.

1. 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. *(Refrain)*
2. 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. *(Refrain)*
3. 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. *(Refrain)*

SENDING: Go in peace... The Spirit goes with you. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**
Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for May 14th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Millie Brinkman, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, 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 14th – 21st

Today	MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 am Traditional Worship service 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11 am – Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	9 am Coffee Bible Study with Josh 1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Tuesday	PCC Pastors meeting and text study 6 pm Ukrainian gathering for meal, English 2 nd Language class
Wednesday	10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 7 pm Family Worship Service
Thursday	Law Enforcement/First Responders Luncheon 11 am – 1 pm Committal Service for Arden Hanson at Hayti at Noon
Sunday	SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/communion Bike Blessing meal 11:30 with Blessing at 12:30

Communion in May - on the 1st and 3rd Sundays due to pastor gone May 14th.

Upcoming Events:

May 21st – Senior Recognition Sunday at 11 am Worship service
Blessing of the Motorcycles:
11:30 am – fund raiser meal in fellowship hall
12:30 pm – blessing service followed by ride around Lake Kampeska
May 28th – Summer worship schedule begins – One Service at 8:30 am.
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!

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.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Join the Grace Lutheran Youth Group on a trip to the Sioux Falls Canaries Faith and Family Day June 14. This is a Canaries tradition, with group discounts for churches, a special prayer before the game, and video testimonials from Canaries players and other local luminaries on what having faith in their life means to them. Faith and Family Day is presented by AARP Sioux Falls! We want to be at the Birdcage at 6:35 p.m. for the game against the Winnipeg Goldeyes! Details are still being worked out but we need sign-up of interest to work out the transportations details. Invite your friends. For more information, contact Josh. Sign up or call the office with your name, phone number, and number attending. Office: 605-886-5737,

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 Flower for this Mother’s Day are given by Geri Mohror in memory of my mother and mother-in-law and in honor of all the mothers at Grace. 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: *Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201*

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, have been delay due to corrections necessary on their immigration papers. We hope this will be resolved soon.

Vasyl Molod, arrived on April 27th and is staying with Pastor Cheryl and husband Scott at Wilmot for the first few weeks until employment is obtained.

“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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER:

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor

USHERS:

PRIASE TEAM: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling, Marian Raml

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, Parking Lot,
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