



140 Years of
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ March 26, 2023
Grace Lutheran Church 8:30 am Service
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print
Welcome and Announcements

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BAPTISM SONG:

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

ELW 445 vs 1 & 2

- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among you people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p 227

*Parents & Sponsor Response: **I do.** Congregational Response: **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.**

Congregation Welcome: 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.

BAPTISM SONG continued: “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” vs 3

3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Pew Bible 704**

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 6-11

Pew Bible 919

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Return to the Lord"

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 11: 1-45

Pew Bible p 873

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

ELW 452

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.
2 To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.

3 There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
one God who made us all.
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.

Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you. (*Please share the peace with those around you.*)

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING: (*based on Ezekiel 37: 1-14*)

Let us pray... **O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

SONG of OFFERING:

"Create in Me"

ELW 186

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

PRAYER PETITIONS: *Response to:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 receive Jesus, who restore your soul.

COMMUNION SONGS:

"Lamb of God"

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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.

"Restore in Us, O God"

ELW 328

1 Restore in us, O God,

the splendor of your love;

- renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.
- 2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share

- the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.
- 4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

"You Are the Way"

ELW 758

- 1 You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free.
- 2 You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.

- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Let us Pray... **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING: *(based on Romans 8: 10-11)*

SENDING SONG:

"On Eagle's Wings"

ELW 787

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

- And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture
you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,

nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his
hand.

DISMISSAL: Go in peace... Restored by Christ. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for March 26th

Experience Grace Daily!

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Denton (Bob) Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Steve Schlenner, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, 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.

On the CALENDAR - For the week of March 26th thru April 2nd

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/Holy communion & Baptism of Jax, Brycen & Skie Schiernbeck 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am Worship w/Holy communion & Baptism of Olivia Ann Rudebusch
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 Banquet
Tuesday	Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee
Wednesday	NOON - Community Lenten services 12:05 led by Grace 12:30 pm – Community soup luncheon served by Grace 6 pm - Prophets Bible Study 6 pm - Wednesday School 7 pm – Lenten services w/ confirmation students assisting 7:30 pm - Youth Group meets in Youth Room 7:30 pm - Beth St Martin telling Ryan's Story – a presentation about drug addiction and loss.
Friday	Home Schoolers at Grace 8 am to Noon
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30 am - Worship service w/Palm processional 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am – Caramel Rolls for sale 9:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt & Face Painting with prizes 11 am - Worship service w/Palm Processional & Children singing 1 pm Service at Edgewood 1 – 4 pm Margaret Gjerde 95th Birthday family

Upcoming Events:

- April 9th – Easter services at 7:30 & 9:30 with Spanish speaking at 11 am
Easter Brunch from 8:30 to 11 am
- April 11 – 13: SD Synod Spring Theological in Watertown
- April 16 – Country Gospel Jamboree 2-4 pm; noon meal; silent auction.
- April 30th - Affirmation of Baptism service at 11 am
- May 21st - Senior Recognition Sunday

Welcome into the Family of God Today

We welcome Jax Abel-Roy, Brycen Tyler, and Skie Misty Schiernbeck into the family of God today through Holy Baptism at the 8:30 am service. Jax and Brycen are the sons of Skie and Aaron Schiernbeck. Their sponsors are Megan & Joseph Nord and Patrick Sadek. Olivia Ann Rudebusch will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11 am service. She is the daughter of James and Jennifer Rudebusch. Her sponsors are David & Courtne Rudebusch and Amanda Juracek. May God protect them, encircle them with His promises and fill their hearts with joy.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the "I Got it at Grace" vendor fair! Although the weather prevented a lot of people from coming, it was still good for Grace. Thank you to those who donated food and to those who helped in the kitchen, the concession stand, and those who helped with the dried fruit & nuts. A big thank you to the youth who helped – you are a wonderful blessing! Parents, I hope you are proud of how good they do! Together, we all are making Grace a wonderful church home! God Bless! Bobbi & Darlene

Beth St Martin to speak Wednesday on drug addiction telling Ryan's Story

Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD will speak at Grace Lutheran at 7:30 pm, Wednesday evening, following Lenten worship on March 29th. Her talk is called Ryan's Story and tells the story of a family dealing with the addition of a child and the pain and grief of dealing with the loss of a loved one by overdose. The goal of Ryan's Story is trying to "erase some of the stigma around drug addiction" and help people understand it can happen to anyone. St Martin tells the story from the non-addict view and then talks about grief, coping with grief, and "what I do to cope with grief". Officer Alexis Buysse from the Watertown Police Department will be on hand to answer questions about what local law enforcement are dealing with. St Martin was to speak during the Mini-Youth gathering in January, which was cancelled. Several expressed interest in hearing this story about addiction. With the increase in drugs in our community and upcoming events of prom and graduation, we are providing this opportunity to hear this story in hope it may save another family the pain and grieve of losing a child through the heartache of addiction Everyone is welcome.

LAST COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY:

Grace Lutheran will conduct the worship service and luncheon this week for the Community Lenten services. The service will begin at 12:05 and held in the sanctuary at Grace Lutheran. Lunch follows in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with the luncheon.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Dee Haugen

PIANIST: Isaak Montemayor

SONG LEADER: Leigh Carstensen

USHERS/ COMMUNION SERVERS: Bonnie Oletzke, Geri Mohror, Ashley Andrews & Colin Sauer
Sound/Video Tech Team: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, & Dylan Jordan

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

EASTER FLOWERS INSERT

An insert this week in the bullet is available for flower and plant donations for the Palm Sunday palms and Easter Sunday flowers. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish considering the increase in the cost of flowers during the last year. Please return the form no later than April 7th.

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT WITH FACE PAINTING

There will be an Easter Egg hunt and face painting between services on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Postcards are being sent out to the Grace Lutheran neighborhood with an invitation for our neighbors to come and join the fun. Children are asked to come and join in the palm processional for each worship at 8:30 and 11 am. The Easter Egg hunt and face painting will take place between the service during the regular Sunday school time. Children will also be singing during the 11 am service.

EASTER BRUNCH PLANNED

An Easter Brunch will be served on Easter morning, April 9th. Worship services at set for 7:30 and 9:30 am with a Spanish speaking service at 11 am for our Spanish speaking neighbors. Bruch will be service in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 to 11 am.

CRAFT CLASS: Denise Thingelstad will teach a class on greeting card making on Tuesday evening, April 18th from 5:30 to 7:00. Cost of the class is \$10 which will cover the cost of supplies. Participants will make a simple card with a couple embellishments. Registration is due by April 14. Please call the office 605-886-5737.

HELP CREATE A SPECIAL 140TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT

To commemorate the 140th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church, we invite the congregation to help make a quilt! The quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 ½" blocks, which we will provide. Each family can take 1 block and design it however you wish to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. 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. Blank quilt square are available at the church office.

COUNTRY GOSPEL JAMBOREE! April 16th

Terry Foster and the Classic's will be the featured bank for this years Country Gospel Jamboree. Area musicians and singers are encouraged to come join in the fun with a number or two with the band sharing their musical talents. To sign up, Contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

There will be a noon meal served until 1:30 prior to the jamboree. The meal will consist of a Chef salad or hamburger or brat with mac salad, baked beans and chips for \$10.00. The meal will be eat in or take out. Denise Biller is in charge of the meal.

A silent auction will also be held from noon to 3:30 pm in the hallways around the fellowship hall. Donations to the silent auction are welcome. If you have items to donate to the silent auction, contact Darlene Bresson or drop the items off at the office.

All proceeds from the Jamboree activities go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generous donations.

Dinner for Two for a year Tickets available

Tickets are now available for a chance to win *Dinner for Two* for each month for a year. The twelve dinners for two are at: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys,

Mavericks, El tapatio, North Shore, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senor Max's, and the Watertown Brewing. Cost of the tickets are just \$5.00. The winner will be drawn during at the April 16th Jamboree at approximately 3:30 pm. All proceeds go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church.

“LUTHERAN OUTDOORS” March Mission of the Month by the Missions Committee.

This mission consist of three different camps offering a summer camp experience for children or for the whole family to get away or it may also be a winter retreat. It consists of Outlaw Ranch, NeSoDak and Klein Ranch, all in South Dakota. Marti Knudsen, of NESODAK, will attend the March 19th worship services to talk about the camps.

Check out the Website for the 2023 Summer Camp Schedules. Your donations will help send a child that can't afford the cost of this adventurous camp. What a difference it can make in a child's life. A place where God's people can receive preparation for a life of faith, love, and living in the loving arms of God.

APPLICATIONS MADE FOR UKRAINE REFUGEES

An application to sponsor Igor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and David, ages 7 and 10, is in the review process. Igor is a welder by profession. The family is from the city of Zaporozhye and currently in Poland.

An application has been made for Vasyl Molod from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine and currently in Germany. He comes from a family of 9 children of which there are 5 minor children yet. He is 23 years old and will stay with Pastor Cheryl and Scott in Wilmot. It is his hope to settle and help others in his family to get here.

At times there are single people like this who seek refugee here. If you are able to host a single person such as this, contact Pastor Cheryl.

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 giving in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. Altar Flower this week are given from Darcy Raethz in celebration of her sister Denise Biller's birthday. 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***

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES insert in your bulletin: Grace Lutheran has the most amazing members who regularly volunteer. Often someone would like to volunteer but does not know what there is to do or to offer their faithful serve for. A list will be handed out with a variety of upcoming opportunities and inserted in the bulletin.

CONGREGATIONAL QUERY INSERT IN BULLETIN

The Grace Lutheran Council is seeking your opinion on repurposing the choir room to a Multi-purpose Room. The insert will be in the bulletin through Palm Sunday. On the honor system only vote one time per person - You may put your comments on the back of the insert.

**Check us out on our website at glcwtn.org
And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**