



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 1, 2021*  
*Grace Lutheran Church*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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**PRELUDE**

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**GATHERING HYMN: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” *ELW 461***

1 All who hunger gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.

3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT** (inspired by Ephesians 4:4-6)

Holy God, your word declares that you have taken away our iniquity, and that you remember our sin no more.

**But we confess that we focus so much on ourselves, and our failures, and our feelings and our merits that we choose to be consumed by our guilt and shame, and refuse the salvation you offer us freely through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us when we forget the comfort of your love, our fellowship with your spirit, and the tenderness and compassion you have called us to show to a world in need. Forgive us when we care so much about**

**ourselves and what we want that we forget to love our neighbor, and in so doing forget to love you.**

Almighty Father, take from us all hatred and prejudice and discord.

**Remind us that there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so that we may all truly be of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and that with one mind and one mouth we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns together with you and the Holy Spirit, in a Kingdom without end. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. God has kept the covenant. You have been forgiven, You have been made new people.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray... **O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15                      Pew Bible p 55**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the

cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 78:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16          Pew Bible p 951**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Word of Life, Jesus Christ”**

**WOV p 48**

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

**Pew Bible p 867**

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

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

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food

that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*(You may be seated)*

## MESSAGE

**SERMON SONG:**            ***“O Bread of Life from Heaven”***            **ELW 480**

<p>1 O bread of life from heaven,  O food to pilgrims given,  O manna from above:  feed with the blessed sweetness  of your divine completeness  the souls that want and need your love.</p> <p>2 O fount of grace redeeming,  O river ever streaming  from Jesus' wounded side:</p>	<p>come now, your love bestowing  on thirsting souls, and flowing  till all are fully satisfied.</p> <p>3 We love you, Jesus, tender,  in all your hidden splendor  within these means of grace.  Oh, let the veil be riven,  and our clear eye in heaven  behold your glory face to face.</p>
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## **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.

**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**  
(*This time of offering is for the mission & ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.*)

**SONG of OFFERING: “We Are an Offering”** **ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours; We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you;

We are an offering, we are an offering

**DEDICATION OF OFFERING:**

Let us pray... **On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

**PRAYER SONG: “Hear Our Prayer”** **ELW 178**

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

## **PRAYER PETITIONS:**

You call your church to be the body of Christ, working together with one heart and mind. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of your gift as the bread of life. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Pour down rains on parched and dried lands and grant relief to all who fight forest fires. Regenerate wildlife and natural resources that have been destroyed, protect from livestock and all species from the intense heat, and sustain farmers and ranchers as they work to provide for their needs. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of all people no matter what tradition or culture so all may learn to live together as your family in Christ. Empower our service men and women with wisdom to speak with compassion for the well-being of the oppressed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned by law, addictions or oppression. We especially pray for those dealing with health issues: Rhys, Roy, Ester, Jim, Shannon, Joyce, Carla, Bella, Loren, Bruce, Doug, Judy, Linda, Rick, Deb, Donnie, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make Grace Lutheran a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. A place of peace to those who live in hate and prejudice. To any who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, to those who have experienced conflict or injustice of the past,

prepare this congregation to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with our loved ones and all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG: "Hear Our Prayer" ELW 178**

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each*

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us

**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.**

**BENEDICTION:**

If you have found some of the good bread of Christ here this day, then don't hesitate to share it with others.

For this is the bread that increases the more it is given away, and nourishes us best in the presence of goodwill and laughter.

Go on your way in good spirits, for the best is yet to come.

*And may the grace of our Saviour,  
the love of our Creator,  
and the friendship of our Enabler,  
will be with you this day and forevermore.*

**Amen.**



**SENDING SONG:****“O Living Bread from Heaven”****ELW 542**

1 O living Bread from heaven,  
how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing!  
O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
in thankful song o'er flows.

3 You gave me all I wanted;  
this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
the favor you have shown;  
and all my soul and spirit  
bow down before your throne.

2 My Savior, you have led me  
within your holiest place,  
and here yourself have fed me  
with treasures of your grace;  
for you have freely given  
what earth could never buy,  
the bread of life from heaven,  
that now I shall not die.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened  
with heav'nly food, while here  
my course on earth is lengthened,  
to serve you, free from fear;  
and bring me home to praise you  
where none can peace destroy,  
where I will ever raise you  
glad songs in endless joy.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace... as one body and one Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. We Will!**

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

**Announcements for August 1<sup>st</sup>*****Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:***

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Carla Frost, Bella Hatch, Loren Holzwarth, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Linda Lindgren, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Donnie Vrtacnik, 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.

**On the CALENDAR - For the week of August 1 thru 8th**

Today 8:30 am Worship service  
1 pm – Service at Edgewood  
Monday 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters  
Wednesday 10:30 am Service at Avantara  
5:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room  
Sunday 8:30 am Worship w/communion

**Upcoming Events:**

September 1 – Confirmation begins  
September 12 – Rally Day for Sunday school  
September 15 – Rally Day for Wednesday school  
Youth Groups starts meeting at 7:30 pm  
Family worship at 7 pm  
September 19-21: Fall Theological at Pierre, SD (Pastor gone)  
October 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>: 1517 “Here I Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)  
October 30<sup>th</sup> – Nordefest Plus

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett                      **READER:** Becky Sprouse  
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**GLCW (Glace Lutheran Church Women) preparing school kits**

School supplies are out in the schools and as everyone turns their attention back to school, GLCW wants to remind you of the supplies needed for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. Only supplies are needed as the book bags have been purchased.

To be include in each school kit:

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8” x 10 ½”;
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser

Items for Baby Care Kits include:

- TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO pairs of socks
- ONE hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

Items for Personal Care Kits are:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH – Pueblo de Dios, our “Neighbors in Solidarity”**

The mission of the month is **Pueblo de Dios**, a bilingual church in central Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The South Dakota Synod responds to God’s call to share the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ with all people, from all nations and walks of life. “Neighbors in Solidarity” gives you the opportunity to support amazing ministries throughout the South Dakota Synod.

Solidarity is a commitment with others and a way of seeing, being, and acting. Solidarity means seeing and experiencing one’s own well-being as connected to the well-being of others and the communities to which they belong. Solidarity often

involves people aligning themselves with others who do not have the same experiences. The principle of solidarity compels respect for the lived experience of all our brothers and sisters. Solidarity encourages us to share in our neighbor's suffering and to participate in their liberation.

Pueblo de Dios is a congregation of English speakers and Spanish speakers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each Sunday they gather to worship together as one people – the people of God. Many of our families speak Spanish at home and English at work and school, or have one parent that prefers English and one parent that prefers Spanish. Each Sunday we read, pray, and declare our beliefs together – no matter what language we speak.

The mission and vision of Pueblo de Dios: Following God; Breaking down barriers; Standing with people in need.

More information is available at: <https://www.pueblodedios.org/> Financial support can be given through the South Dakota Synod.

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 by Will Morlock in memory of Dorothy Shirk, a faithful listener of our church broadcast on KWAT who passed away at 100 years. Altar Flowers today are given Lavern & Louise McPeck in memory of their brothers and sisters. 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***

**FUND RAISING NOTE:** with the fund from the Celebration, bundle tickets, donations, pledges, and all we have reached **\$90,000 plus** for the “Raise the Roof” project. For those who are interested in helping, please help sell tickets. There are a few tickets left for the shotgun bundle drawing and the tickets for the Side by Side are going fast. A book of tickets has 10 tickets. You can pick up a book to sell from the office. The sooner they are sold, the sooner we get to draw a winner.

<b>Raise the Roof funds</b>	
Foundation	\$ 20,000.00
Grace general	\$ 20,000.00
Pledges	\$ 27,124.00
Memorials/Donations	\$ 7,759.00
Fundraisers	\$ 15,978.00
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$ 90,861.00</b>

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And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**