



140 Years of
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Holy Trinity Sunday ~ June 4, 2023 ~ 8:30 am
Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

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Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.**

We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

ELW 413

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 *ELW p 147 – 148*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Glory to God in the Highest”* *ELW p 148 & 149*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING:**Genesis 1:1--2:4a****Pew Bible 1**

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping

thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**
human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Pew Bible p 944

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Children's Sermon

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" ELW 620 vs 1 & 2

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20 Pew Bible p 812

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" ELW 412

1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.

The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.

2 Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.

3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.

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:

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

ELW 691 vs 1 & 3

1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.

We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!

4 Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

3 Our hopes and dreams,
our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you.

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. Amen**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

PRAYER SONG: "The Spirit Intercedes for Us"

ELW 180

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, oh. (2x)

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by misuse and devastation, sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing, and provide favorable weather for farmers and ranchers to grow a bountiful harvest. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up faithful leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between peoples and nations, that we might agree with one another, put an end to war, and live in peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Denise, Joyce, Harper, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Kristi, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Evelyn, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, Sandra, the family of Millie Brinkman, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. Watch over and protect all refugees, especially those who now have come to live in our community. Help us to be a community of love and acceptance

working together in the mission you have given Grace Lutheran and the congregations of this area to welcome them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PRAYER SONG: “The Spirit Intercedes for Us” ELW 180
The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, oh. (2x)

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:

Creator God— as we return now to our homes, workplaces, and communities may Your Spirit open our eyes anew to the vastness and splendor of Your beauty all around us.

May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch Your glory evident in all of Your creation.

Above all, let us see Your beauty even in the brokenness of our brothers and sisters— all of them, created in Your image, and waiting to experience that redemption that comes only through Christ Jesus our Lord.

And now... The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed †
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” ELW 414
1 Holy God, we praise your name; Infinite your vast domain,
Lord of all, we bow before you. everlasting is your reign.
All on earth your scepter claim, 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
all in heav'n above adore you. angel choirs above are raising;

cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
3 Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;

and from morn to set of sun
through the church the song goes on.
4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We Will!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements for June 4

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Denise Biller, Joyce Brever, Harper Evjen, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Kristi Herting, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Martha "Evelyn" Quade, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, the family of Millie Brinkman, 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 June 4th - 11th

Today	8:30 am Worship service 11 am to 1 pm 100 th Birthday celebration for Phyllis Jongeling in Fellowship Hall 1 pm Service at Edgewood
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Tuesday	4 pm Ukraine Refugee Efforts Volunteers meeting 6 pm Potluck meal and "Meet and Greet" Igor Tokariev and family along with other Ukraine Refugees in Watertown. Please bring a dish to pass and a welcoming smile.
Wednesday	10:30 am Service at Avantara 6 pm Family Worship Service

MEET AND GREET FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES:

Tuesday, June 6th at 6 pm there will be a potluck Meet and Greet for Igor Tokariev and family, Vasyl Molod and other Ukrainian refugees who now live in Watertown. This will be a time for members of the church(es) and community to stop by and meet the families and hear about the efforts being made to help them resettle. Everyone is invited to attend, just bring a dish to pass and a friendly smile.

PICK UP YOUR QUILT BLOCK TO BE IN SPECIAL 140TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT

Our quilt team is making a commemorative 140th anniversary quilt and we'd like everyone to be included. Each family can take a blank quilt block and design something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use clothe paints.

This beautiful quilt will be made from the 7 ½" blocks and be approximately 60" X 80" made. Blocks are available in the church office. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the office) **no later than August 13th** to be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration.

Bent But Not Broken... Harper's Heroes

A fund raiser will be held for Harper Evjen on Saturday, June 17th from 11 am to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran. Harper, the daughter of Chris and Kelly, was recently diagnosed with a severe form of Scoliosis. The only option for this severe form is spinal surgery to preserve her mobility and allow her to continue to grow as normally as possible. Continued surgeries may be necessary. The fund raiser day will include a free will donation meal, same day chance drawing, bake sale, 50 square board for prizes, Harper bracelets, music and cheer demonstration.

Donations can also be sent to Dakotah Bank under "Harper's Heroes". Bake sale items will be appreciated. For more information contact Darcy Raethz or Denise Biller.

Church on the Street is Mission of the Month

Welcome to Church on the Street. It is our mission to take the gifts of the Church out to the people who, for whatever reason, cannot come inside.

We build relationships as God did through listening, asking questions, being present and consistent, and showing compassion to all of God's people. We believe that every human being, regardless of whether they are housed or unhoused, deserves a community where they feel at home. We look a little different than most churches, but where it matters we are exactly the same.

There are several ministries within Church on the Street including: Laundry with Love, Undercover Closet, Fruits of the Freezer, Health and Healing and Partners in Christ which includes: Faith Through Frames, Journey of Hope, SD ELCA Synod, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and Augustana University Sign Language

Mission Trip to Church on the Street July 8th

Grace youth and families will once again serve those who live on the streets on Saturday, July 8th in Sioux Falls. We encourage all members, young and old to travel with us on this mission close to home.

During the month of June, we will collect donations for Church on the Street, Food items of Protein bars, peanut butter, jelly, bags or boxes of cereal, instant potatoes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, white rice and cans of soup; and quarters of case for Laundry with Love to be taken with on this mission trip in July.

Church on the Street is a ministry of the South Dakota Synod and holds church services on the second Saturday of the month. For more information check out churchonthestreetsf.org or Facebook.

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 AND THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by Sherry & Gary Jongeling in honor of the 100th Birthday of Phyllis Jongeling. 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

July VBS “*Keepers of the Kingdom*”

VBS theme this year is *Keepers of the Kingdom!* based on Ephesians 6:10–18. VBS will be held July 24th to 28th from 9:30 am to 12 Noon sessions at Grace Lutheran Church.

Register your children by June 16 for this fun and exciting time of learning about the Armor of God. A registration form is at the church office. Friends are always welcome at Grace Lutheran Church—202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

LWR Monthly Mission Kit Request for June is Towels:

For baby care kits: hand towel, dark color recommended. For personal care kits: light-weight bath size towel. Please bring your towels in June for your offering for the LWR kits.



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And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**

If you would like to GIVE with a credit or debit card please use the QR code to the left or visit glcwn.org/give