



Grace Lutheran 1883-2022

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter~ May 7, 2023 - 11 am service  
Preschool Sunday & Installation of Youth & Family Director  
Grace Lutheran Church - Welcomes You to Worship*

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**PRELUDE**

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 31: 1-5; 15-16)*

Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out, who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to his unflinching love.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**

**Let's worship God together!**

**GATHERING SONG: "All Are Welcome" ELW 641 vs 1, 3-5**

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us. But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.

**Before God and God's people, I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge me with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Preschooler's will come forward*

**Danielle Dobberpuhl report on Preschool  
Preschool Songs**

**Time for Children's Message**

*Sunday/Wednesday school children join them*

**Sunday and Wednesday school children remain and sing  
Children be seated and remain for the Installation**

## **Installation of Youth and Family Director**

In Christian love, you, the parents and families of this congregation, presented your children for Holy Baptism just as you yourself were Baptized. In baptism, sacred promises are made. It is your calling to keep these sacred promises:

- To faithfully come AND bring others to the services of God's house.
- To study AND teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments.
- To use the Holy Scriptures AND to share those with those who do not know the stories.
- To take the opportunities to be instructed AND to provide for the instruction in Christian faith.

One of the ways we, as a congregation, help you do this is through our Sunday Church School Program. Sunday Church School is an important part of the life of a Christian, from birth until death, because it is here that you grow in your faith, learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and Ten Commandments. You learn the stories of our faith and you join with other Christians as we build up the body of Christ. Today we commission our Sunday School Teachers and Staff.

Joshua Casper, Our Lord, who came along among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You stand among us as one called to provide a particular service, a gift from God to inspire work with the youth and young families of Grace Lutheran Church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to these people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work as our new Youth and Family Director.

Do you acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world? I will.

Will you so live that you enable Grace Lutheran to be a people of love and peace? I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen? I will.

Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your blessings on your servant Joshua Casper, who has been given particular ministries in your church. Grant him grace to give wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before him the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let him share His ministry and blessing that they may enter into His joy. Guide him in his work. Reward his faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

**We will.**

Children will return to their pews

**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: “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”**

*(Refrain)* Everybody’s got something to offer;

Young and old, the prince and the pauper.

Everybody’s got something to offer In the name of the Lord.

To the lost and the lowly ones The message it is clear;  
We have all got a gift to give Our hands, our hearts, our tears. *(Refrain)*

To the believers gathered here The message it is true;  
We have all got a gift to give In all we say and do. (*Refrain*)

### **PRAYER OF OFFERING:**

Let us pray... **Generous God, we give you our gifts of time; our gifts of talents; our gifts of money; building stones for Your Kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing, within Your loving purpose. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60                      Pew Bible p 891**

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those  
who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."

**PRAISE SONG: “Love to the World” Praise Team**

*(Refrain)* Light the path. Shine the way. Send the word.  
Through our lives, show your love to the world.

Many roads up ahead, hard to see.  
Where is truth to be found?  
Can I trust and believe? *(Refrain)*

Ev’ry nation and tongue, ev’ry tribe  
All are children of God;  
for each one there is life. *(Refrain)*

To the ends of the earth bring your light.  
Justice, mercy and love,  
let them shine through the night. *(Refrain)*

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 2-10 Pew Bible 984**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and  
“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;

once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL LEAD-IN: “Help us O Lord” (DR Blue p 117)**

Help us O Lord to hear your word.  
Open our hearts to feel your word.

Give us the strength, To live your work each day. (Repeat)

**GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

**Pew Bible p 877**

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

*Response: Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

*(You may be seated)*

## MESSAGE

### SONG OF THE DAY: *“In Christ Alone”*

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



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**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**PRAYER PETITIONS:**

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. Build up the Church, redeeming Lord, through the bridge-building ministries between the church and world so that all Your children may find their place. Unique and special, chosen and essential to the living order of grace, where by Your grace, each one might know their value You have for them and their significance in Your eyes. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick 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.**

Assuring God, Your Son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and knowledge of your world. Give us compassion when they face temptations and experience failures. Teach us to walk with them in life and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. Guide their steps and lead them in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. 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.**

**PRAYER SONG: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW 752**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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 know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## THE COMMUNION

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE INVITED TO  
COME FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER.

### COMMUNION SONGS: "Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

#### *Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

#### "Feed Us Now"

Feed us now, Bread of Life, in this holy meal;  
Let us know your love anew; we hunger for you.  
Feed us now, Bread of Life, come and live within;  
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord, this food is good!  
Love and mercy come to us; your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand  
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near, nearer than our thoughts.  
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.  
God is here, O so near, in this heaven's meal.  
May we always feed on you, on the bread that is true.

#### "Communion Response"

Lord make me like your bread, your body,  
Break and bless my life for you.

From this cup of love and suffering, Make our lives poured out for you.

Take not your presence oh, Lord,  
And restore your salvation. (*Repeat first verse*)

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Let us Pray **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION:**

Go out knowing that God who raised Jesus from the dead is for you, so no one dare be against you; that Jesus power is made perfect in human weakness to strengthens you, so you have nothing to fear.

Step out into the world in humble confidence: for there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen, and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you, preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

And may the peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son. And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer and Counsellor, will be with you now and always. **Amen!**

**SENDING SONG:**                    ***“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”***                    ***ELW 549***

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling  
take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who  
believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,

shall blossom in action for God and for  
all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer  
your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will  
face—

our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole  
human race.

With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;

unite us as one in this life that we  
share.

Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that  
we bear.

**SENDING:** Go in peace... Jesus goes with you. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

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

## **Announcements for May 7<sup>th</sup>**

### ***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 7<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/ <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am – Contemporary Worship Service <b>w/ Holy Communion</b> Sunday/Wednesday school children singing & Preschool Sunday & Installation of Josh Casper as Youth and Family Director 1 pm – Service at Edgewood
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Tuesday	Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association meets at Hy-Vee 4 pm Ukraine Volunteer & Committee members meet 6 pm Outreach and Fellowship committee meets 6 pm English 2 <sup>nd</sup> Language class meets for Refugee
Wednesday	10 am Service at Hi Rise 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group

Thursday 10 am – Service at Stoneybrook  
5 pm – Finance and Stewardship meeting  
6 pm – Grace Council meeting  
Saturday & Sunday – Pastor Cheryl off  
Sunday MOTHER’S DAY  
8:30 am Traditional Worship service (Jack Holmquist Supply)  
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
11 am Contemporary Worship service (Jack Holmquist Supply)

### Upcoming Events:

May 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 28<sup>th</sup> – 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 you will study the text for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your Bibles—Bring your Friends. All are welcome.

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 lovingly given in memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. God Bless you all. 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**

### SPECIAL 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUILT IN THE MAKINGS

Have you picked up your quilt block? Our quilt team is making a commemorative 140<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>** so it can be sewn together and displayed for

the 140<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

### **SUMMER CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Summer classes are available to assist you in achieving the important baptismal responsibility of educating young people the catechism. Summer confirmation class is

available for any young people 7th thru 12th grade who have not completed this training. If you have questions, would like to sign your child up for a class contact Pastor Cheryl. Cell: 605-237-1501 or email: [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com).

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

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