



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 18, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church

8:30 am Service

Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW 685

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| 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. |
| 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. | 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne. |
| 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. | 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee. |

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 *ELW p 151*

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... **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1 **Pew Bible p 619**

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

“Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”)

²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

²**Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴**The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The Lord makes the woman of a childless house

to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Pew Bible p 966

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Alleluia"

ELW p151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Pew Bible p 851

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A

hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW 655

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh,
 whose birth among us
 hallows all our human race,
 you our head, who, throned in glory,
 for your own will ever plead:
 fill us with your love and pity,
 heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
 so may we for others live.
 Freely have your gifts been granted;
 freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver,
 yours the wealth of land and sea;
 we but stewards of your bounty
 held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of peace;
 hush the storm of strife and passion,
 bid its cruel discords cease.
 By your patient years of toiling,
 by your silent hours of pain,
 quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh,
 whose birth among us
 hallows all our human race:
 by your praying, by your willing
 that your people should be one,
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
 here on earth your will be done.

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF LWR QUILTS AND KITS....

Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed the member of Grace Lutheran Church with so many Gifts — many with a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now

we offer the fruits of their labors, the Quilts and kits made for Lutheran World Relief with love, to you.

We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person’s life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, a Baby Care Kit, a School Kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them. Keep showing us ways we may serve you together with our neighbors in need.

Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. **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
SONG of OFFERING: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” 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.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

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:

Response to: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.

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.

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION: (inspired by Luke 16: 1-13)

Go now and continue to offer prayers and thanksgiving for everyone. Be shrewd in dealing with the world around you but do not be seduced into serving wealth. Weep for those who suffer and share faith and truth with all.

And may God welcome you with love; May Christ Jesus give you knowledge of the truth; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all godliness and dignity. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”* **ELW 717**

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| 1 Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure. | an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed. |
| 2 Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed, | 3 So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through. |

DISMISSAL: Go in peace... to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for September 18th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Stanley Crane, Jody Crane, Jerry Dipprey, Judy Eide, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Kaye Harriott, Sharlee Kjellsen, Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Caden Thompson, 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 September 18th through 25th

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| Today | 8:30 am Traditional Worship service
w/Blessing of quilts and kits for World Relief |
| | 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship |
| | 9:30 am – Speaker on sponsoring a Ukrainian Refugee family |
| | 9:45 Sunday school |
| | 11 am Contemporary Worship service |
| September | 18-20: Fall Theological at Pierre, SD |
| Monday | 8 am Lefse making begins (week 2)
1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters |

Tuesday 5:30 pm Banquet
 8 am Lefse making continues (week 2)
 7 pm Lefse Worship
 Wednesday 10 am service at Townview
 10:30 am service at Jenkins Center
 6 pm Finance and Stewardship meeting
 6 pm Wednesday school
 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
 7 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary
 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
 Sunday Celebration Sunday - Thanksgiving & Appreciation meeting goal
 9:30 Sunday school NOTE TIME!
 10:30 am – Worship Celebration Service
 11: 30 am – Potluck meal and Fellowship
 3 pm – Youth Group Funday – Disc Golf
 6:30 – 8 pm: Synod Listen, Learn and Care for ALL Prairie Coteau
 Conference people to meet with the Synod Staff

Upcoming Events:

Sept 28th - 6 pm - God's Work, Our Hands – putting World Relief kits together
 October 2nd – Load the kits and quilts on truck for World relief.
 October 4th & 11th: First Communion Classes
 October 13 & 15th: 1517 “Here I Still Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)
 October 29th – Nordefest Plus
 November 5th – Fall Craft Fair

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: Dee Haugen

USHERS: Geri Mohrer & Steve Vogt

PIANIST: Judy Everson

SONG LEADER: Leigh Carstensen

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht
 Gary Rukstad and Jason Mohr.

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

Ukraine sponsorships for Refugees TODAY

Sister Barb Younger will be in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 today to talk about the sponsorship of Ukrainian refugees and answer question about the program.

(Lee Gabel is unable to attend.) At this time, we are looking for those who are interested in making a commitment to pledge financial assistance and volunteer assistance for transportation, shopping, schooling, and a variety of other welcoming support.

World Relief Materials due in September

GLCW (Glace Lutheran Church Women) collect materials for kits for World Relief. Materials for School, Baby Care, and Personal Care items can be purchased and left in the Narthex or office. The list are available in the office and in the September Gleanings. Please check the needs as several supplies have already been donated. A monetary donation can be made for

GLCW to purchase any items they are short on. All members are asked to assist in combining these kits to send to World Relief on Wednesday evening beginning at **6 pm** September 28th.

Sign up for Coffee Fellowship:

Coffee fellowship is being services at 9:30 am each Sunday. It is a great time to get back together after this long absence. Please come and join in coffee and fellowship and sign up as the coffee server for a week or two. We need everyone to take a turn.

God's Work – Our Hands to be held on Wednesday, September 28th

The time has been moved back to 6 pm for Confirmation students to help. Volunteers will take individual items for kits and bundle them together. It is not hard and does not take long as many hands make work light. Please take a little time helping prepare the items for the kits.

Adult and Parent help with Youth Group.

Sunday, September 25th disc golf is being planned for the Youth of Grace Lutheran. We are in need of adults and parents to help with this event and others. That is how we develop the family of Grace Lutheran Church, by teaching young people to be in fellowship with others from their faith family and being the face of Jesus to others. Contact Becky Sprouse or Pastor

Listen, Learn, Care Events Scheduled Across Synod

We're excited to announce that after a two-year hiatus, Listen, Learn, and Care events will be taking place in every conference around the Synod this fall. This is your chance to meet with Bishop Constanze and Associates to the Bishop Pr. Renee Splichal Larson and Pr. Jonathan Steiner and share your thoughts about how things are going in your congregation and around the Synod. The schedule for these events is below. We hope to see you soon!

All events will take place from 6:30 to 8pm local time:

- Northern Plains: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Aberdeen, Sept. 22
- **Prairie Coteau: Grace Lutheran, Watertown, Sept. 25**
- Medary: First Lutheran, Brookings, Oct. 11
- Bear Butte: South Canyon Lutheran, Oct. 18
- Prairie Rivers: Trinity Lutheran, Mitchell, Oct. 23
- Crossroads: Our Savior's Lutheran, Sioux Falls, Nov. 3
- Southeastern: Trinity Lutheran, Yankton, Nov. 4

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST is given** In loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. The Altar flowers are given by Randy & Lorraine Shuller in honor of their anniversary. 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:

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