



Grace Sanctuary 1921-2021

Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes you to Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021 ~ 11:00 am Service

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

GREETING: If any are suffering, let us turn to each other for God's healing touch and welcome all who seek God's wisdom.

CALL TO WORSHIP: The heavens are telling the glory of God **May our worship reflect God's glory** The firmament proclaims God's handiwork. **May we see each other as the handiwork of God.** Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God. **We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.** With Christians across geography and across time, **Let us worship!**

OPENING SONG:

"We Are Called"

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Mark 9:50)

Merciful God, **You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MISSION OF THE MONTH.... Lutheran World Relief

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church

SONG of OFFERING: “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”

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

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **O Lord, Your arm is never too short to touch us and meet our needs. Our hands are opened toward You with offerings of love and sacrifice. Receive these gifts and use them for Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Pew Bible p 113

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord

Moses, stop them!”²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!” Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.** ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.** ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.** ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

PRAISE SONG: “God is So Good”

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He’s so good to me! He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He’s so good to me! I’ll do His will, I’ll do His will, I’ll do His will, He’s so good to me! He is my Lord, He is my Lord, He is my Lord, He’s so good to me!

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20 Pew Bible p 983

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: “Open My Heart to Your Love

Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace. Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way. Healer of nations and broken hearts, you are the pathway to peace. Singer of life in the face of death, may we be your vessels so love will increase. Open my heart to your love, oh God.

Open my eyes to your grace. Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible p 821

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the ninth chapter.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:

“Kyrie Eleison”

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way - Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day. For peace in the world, for the health of the Church, For the unity of all; for this holy house, For all who worship and praise, Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! That we may live out your impassioned response To the hungry and the poor; that we may live out, Truth and justice and grace, Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, For friends and family; for life and for love, For our work and our play, Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives In the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls, With your body and blood, Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

PRAYER SONG:

“Hear Our Prayer”

ELW 178

PRAYER PETITIONS: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

I awaken to the one who walked our earth and whose God-light shone through, the one whose life came from the very life of God, our guide, our teacher, our friend. Whose life was an intent of God's creative imagination, who sang love's song at his beginning and was blessed. He was rejected by the powers of the world, executed by those same powers, sharing the same death of us all. Love had been killed, and they thought this the end. But nothing could contain, bind or hold the life Jesus began and the story continues to be believed of renewal, transformation and life again. I believe in... and I awaken to *Jesus*.

Hear the words Jesus spoke to us on that final night with His disciples.

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. Let us pray as our Savior 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and be renewed in the body and blood of Christ Jesus.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Lamb of God”

“I Received the Living God” ELW 477

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| I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. | 3 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. |
| 1 Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. | 4 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. |
| 2 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. | |

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Let us Pray... **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of**

joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION: Go now and celebrate wherever God's name is honored. When suffering comes, pray in faith. In times of joy, sing songs of praise. Persevere in prayer and action to bring the fallen back to the truth. And may God save you from all that would harm you; May Christ Jesus heal you and raise you up; and may the Holy Spirit anoint you and give you peace with one another. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”** **ELW 674**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!	2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!
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SENDING

Go in peace... to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Announcements for September 26th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Sky Asfeld, Jim Bakeberg, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Carla Frost, Duane Holker, Bruce Jahraus, Doug Koutz, Judy Lien, Jessica Pekelder, Rick Raml, Deb Schlenner, Caden Thompson, Donnie Vrtacnik, Carol Wagner, Robert Wittrock and the family of Bonnie and Mike Oletzke in the passing of Bonnie's mom, Joan Evonne Goeman, 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 26th through 3^d

Today	Loading the quilts and kits onto the LWR truck 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 – BRUNCH by free will offering for Roof Fund! 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Coffee Fellowship begins 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	8 am – Lefse making Worship in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	8 am – Lefse worship continues in Fellowship Hall 7 pm – Adult Confirmation Class
Wednesday	4 pm Confirmation Class in Basement 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 8:30 am Traditional Worship service
9:30 Sunday school
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
11 am Contemporary Worship service
1 pm – Services at Edgewood

Upcoming Events:

October 8-10 Pastor Vacation
October 12th & 19th - First Communion Class for 2nd graders on up.
October 15 & 16th: 1517 “Here I Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)
October 30th – Nordefest Plus
November 6th – Vendor Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall (if you have crafts or items to donate, please drop them off after October 18th.)

ENJOY BRUNCH –TODAY: Here’s a great way to support the fund-raising efforts of the roof project with brunch. The meal will begin at 9:30 am. On the menu is: Egg Bake with ham, sausage, bacon, or veggie; cheesy hashbrowns, fruit, muffins, rolls, yogurt & granola, juice and coffee. The brunch is by free will offering and all funds go to support the roof fund.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** Leigh Carstensen

USHERS: Grace Wickherst, Scott & Cindy Vanderleest

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor

PRAISE TEAM: Judy Everson, Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Kayla Mohling,
Krisma DeWitt, Leigh Carstensen, Rhonda Lorenz

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**

Donate dough and work, for donuts on Tuesday October 19th & 26th at 6:00 pm

CHOIR Practice to Start October 4th: Brenda Handel-Johnson will begin as the Music Director in October starting with choir and bell rehearsal on Monday, October 4th. Bells at 6-7 pm, Choir 7:10-8:10 pm. A full hour with each group to begin with. The time can be negotiated at that first practice if you are interested but unable meet on Monday, you can send a note to the church office Brenda will get in to find out what works best for your schedule. All youth through adults with an interest in music, singing, bells or other musical talents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend but interested, please let us know for Brenda to contact you

LEFSA MAKING in progress for Nordefest Plus ~Lefsa Makers needed! Each Monday and Tuesday at 8 am, Lefsa helpers are needed. On Monday they peel, boil and mash the potatoes and Tuesday they make the dough, roll, and fry it. They will be doing this through October 12th. If you are available, please stop by and join the fun. If you’ve ever wanted to learn, now is the time.

VISIONING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH: Next Visioning meeting will be on Wednesday evening, October 20th at 7:30 pm following Family Worship services. The data received from

FaithX will be used to begin writing a visioning statement and action steps.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Our “Neighbors in Solidarity”

Lutheran World Relief: Lutheran World Relief, was founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience. They envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. They tackle global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. LWR works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and do not evangelize. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives by partnering with communities to build and grow rural economies. Their work is to break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive with a goal to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end. The Quilt & Kit Ministry is the longest running program of LWR. The first quilts distributed in 1945 went to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world’s attention. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year. This year the quilters are sending 685 quilts, along with 102 school kits, 51 personal care kits and 103 baby care kits. LWR Mission Quilts are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. Your careful adherence to our quilt-making guidelines will ensure that every quilt is useful, consistent and fair. Their work includes help in agriculture and emergency assistance. To give to LWR go to <https://lwr.org/>

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 Janie Stianson – in loving memory of Farol Hendrickson & Jeremy Hendrickson. Altar Flowers today are given by James & Sharon Goble – in loving memory of our daughter Kimberly and son Gary and son-in-law Lynn, and grandson Christopher on their heavenly birthdays. 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***

Sign up for Coffee Fellowship: Coffee fellowship is being services at 9:30 am each Sunday. Please come and join in coffee and fellowship while your children are in Sunday school. If you are able, sign up as the coffee servers. We need everyone to take a turn.

Adult Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday evening September 28th at 7 pm. If you have never attended confirmation, or would like a refresher, please sign up today.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Children in the 2nd grade on up are invited to First Communion Classes on Tuesday evening October 12th and 19th at 6 pm. Students are required to participate in two classes. Those unable to attend at this time, please contact pastor. Any youngster who has not yet taken First Communion class are encouraged to register with Pastor Cheryl by October 7th. The students will take their first communion on Sunday, November 7th.

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