



140 Years of
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 2, 2023 ~ 8:30 am
Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print
Welcome and Announcements

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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:

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641

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.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: ***Refrain***

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*

GREETING:

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... **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 28:5-9** **Pew Bible 638**

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.” Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**“I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.”**”

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 6:12-23

Pew Bible p 917

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Children's Sermon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior" WOVS 614 vs 1 & 3

Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life:

Son of God who leads us to freedom; glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

1 You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light; you are the Word who brings us through the desert: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

3 You are the Word who calls us to be servants; you are the Word whose only law is love; you are the Word made flesh who lives among us: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

Pew Bible p 791

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

ELW 722

1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.

Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.

The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.

- 2 As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.
- 3 O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.
- 4 O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

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

SONG of OFFERING: "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Open my eyes that I may see. Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key, That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear, Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes falls on my ear, Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear, Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare, Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

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:

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For ears to hear your Word of truth and resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires that you would bless us with the gift of rain to grow the fruits of the earth for the benefit of your people. For conservation organizations and scientists working on renewable sources of energy. For all those who work the land and care for livestock and wildlife that they may be blessed with resources to care for your creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For leaders of all countries and nations. For military personnel. Cleanse our hearts from seeds of strife, greed and envy to work together for peace and guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve. Especially Nannette, Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Denise, Joyce, Harper, Dennis, Dick, Kristi, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, Sandra, the family of Judy Everson, the family of Martha "Evelyn" Quade those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are traveling for this holiday weekend. We pray for those who have created distances between others to renew relationships. We pray for your great love to be experience and expressed in our words and actions. Watch over families as they gather that they may draw closer to you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. 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

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THE LORD'S PRAYER:

BENEDICTION: Whoever welcomes you welcomes me. Quench our thirst for love, Satisfy our need to be known, Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome. Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name. And as you go, may the Spirit speak through you in truth. May the Lord Jesus, equip you to touch lives on this journey, And may God bless and guide you as you share this work of love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ELW 729

1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. For you live in grace. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for July 2

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Nannette Argabrite, Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Denise Biller, Joyce Brever, Harper Evjen, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Kristi Herting, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeck, 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, the family of Judy Everson, the family of Evelyn Quade, 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 July 2nd through July 9th

Today	8:30 am Worship service 1 pm Service at Edgewood
Monday	2 pm Funeral Service for Judy Everson NO Banquet Meal
Tuesday	Independence Day – Office Closed
Wednesday	10:30 am Service at Avantara NO Family Worship Service NO Youth Group NO Bible Study
Saturday	8 am – leave on Mission Trip to Church on the Street
Sunday	8:30 am Worship service w/ Jack Holmquist as supply

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 8 – Mission Trip to Church on the Street in Sioux Falls
July 14 – Youth Lock-in: Middle School Campfire or the Lock-in 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Youth 7th thru 12th beginning at 10 p.m. – 7 a.m.
July 24-28 VBS at Grace 9:30 am – Noon
August 30 – Confirmation Begins

Registration continues for 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 calling the office 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

MORNING COFFEE BIBLE STUDY Meets on Tuesdays

Have Coffee with Josh, Youth & Family Director each Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Conference Room. Each week there will be a study of the text for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your Bibles—Bring your Friends. All are welcome. NO Study July 4th.

WATERTOWN FRUIT BY GRACE The fruit has been delayed. Orders can be place until July 8th and we will now take half orders. Delivery will be July 16th. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck and deliver fruit to cars the next day.

WANTED: USED BICYCLES Do your or anyone you know happen to have a dusty bike no longer being used. We are looking for a couple of used children's bicycles that might be in your garage for Igor's children and an additional adult bicycle, they could use. Contact Pastor if you do.

Funding to Renovate the Multipurpose Room

Funds have been received to fill in the pit and update the lighting of the choir room to renovate it as a multipurpose room, but additional funds are need for finishing work and carpeting. If you would like to donate to this project, you can make a designated offering to the Multipurpose Room Fund in your offering envelop or online at glcwn.org/ give and select from the list or stop at the office.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Death and Resurrection of the Messiah" Bible Study Will **NOT** meet July 5th but continue on Wednesday evenings July 12th Each study focuses on passages of Scripture with video filmed on location in and around the Holy Lands. The ten session include: When Storms Come; Piercing the Darkness; Gates of Hell—Caesarea; City of the Great King (2 parts); The Lamb of God; The Weight of the World; Roll Away the Stone; Power to the People; and Total Commitment. Contact Pastor Cheryl

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: JoAnn Spartz

USHERS: Steve Vogt

PIANIST: Isaak Montemayor

SONG LEADER: Becky Sprouse

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht

Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, and Dylan Jordan.

Pastoral Calls: You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or

by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com

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.

Mission of the Month: Personal and Household Hygiene

The July Missions is Personal and Household Hygiene Items for the 4 Ukraine Families Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring. These are necessary items we all purchase for our families: toothpaste, bar soap, laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener, Dish Soap, hand soap, mouth wash, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, and paper towels. Any cleaning supplies and rags are welcomed also. Thank you for your support to our Families.

Mission Trip to Church on the Street July 8th

Grace youth and families will make their annual mission trip to Church on the Street on Saturday, July 8th in Sioux Falls. We encourage all members, young and old to travel with us on this mission close to home where we worship together and offer a meal. Worship service begins at 11AM at Heritage Park (600 E. 7th Street). Fellowship continues after the worship service, until around 11:45.

Volunteers should be at the park by 10:00AM to help set up and prepare for worship and stay for clean-up until around 1:30 PM. Grace Lutheran (Watertown) is responsible for bringing chips/salty snacks, dessert, and napkins for 200 people. If anyone would like to donate any of those, please sign up and have to the church by July 7th.

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.

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 ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary on July 1st by Ed and Sharon Morrison. 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 and/or altar flowers, stop at the office, or send your donation to:

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