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Grace Lutheran Church

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: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* **ELW 834**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,

and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth 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*

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.**

FESTIVAL HYMN

“This is the feast”

ELW p 149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 **Pew Bible p 615**

¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or

cleanse—¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²²“For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.”

²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51:1-10

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Pew Bible p 963

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the

faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Alleluia”

ELW p151

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

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible p 850

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG:

“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

ELW 606

1 Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.

But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

3 O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

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:

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of disregard and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Fill our elected leaders with wisdom so that we know peace in our world, our homes, and our hearts. We commend to your gracious care and keeping all those of the Armed Forces. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Today on Patriots Day and the day we remember 911 we lift up to you our First Responders throughout the nations, especially those from our family at Grace who serve as Police, 911 Center Dispatchers, Sheriff's Department, Firefighters EMTs, and Paramedics. Place your protective hands around them and grant them a sense of your continuous presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Stanley, Jody, Jerry, Judy, Dick, Judy, Kaye, Sharlee, Sylvia, Judy, Lavern, Elvira, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Caden, and Robert, the family of Carla Frost, the family of Rhonda Letze, the family of Allen Kasperson, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of Grace Lutheran, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

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.

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: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” **ELW 182**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p 152

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW p 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

THE COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONGS

“Lamb of God”

ELW p 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” ELW 588

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| 1 | There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n. | there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss. |
| 2 | There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior; | 3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own; |

and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,

larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray... **God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” ELW 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.

2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may
reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace... Renewed in Christ.

Thanks be to God. We Will!

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for September 11th

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, the family of Carla Frost, the family of Rhonda Letze, the family of Allen Kasperson, 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 11th through 18th

Today	RALLY SUNDAY 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday school – Rally Day 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion Bible Presentation for PK, 2 nd and 7 th graders Blessing of the Backpacks & Sunday/Wednesday Teachers
Monday	8 am Lefse making begins (week 1) 4:30 pm Banquet Board meets 5:30 pm Banquet begins serving inside again 5:30 pm Grace Foundation meeting
Tuesday	8 am Lefse making continues (week 1) Noon - Watertown Ministerial meeting at HiVee 6 pm – Fellowship & Outreach Committee meets
Wednesday	10 am service at HiRise 10:30 am service at Jenkins Center RALLY WEDNESDAY - 6-7 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement 7 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary w/Holy Communion 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
Thursday	9:30 am Elizabeth Circle 5 pm – BeFrienders meet
Friday	Home Schoolers Group meets in Fellowship Hall 8 to Noon
Sunday	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

Upcoming Events:

September 25th – Celebration of Thanksgiving – Appreciation Sunday for all those who have helped us reach our goal to Raise the Roof

One service at 10:30 followed by a potluck dinner at 11:30.

October 4th & 11th: First Communion Classes

October 13 & 15th: 1517 “Here I Still Stand” Conference (Pastor gone)

October 29th – Nordefest Plus

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER: JoAnn Spartz

USHERS: Geri Mohror, **COMMUNION ASSISTANCE:** Geri Mohror & JoAnn Spartz

PIANIST: Isaak Montemayor

SONG LEADER: Becky Sprouse

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

Gary Rukstad and Anthony DeHaan.

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

A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall on sponsorship of Ukrainian refugees with Lee Gabel to speak and answer question about the program.

This special authorization comes from the federal government as a humanitarian parolee for churches and organization to provided assistance. Primary sponsors are responsibility for the financial load, transportation, clothing, furnishing, and housing through commitment and fundraising.

Help is available to assist the refugee with mainstream benefits: SNAP; TANF; Medicaid; SSI; all coordinated by LSS. Additional assistance is available through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Benefits: Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA); and Employment Assistance: Refugee Support Services (RSS).

Refugees are not able to work until they have received a social security card and at this time it is taking over a year to obtain those. State Efforts will come through the South Dakota Community Foundation Freedom’s Haven Fund. South Dakota has 30,000 open jobs and this work will benefit the SD and Watertown economy from more workers.

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.

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** by Ron and Ramona Brekke in memory of Maurice and Ruth Brekke's wedding anniversary and their son Dale. The Altar flowers are given by Rich and Liz Dunn in celebration 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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