



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 24, 2022*  
*Grace Lutheran Church*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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***PRELUDE***

***Congregation responses in Bold Print***

**Welcome and Announcements**

Everyone who searches, finds...  
Let us find our Heavenly Father as we worship together.

**GATHERING HYMN:**

1 Lord of light, your name outshining  
all the stars and suns of space,  
use our talents in your kingdom  
as the servants of your grace;  
use us to fulfill your purpose  
in the gift of Christ your Son:

*Refrain*

Father, as in highest heaven,  
so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers  
in some far outlying field,  
by the courage where the radiance  
of the cross is still revealed,  
by the victories of meekness,

**“Lord of Light”**

through reproach and suff’ring won:  
*Refrain*

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,  
at your feet may lowly kneel;  
with your grace our triumphs hallow,  
with your charity our zeal;  
lift the nations from the shadows  
to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,  
never silent day or night;  
by the cross of Jesus, bringing  
peace to all and healing light;  
by the love that passes knowledge,  
making all your children one: *Refrain*

**ELW 688**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus, teacher and Lord, when we hear your criticism of the behavior of the scribes and the Pharisees in the gospel today, we wonder what has changed. People still place unwarranted burdens on others, still demand preferential treatment, still abuse positions of leadership. We are ashamed to confess that this does not only happen in society at large, it happens also within the church.

**Forgive our participation in practices  
which inflate our egos at the expense of others.**

*Pause for silent reflection*

Jesus, forgive us when we parade our piety and expect favored treatment, forgetting that you emptied yourself of power so that you could be the servant and Savior of all.  
**Forgive us when we care more for impressive outward appearances rather than inner dispositions shaped by tolerance and love.**

*Pause for silent reflection*

Jesus, forgive us for any behavior which is experienced or perceived as hypocritical—any actions which lack integrity and justice.

**Renew and refresh us with your gentle and selfless Spirit, Lord, so that we know what it is to be your followers not only in name, but in reality. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *(based on Colossians 2: 13-14)*

Hear the good news: God has forgiven you all your sins, erasing the record that stood against you with its legal demands. This was what God set aside, nailing it to the cross. In Jesus Christ, therefore, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray... **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

**Pew Bible p 12**

<sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within

the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your  
right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the  
works of your hands.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE:                   *"Come and Praise the Lord"***

Give thanks to the Lord for His goodness; His faithful love endureth forever.

*(Refrain)* Come and praise the Lord, Come and praise the Lord,  
For His mercy is wondrous in our eyes. *(Repeat)*

In my trouble I asked Him to save me. He answered and set me in safety. *(Refrain)*

The Lord, my Redeemer, is for me; No more can the wicked destroy me. *(Refrain)*

The stone which the builders rejected The Lord has made the cornerstone for all.  
*(Refrain)*

**Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19]**

**Pew Bible p 957**

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**“Alleluia”**

Alleluia. To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL: Luke 11: 1-13**

**Pew Bible p 845**

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

*Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

## MESSAGE

**SERMON SONG: "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Alright"**

**ELW 745**

1 Lord, teach us how to pray aright,  
with rev'rence and with fear.  
Though dust and ashes in your sight,  
we may, we must draw near.

of godly sorrow give;  
a strong desire, with confidence,  
to hear your voice and live;

2 We perish if we cease from prayer;  
oh, grant us pow'r to pray.  
And when to meet you we prepare,  
Lord, meet us on our way.

4 Faith in the only sacrifice  
that can for sin atone;  
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes  
on Christ, on Christ alone.

3 Give deep humility; the sense

5 Give these, and then your will be done;  
thus strengthened with all might,

we, through your Spirit and your Son,                    shall pray, and pray aright.

#### **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:                    “We Are an Offering”                    ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours; We are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you;  
We are an offering, we are an offering

**PRAYER OF OFFERING** *(based on Psalm 138)*

Let us pray... **Generous God, We have known Your unfailing love and faithfulness, Your care and provision, Your protection and salvation. And so we respond with deep gratitude, offering back to You a portion of what You have given to us. Accept the gifts we bring— tangible expressions of our love and gratitude for what You have so generously given to us. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

**PRAYER SONG:                    “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

*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:** *(inspired by Luke 11:1-13)*

Lord, teach us to pray.

So we might awaken to the wonder of your presence

So we might feel gratitude for your gift of life today

So we might discover your kingdom as revealed in our sisters and brothers

So we might find safety beneath the shelter of your wings

So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Lord, teach us to pray**

So we might forgive those who have wronged us

So we might lead free from pretense and hypocrisy

So we might trust your perfect plans and not replace them with our own

So we might love you with our whole hearts, and love our neighbors as ourselves

So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Lord, teach us to pray**

So diverse hearts might harmonize as many voices become one

So our bodies might praise you in bowed heads and raised hands

So a spirit of criticism is replaced with an offering of sacrifice

So we consider others more important than ourselves

So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Lord, teach us to pray**

So the truth of your Word resonates in what we say and sing

So we might prepare a way through the wilderness of chaos and pain

So our friends and neighbors are cared for... especially... Rhys, Roy, Shannon,

Joyce, Deloris, Dennis, Stanley, Jody, Judy, Dick, Carla, Kaye, Duane, Sharlee,

Sylvia, Don, Judy, Elvira, Megan, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Caden, Robert, the family of

Don Fischer, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.

So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Lord, teach us to pray**

So our eyes are alert and our souls awake to your movement in our midst

So our voices bring a pleasing sound to your ear

So our singing is a light in the darkness, drawing nations to your grace

So our songs vibrate with the voice of the Lamb who was slain

So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Lord, teach us to pray**

So the lonely and hopeless find comfort in your abundant presence

So those in war and famine find the everlasting peace of your Spirit  
So we are not indifferent to the suffering of the world around us  
So our good work is fruitful in the reign of your kingdom  
So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**Lord, teach us to pray**

**Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG:**

**“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

*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.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**ELW p 144**

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.**

We should indeed give thanks and praise to the Almighty God as we come to your table trusting in your abundant mercy, and remember Jesus words of promise spoken on that ancient night...

**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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

## THE COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONGS      ***"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"***      **WOV 783**

Seek ye ... first the kingdom of God And its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; Seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

We do not live by bread ... alone, But by ev-'ry word  
That proceeds from the mout of God. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

### ***"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"***      **ELW 518**

#### *Refrain*

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| We eat the bread of teaching,<br>drink wine of wisdom,<br>are given here a taste of the kingdom.<br>Together joined, the greatest and the<br>least,<br>we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast. | 2 Simple ones whose hearts are<br>yearning,<br>come and gain from Wisdom's learning;<br>bread and wine she is preparing,<br>know her loving in the sharing. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 1 Wisdom calls throughout the city,<br>knows our hunger, and in pity<br>gives her loving invitation<br>to the banquet of salvation. <i>Refrain</i>  | 3 Enter with delight and singing,<br>for her richness now is bringing<br>us this joyful celebration;<br>eat and drink in jubilation. <i>Refrain</i>                        |

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING:** And now may this body and blood of our Savior  
Jesus, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Let us Pray... **Life-giving God, through this meal  
you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come  
to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION:** *(based on Colossians 2: 11-12)*

As you go from here, remember this: The same Spirit of God who raised Jesus Christ  
from the dead, also lives in you, breathing new life and freedom into your hearts and

minds. So go from here with joy and confidence, knowing that God is at work within you.

And may the Lord Bless you and keep you,  
May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:                    “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”                    ELW 742**

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|---|--|
| 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,<br>all our sins and griefs to bear!<br>What a privilege to carry<br>ev'rything to God in prayer!<br>Oh, what peace we often forfeit;<br>oh, what needless pain we bear--<br>all because we do not carry<br>ev'rything to God in prayer! | Can we find a friend so faithful<br>who will all our sorrows share?<br>Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--<br>take it to the Lord in prayer.  |
| 2 Have we trials and temptations?<br>Is there trouble anywhere?<br>We should never be discouraged--<br>take it to the Lord in prayer.   | 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,<br>cumbered with a load of care?<br>Precious Savior, still our refuge--<br>take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>Do your friends despise, forsake you?<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>In his arms he'll take and shield you;<br>you will find a solace there. |

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Pray with complete trust... **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

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

**Announcements for July 24<sup>th</sup>**

***Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:***

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Deloris Carlson, Dennis Carlson, Stanley Crane, Jody Crane, Judy Eide, Dick Everson, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Duane Holker, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Don Learned, Judy Lien, Elvira Moen, Megan Mohorovich Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, the family of Don Fischer, 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 July 24<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service w/Holy Communion
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
Tuesday	6 pm – Summer Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room
	6 pm – Midweek Family Worship Service With Communion
Thursday	6 pm – Grief Support Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am Worship service

#### **Upcoming Events:**

September 7<sup>th</sup> – 2022-23 Confirmation Classes Start  
 September 11<sup>th</sup> – Rally Sunday and the start of 2 services again  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

**READER:**

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**SONG LEADER:** Becky Sprouse

**USHERS:** Geri Mohror & Steve Vogt

**GREETER:**

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#### **LWR Monthly Mission Kit Request for July:**

For baby care kits: Diapers: t-shirts or flannel. T-shirts can be any color and writing on it is ok. Flannel should be white or light colored.

Personal Care Kit: Adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb, or finger nail clippers.

#### **Ukraine Initiative to sponsor Ukrainian Refugees**

A Ukraine Initiative Meeting was held on Monday July 18 about sponsoring. At this time, churches throughout South Dakota are working to find ways to be sponsors which means we must support refugees financially until they are able to work. Sponsors will need housing and the basics as refugees will likely arrive with only the clothes on their back. Until they are able to obtain a drivers license, they will need someone to transport them. Since men are staying back to fight, most will be mothers and children. If you are willing to support a refugee family in some way, please contact Pastor Cheryl. This will be discussed at the next Grace Council meeting.

**CORRECTION:** Grief Support meets on July 28<sup>th</sup> – this Thursday.

### **Volunteers are sought for BeFriender program**

A local BeFriender program will once again be created at Grace to support women and men through a listening ministry of care.

Unlike the national BeFriender program, this program is to Be-a-friend to members of Grace Lutheran Church with a monthly call or visit of caring. Many elderly members are not able to leave their homes, nursing home or assisted living facility and suffer from loneliness and depression.

To help with this caring ministry you will be asked to make a phone call or visit once a month and report to pastor any specific needs if they should arise.

A meeting will be held in August for those who are interested with time to assign names for calling. For more information or if you can help, please contact Pastor Cheryl.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). **This week's RADIO BROADCAST** is given in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling" from the Schmeling Radio Fund.

**The Altar Flowers** today were given by Darcy Raethz and Denise Biller in loving memory of their mom, Sharon Johnson. Thank you for your gifts. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, please call the office or send your donation to  
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