



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Christ the King Sunday ~ November 20, 2022 ~ 11 am Service

Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Jeremiah 31: 31-34*)

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

We are children of the living God.

Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

GATHERING SONG:

"This is My Father's World"

ELW 824

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS/CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.

Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love. Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first. Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another, and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the way of our Sovereign. Know you are forgiven, and loved, to serve one another, especially our neighbors in need, as Christ has served you. **Amen.**

KYRIE

"Send Me, Lord"

ELW 809 vs 2

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

PRAISE SONG: *"Great is the Lord"*

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20 Pew Bible p 956

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: "Alleluia"

GOSPEL: Luke 23: 33-43 Pew Bible p 859

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: *"Shout to the Lord"*

ELW 821

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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

O Christ, your cross speaks both to us and to our shared world as we pray for the church and all of your creation.

PRAYER SONG: “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

ELW 752

PRAYER PETITIONS:

We pray for your church, O Christ, as your cross speaks to denominations and faith-based organization with creative and collaborative ministries, help us to be strengthened in you, whose arms of your cross stretch out across the broken world in reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth, as you have made us coworkers in your creation, give us wisdom and respect for the resources of nature so no one may suffer. Protect the habitat of wildlife entrusted to us. Restore the lands harmed through drought, fires, floods and carelessness. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader’s heart a desire to serve those most vulnerable with justice and compassion. Support the work of international partnerships that seek the goals of health, safety, and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, those whose lives are touched by grief or greed, injustice or injury, emptiness or endlessness. Trusting in your goodness and mercy, we pray for their strength, especially for Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Ronald, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Tracy, Raaf, Caden, Todd, and Robert those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Guide us, our council and committee members to discern the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran. Call to new leaders who bring new energies and fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of service and discipleship to know renewal is possible through you. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom, especially the family of Rev Gary Westgard. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER SONG: “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

ELW 752

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.

BLESSING: *(based on Colossians 1: 9-12)*

May God grant You spiritual wisdom and understanding
so that you may be able to see things from a spiritual point of view,
and live Your lives worthy of God, and pleasing to Him.

May God give you the strength you need to endure whatever comes with patience and even joy, always giving thanks to God who, through Jesus Christ, has given you new life.

May God bless you to bear fruit in all that you do, and continue to grow in your understanding of who God is, to share in the inheritance of all the saints in light through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

“Seek Ye First”

WOV 783

SENDING: Go in peace... forgiven by Christ the King.
Thanks be to God. We Will!

Thank you for worshiping with us today!
Announcements for November 20th
Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Ronald Newell, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Raaf Stolp, Caden Thompson, Todd Wilson, Robert Wittrock, and the family of Rev. Gary Westgard, 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 November 20th – 27th

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| Today | 8:30 am Traditional Worship service 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Sunday school 9:45 am Usher Training in the Sanctuary 11 am Contemporary Worship service 5 pm – Stone Soup – COST 2 canned goods items 6 pm – Thanksgiving Service |
| Monday | 1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 – 6:30 pm Confirmation prepare and serve Banquet 5 to 8 pm Christmas Decorating for everyone 5:30 pm Banquet Meal 6 pm Choir Practice – all are welcome |
| Wednesday | No activities at Grace Pastor is off |
| Thursday | THANKSGIVING – Office is closed |
| Friday | Office Closed – Pastor is off |
| Sunday | HANGING OF THE GREENS – 1 st Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion NO Sunday school 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion |

Upcoming Events:

November 29th – National Day of Giving – Give your tithes to Grace Lutheran
 December 10th – 9 – 10 am – Christmas Program Practice
 December 11th – Children’s Christmas Program at 2 pm
 December 18th – Las Posadas Celebration- at 2 pm
 December 21st – Blue Christmas Service – at 6 pm
 December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – at 4 and 6 pm
 December 25th – Christmas Day Service – at 10 am.
 January 6th – Prairie Coteau Youth Gathering – 7 pm to Midnight

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 LaVerne McPeek in thanks to everyone for all the prayers and the Lord for a 2nd Chance of Life. Your gifts are greatly appreciate 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 or altar flowers, stop at the office, call the office, or send your donation to:

Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201

CHOIR PRACTICE

All are invited and encourage to join the choir. They will be practicing on Monday evenings at 6 pm for the Hanging of the Greens Sunday worship and for Christmas Eve services. If you are a singer, please consider helping with your talents for these special services.

STONE SOUP TONIGHT FOLLOWED BY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Have you heard the story of stone soup? There are various revisions but all focus on the same theme, sharing what you have for the betterment of the community. The theme of our November 20th Thanksgiving service this year is that everyone benefits when we share what we have with others.

Come early and share a bowl of stone soup at 5 pm. The cost is just 2 cans of fruits or vegetables or other needs for the Mission of the month (as listed below). Then stay and hear the story of Stone Soup in our Thanksgiving service at 6 pm.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Grace Lutheran Mission Committee has chosen a mission of the month for each going forward. For the month of November, the mission they would like to emphasis and the items of need are as follow:

Benet Place

Canned fruit & Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Cereal, Oatmeal, Diapers, Baby Wipes

Salvation Army:

Canned fruit and Vegetables, Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Pickles

Please bring your items and place them in the tote as you come in the church. Thank you for your generous offerings for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran.

USHER TRAINING TODAY for ALL members

Ushering is a ministry of the church serving in this spiritual role as a faithful believer of Christ in His church. It is a privilege to provide this service to the community at Grace Lutheran. The responsibility to serve should be a blessing to you as you bless others with your assistance to maintain an undisturbed worship service.

We are in need of ushers at Grace Lutheran for both services so the same people do not have to provide this every week. This can be done as a family or an individual, male or female, young or old.

There will be usher training on Sunday morning at 9:45 am November 20th This training is for all members. Please consider offering your assistance for this important part of the service.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

READER:

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor

USHERS: Allison Henrichs & Andrea Berg

PRIASE TEAM: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling, Marian Raml

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, & Dylan Jordan

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

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