

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parker, South Dakota

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PRELUDE, VISUAL PRAYERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

All: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

All: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

All: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

All: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

All: we proclaim the God of Hope.

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

All: we proclaim the God of Love.

Leader: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world as we proclaim our shared statement of mission and ministry:

All: "We believe we are forgiven and saved by faith in Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection. As people of God, through love, we are God's hands. We are called to invite and welcome everyone into the fellowship of believers. We worship together, teach His word, pray for, encourage and uplift each other. We witness to His love and forgiveness to our congregation, community and world." (Written by members from Grace Lutheran)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation.

All: You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others.

Leader: You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves.

All: Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The God of creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive, and God's promise of restoration is for all people. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks Be to God!

OPENING HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Blue Hymnal #443

(Led by a music video as a time of peaceful prayer...please join in singing the chorus)

I need Thee, O I need Thee;

Every hour I need Thee!

O bless me now, my Savior

I come to Thee.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God in Heaven"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe.

All: Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

THE READING RESPONSE

"Thanks Be to God!" (After each reading)

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 138

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Step into the Water"

Grace Lutheran Choir

KID TALK

"Fishing for People"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain **standing** for The Gospel)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

(Pew Bible p. 47 – New Testament)

GOSPEL RESPONSES

"Glory to You, O Lord" (After The Gospel is announced)

"Praise to You, O Christ" (After The Gospel is read)

SERMON “Church: Dropping Our Nets into the Chaos of Life Today”

HYMN OF THE DAY “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” ELW 817

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

(Council Members are invited to come forward and face the congregation.)

Leader: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather. You are to work together and be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation. Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council: Yes, by the help of God.

Leader: People of God, will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Congregation: Yes, by the help of God.

Leader: I now declare you installed as Council Members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

All: Amen.

(Council Members return to their seats.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Together, let us proclaim our shared faith:

All: We are not alone. We live in God’s world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus to reconcile and to make all things new. We trust God, who calls us to be the church; to love and serve others, to seek justice and to resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead and risen; our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregational response after each petition of “Lord, in your mercy:” “Hear our prayer.”)

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Romans 3:23 reminds us that we have all sinned and fall short of God’s glory. When we understand this, we will not be envious of God’s grace to others who have not done as much as us. We won’t have animosity about God’s generosity. ‘But I’ve done more good works!’ Maybe so! But Romans 6:23 says that salvation is a gift.”

~Gary Moyer~

Music Video – “Greatness of Our God” (Newsboys)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “We Are Called” ELW 720 (vs. 1 & Refrain)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Accept these gifts we humbly offer, gracious God.

All: Use them, and use us, to reach into places where your mystery remains hidden, where your goodness is not yet known. Make us good stewards of your word. Make us responsible heirs of your promises, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Leader: As we leave this morning, may our hearts be filled with joy and thanksgiving.

All: God is ever present – steadfast in times of trial and sorrow, the ordinary and in times of celebration.

Leader: Beloved, great is the glory of the Lord!

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another!

All: Thanks Be to God!

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! As God called the prophets and as Jesus called the disciples, the Holy Spirit has called us — to this time of worship and to life in God’s love always.

This Week at GRACE

Today: 10:00 am: Sunday School
 10:00 am: Food Pantry/Thrivent Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am: Church Council meeting
Wed: 4:00 pm: Pre-Confirmation
 5:00 pm: Confirmation
 6:30 pm: Worship (Holy Communion)
 7:00 pm: Choir
 7:00 pm: Luther League
Sun: 9:00 am: Worship
 10:00 am: Sunday School
 10:00 am: Kathy McHenry – Lutheran Planned Giving

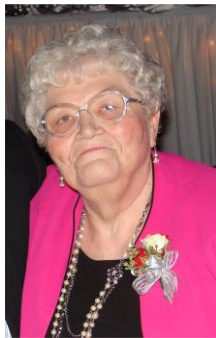
Attendance 2/3/2019: 167

Last week's offering total was \$3,260.00. This includes Sunday's and Wednesday's offerings, Simply Giving, and direct EFT through First Savings Bank. We exceeded our weekly offering goal of \$2,600 which helps to ensure that all of our bills and salaries are paid timely!!

Thank you to the following people for helping with our Worship service this morning: ushers Tyronne & Emily Bialas, reader Eric Anderson, greeters Jeff & Kelsi Groth, Donna Gunderson and family, and A/V assistant Grace Reiffenberger.

Announcements:

A fundraiser for the Turner County Food Pantry through Thrivent will be held today after Worship. Goodies will be served. If you brought food items for the Food Pantry, please leave them in the bin in the narthex.



The family of Shirley Joffer is requesting a card shower in honor of her 80th birthday which is on Sunday, Feb. 10th. Cards in her honor can be mailed to Shirley at; Good Samaritan Village, 3901 S Marion Road, Room 600, Sioux Falls SD 57106.



Bottles (pop or Gatorade) are needed for a February 24th Sunday school service project. If you have any bottles to donate, please leave them in the bin in the narthex.



As many of you may be aware, Marion residents Dave and Anne Pankratz's daughter, Madison, was born with a congenital heart defect. Maddie is an 8th grader at Parker School and in December, 2018, Anne and 14-year-old Madison traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan for what was supposed to be a two-week stay while Maddie had heart surgery. That one surgery turned into five and a month-long stay. After returning home to recover, Maddie's heart function was not improving the way they had hoped. On Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, Maddie and Anne were flown to the Children's Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa for a barrage of tests and another surgery. It was during this time that it was decided that Madison would need a heart transplant and was placed at the top of the heart transplant list. In an effort to help the family with ongoing medical, travel and personal expenses, many local friends, groups and organizations are working together to hold a benefit in the family's honor. A pork loin supper, silent auction, raffle items and t-shirt sale will be held on Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Parker School from 5-8 p.m. Please join us and help support Madison and her family.

Because You Want Your Life to Make a Difference

The Grace Lutheran Council has invited Kathy McHenry, the Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota (LPGSD), to join us on Sunday, **February 17th**. She'll share ideas about efficient, impactful generosity in light of new tax laws; estate planning that benefits your family AND ministry; and how your life's work can make a real difference. She will join us during Worship, and will present an educational workshop during Coffee & Fellowship after Worship (*around 45 minutes*). Kathy's role is to provide information and inspiration – she does not sell or recommend any financial products and does not receive commissions. This presentation is a **free gift** from the partners of LPGSD, including the South Dakota Synod and the ELCA Foundation. If you'd like to visit with her privately, Kathy may be reached at 605-274-5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org.