

# CREATED FOR CONNECTION

God created us for connection: to God, to one another, and to the world God loves!



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
United Lutheran Church - Sunday, October 24, 2021 - Worship at 10:15am

# ~ Gathering ~

PRELUDE

Michelle Henning

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*Please stand  
as you are able.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS\*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our comforter:

**All: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God frees you to live in grace centered relationships with God and others. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**All: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

ELW Hymn #333

*Congregation sings on refrain*

*Refrain – All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Worship Team sings verses*

1. No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead. *Refrain*
2. When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet. *Refrain*
3. Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell. *Refrain*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day:

The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized in this short prayer. The prayers for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church's heritage.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ~ Word ~

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

**First Reading:**

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the  
nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the  
land of the north, and gather them from the  
farthest parts of the earth, among them the  
blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together; a great company,

they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with  
consolations I will lead them back, I will  
let them walk by brooks of water, in a  
straight path in which they shall not  
stumble; for I have become a father to  
Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of  
Zion, then were we like those who  
dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with  
laughter, and our tongue with  
shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for  
them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying  
the seed, will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

**Second Reading:**

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high

priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

P : Word of God. Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The Spirit Intercedes for Us*

Dakota Road

*\*Please stand  
as you are able.*



The Spir- it in-ter- cedes for us with sighs too deep for words to ex-press oh, oh, oh.

## GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.****Gospel:**

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is

calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Peter Coen-Tuff

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Mercy on This Fallen World*

Dakota Road

**Hymn of the Day:**

This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.

**Refrain**



Have mer - cy on this fal - len world. Have mercy on us. Have



mer-cy on this fal-len world, mer - cy Lord have mercy on us.

**Verse**



For all of the days that have fal - len a - part, have mer - cy.  
For all who have fears that come with the night, have mer - cy.



For ev - e - ry life, for ev - e - ry heart, have mer - cy.  
For all those who need to be held in the light, have mer - cy.



For all those who hun - ger and strug- gle each day, have mer - cy.  
For all of cre - a - tion through fam - ine or feast, have mer - cy.



For all of the times that we turn a - way. *to Refrain*  
For all of the world to live in your peace.

*\*Please stand  
as you are able.*

**Creed:**

We respond to God's word together when we say the Creed. Creed comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe". In our worship we use either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. These Creeds were written over 1700 years ago so the world would know what Christians believe.

## APOSTLES' CREED\*

ELW Page #126

**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 INTERCESSION

P: ...God of mercy. C: Receive our prayer.

## GREETING OF PEACE

~ Meal ~

## OFFERING

*The offering will be received at the doors.*

## OFFERING SONG

*Let the Giving of Thanks*

adapted by Tom Witt

**Let the giving of thanks be our offering to God [repeat 2X] Amen, Amen. Amen.**

**Let the coins that we give be our offering to God. [repeat 2X] Amen, Amen. Amen.**

**Let the lives that we live be our offering to God. [repeat 2X] Amen, Amen. Amen.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **All: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

from ELW Page #206

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

from All Creation Sings, pg. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayers of Intercession

These prayers in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

If you are joining us remotely and would like to donate, you may send your contributions to United one of the following ways:

**1. By mail** to United at  
324 Chestnut Street  
Grand Forks, ND 58201

**2. Online.** You can give to United securely online at our website:

[www.unitedgf.org](http://www.unitedgf.org) and click on the DONATE link at the top of the homepage.

Communion Distribution:

*Each worshipper will be given a small chalice as they enter the sanctuary. Each chalice holds both a serving of bread and wine. Worshippers will not come forward for communion, but take the bread and wine from their place in the pews. Chalice with grape juice and gluten free bread will be available.*

**STEP ONE:**

*Open bottom seal. Take and eat.*

**STEP TWO:**

*Open top seal. Take and drink.*



### The Words of Institution

Jesus' words (from the Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-28) used with the bread and wine, makes this sacrament a 'means of grace' or way that God brings His love and forgiveness to us.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.**

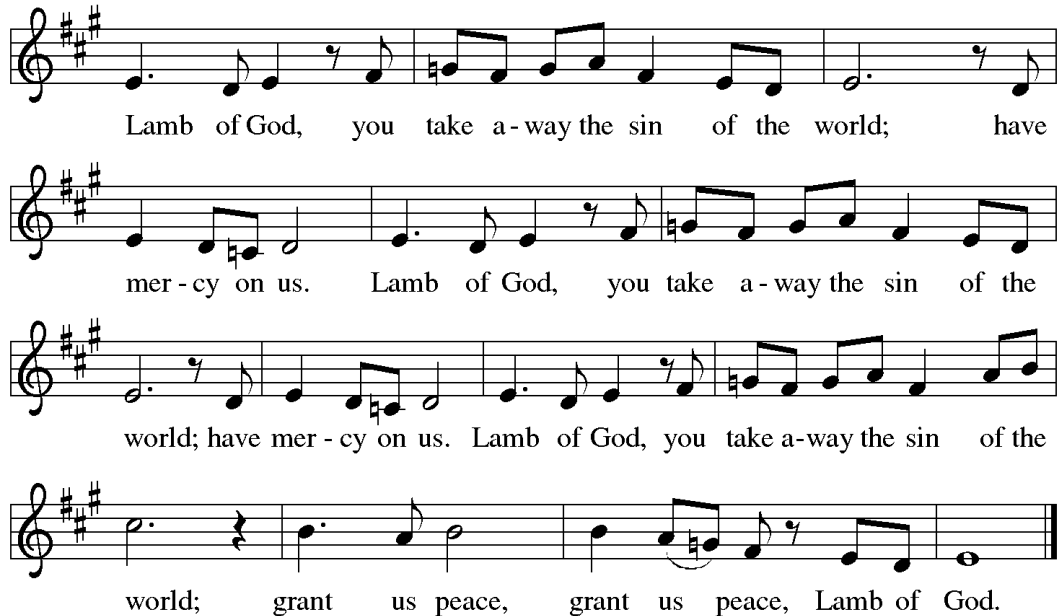
### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### LAMB OF GOD

from ELW setting 8 page #191

#### The Lamb of God

This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice, that perfect lamb that was slain for our life. It also focuses our attention on what we are about to receive in Holy Communion, which is Christ's true body and blood 'given and shed for the forgiveness of sins'. "The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you give us life giving connection to You and to one another. Send us out into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

~ Sending ~

#### Blessing/Benediction:

This prayer asking for God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: The holy Three, the holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace.

**All: Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Live in life giving connection to God and to the world.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SENDING HYMN

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
*See bulletin pg. 7*

ELW Hymn #779

#### POSTLUDE

Michelle Henning



*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

ELW Hymn #779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Congregational News

**Baptized following worship is Kendall Ann Wood** daughter of Casey & Mary Wood. Sponsors for Kendall are Ellie Akerlind and Sally Akerlind.

**ULCW Circle will meet for Bible Study this Thursday, October 28th** at 1:30pm in the lounge. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**How to sponsor a radio broadcast.** If you would like to be a sponsor of our weekly broadcast the cost is \$178/Sunday. It can be sponsored in honor or in memory of a loved one or in celebration and thanksgiving of an important event in your life or someone you know (Anniversaries, Birthdays, Graduations). Call or email the church office at [reception@unitedgf.org](mailto:reception@unitedgf.org) to secure the date(s) you would like to sponsor and continue to support this wonderful ministry outreach to our community!

**Sing and Ring is for students in grades 1 - 5** and is a fun way to meet new friends, learn new music and skills, and share with others by singing or playing in worship. Sing and Ring rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm - 6:10pm in the choir room, and sings and plays in worship one Sunday and one Wednesday each month. All students in grades 1-5 are invited to come and join in the fun!

Welcome visitors to  
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



### Welcome visitors to United Lutheran Church!

We are glad to have you joining us in worship today! We have a gift for all visitors. Outside the north entrance to the sanctuary, there is a coffee mug for you with a brochure about United Lutheran. It is our way of saying it is a joy to worship with you today! Please stop by the table and pick one up.

### UNITED LUTHERAN LOCATION GUIDE:

**SA:** Sanctuary

**CY:** Courtyard

**CR:** Choir Room located on the upper level

**YR:** Youth Room located on the upper level

**LG:** Lounge located on the lower level

**FH:** Fellowship Hall located on the lower level directly below the Sanctuary

**RM 106:** Room 106 located down the hall from the office on the main level

**LB:** Library located at the end of the hall opposite the office on the main level

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT UNITED

## Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Peter Coen-Tuff  
Rev. Karla Coen-Tuff

**Director of Youth and Family Ministry**  
Molly Haagenson

**Worship Accompanist**  
Michelle Henning

**Musicians**  
Richard McGurran  
Dennis Herbeck  
Rebecca Heigaard McGurran  
Michael Marcotte

**United in Serving Leader**  
Ross & Lexy Hammer

**Radio/Facebook**  
Darren Lee  
Katie Stauss  
Jayson Helseth  
Ross Hammer



## United Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours:  
Mon - Thurs: 8am—4pm  
Fri: By Appointment

United is Home to United  
Day Nursery: 701-772-3773

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)
- 11:30am - Wood Baptism (SA)
- 6:00pm - Jubilee Bells Rehearsal (BA)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

- 9:00am - Quilting (FH)
- 11:00am - Staff Meeting (LG)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

- 5:30pm - Sing and Ring Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:00pm - Dinner Church (LG)
- 7:00pm - 6th - 9th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm - 10th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal and Faith Statements (SA/LG)
- 7:00pm - Faith Friends (Gym/upstairs)
- 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 8:00pm - Youth Group (YR)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

- 1:30pm - ULCW Circle (LG)
- 4:00pm - ULC Foundation Meeting (RM 106)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

### OFFICE CLOSED

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - REFORMATION/ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - PLEASE WEAR RED!

- 9:00am - Sunday School (Gym/upstairs)
- 9:30am - Confirmation Pictures (SA)
- 10:15am - Worship/Rite of Confirmation/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)
- 6:00pm - Jubilee Bells Rehearsal (BA)



**A new way to worship:  
Dinner Church  
THIS WEDNESDAY  
October 27, 2021  
6pm - Lounge**

It isn't dinner and then worship or worship and then dinner. It is a new way to worship with people gathered around the table sharing a meal, a simple liturgy, the bread and wine of holy communion, scripture, music, prayer, and conversation. It all happens simultaneously around the table. Simply bring yourself. The table is ready! Come and be fed!

If you know you will attend please R.S.V.P. at the QR Code provided, or by contacting the church office at 701-775-4279.



# REFORMATION & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



**You're invited to wear RED next Sunday as we give thanks for the faith that has been shared, the grace of God that sustains us, and rejoice with Confirmation students who will affirm their baptisms.**