



~ *Grace Lutheran Church* ~
Welcome to Wednesday Evening Family Worship
7 pm ~ October 19, 2022

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 84*)

How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

This house cannot contain your glory;

even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!

Happy are those who find their strength in you.

Hear our prayers this day, Holy God,

as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

GATHERING SONG: "All Are Welcome"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*inspired by Luke 18: 9-14*)

Lord God in heaven, we confess

that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Forgive us O God where we fail to see your Spirit's work in others,
in those who have lived before us.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Silence is observed

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE (*inspired by Luke 19: 1-10*)

The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us no matter how far away we are from the Word. Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree, God will find us and bring us home.

It does not matter what you have done wrong, you still belong to God. You have the assurance that God will rescue you. This is the good news of the Gospel!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 84:1-7

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;**

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 **Pew Bible p 968**

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

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14 **Pew Bible p 853**

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

REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY:

"All in All"

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH:

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.

We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare. 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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Let us pray... **As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you thanks for the gift of life, for the gift of your Son, for the gift of the Holy Spirit as we offer our prayers for others. Lead us through the trials, the suffering and sorrow, the challenges and struggles, the tired times and dark places of our lives. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Be with us when we weep or cannot sleep, when there is no peace, and seek to find release.

Lead us with grace, with love, with peace. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Fill us with hope, with patience, with stamina. Transform us in your image, in your Son, in your Name, to grow, to understand, to see that we can be made whole, and in wholeness may we be the hands and heart of Christ. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We ask for ourselves to be humble before you, to bring peace and security to our world, and exalt you before all others, in Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Christ invites you to Come and be strengthened.

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

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Let us Pray... **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING:

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: *"On Our Way Rejoicing" ELW 537*

DISMISSAL: Go in peace, God is your strength. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Announcements for October 19th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jody Crane, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Ronald Newell, Cleone Pekelder, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Caden Thompson, Todd Wilson, and Robert Wittrock, 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 October 19th to 26th

Thursday	10:30 am Service at Stoneybrook 1 pm Mission Committee meetings 7 pm Krumkake Making
Sunday	8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Sunday school 10 am – Befriender Communion Training 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters

Tuesday 5:30 pm Banquet
 8 am Rosette making
 Noon - Watertown Ministerial meeting at HiVee
 6 pm – 1st Communion Make-up Class
 6:30 pm – Dance Class begins
 Wednesday 6 pm Wednesday school
 6 pm – Prophets of the Bible: Bible Study
 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement
 7 pm Family Worship
 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room

Upcoming Events:

October 29th – Nordefest Plus: 9:30 am to 1 pm
 November 5th - Fall Vendor Craft Fair
 November 13th – Foundation Sunday at Worship
 November 20th – 6 pm Thanksgiving Service
 November 27th—Hanging of the Greens—Advent
 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.

Bible Study on the Prophets of the Bible begins on Wednesday evenings

A study and discussion of God's prophets in the Bible and how these stories and scriptures relate to our world today is being held on Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 pm. Kayla Mohling leads the discussion on what prophet do, why God needs prophets, and the importance of prophets in the Bible. The study is held while children are in Wednesday school, making providing an opportunity for parent to participate. To register and receive an email outline prior to the study, email Kayla at: kayla.i.mohling@gmail.com. Bring your own Bibles.

Nordefest Plus is Saturday, October 29th

The Lefse is made and the workshops are almost over for the 33rd annual Nordefest Plus activities on Saturday, October 29th. Egg rolls can be order prior to the day from Gwen Peshman to be picked up then. The day will include entertainment, great food, fun shopping at Grandma's Attic and the jewelry store. Come enjoy the fellowship and day at Grace. Hours are 9:30 am to 1 pm. The day includes a noon lunch.

"Got it at Grace" Saturday November 5th

Over 14 crafters are already signed up with several vendors ready to sell their wares at the Fall Craft and Vendor Fair. Besides a day for shopping, there will be concessions during the day to stop by and enjoy a great lunch. Mark your calendars to stop between 9 am and 3 pm, Saturday November 5th.

Tables for Sale

The Memorial Committee has purchased new lighter weight round tables and 8 ft long rectangle tables and will now sell several of the older tables. Cost of each table is \$

**Check us out on our website at glcwn.org
 And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**

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