



~ *Grace Lutheran Church* ~

***Welcome to Wednesday Evening Family Worship
7 pm ~ November 2, 2022***

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Luke 6: 20-22*)

In Luke's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples
and a great multitude to a level place.

There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, "Blessed are..."

There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

**O God, call us together as you did those so long ago
to discover your blessed people.**

Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

**Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody
the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us. Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG:

"Change My Heart of God"

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,**

⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

Pew Bible p 949

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his

great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 20-31

Pew Bible p 838

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY: *“How Small Our Span of Life”* ELW 636

1 How small our span of life, O God,
our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart,
the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep,
a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep
to see the sun no more.

2 And yet our speck of life is
spanned
by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught
in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly
through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass,
you hold us in your grace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(based on Ephesians 2)*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

**By his mighty power God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ
and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and
authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only
in the present age but also in the age to come.**

**God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over
everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills
everything everywhere and always. 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 OFFERING:

3 O Christ, you left eternity
to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span,
our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years
with love;
you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life
that ours may time transcend.

4 We thank you, God, for kindling
faith
that lights our transient years,
illuminating our pilgrimage
through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond
the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine,
that lifts our hearts to praise.

Let us pray... **Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

PRAYER PETITIONS:

O God, We ask for your wisdom to discern your ways and path for our own lives, for your wisdom to discern how to deal with others we meet, live with, work with, shop with, drive our roads, with, wait in line with, eat with and be with daily. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We ask for your wisdom in the difficult situations we may have to deal with as we go through life; for your wisdom when voting in the upcoming elections; for your wisdom in dealing with injustices in our world.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We ask for wisdom for our leaders in our world, our countries, our states, and our communities, for wisdom for our church leaders, worldwide and local, for wisdom for our Pastors as they preach your word, inspire, lead and grow us as disciples. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We ask for your wisdom as we reach out to those in need in our communities and in our world, for wisdom as we minister to those who are homebound and in nursing homes, for your wisdom as we minister to those in hospitals, in recovery and rehab. especially those we lift up from our hearts. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We ask for your wisdom that not only enlightens us but transforms us and guides us in our daily walk with you. **Amen.**

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

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW 677

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL: Led by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We Will!

Announcements for November 6th

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, Janelle Marx, 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 November 6th thru the 14th

Friday	Set-up for Fall Craft Vendor Fair
Saturday	9 am to 3 pm – Fall Craft Vendor Fair
Sunday	Daylight Savings Time END – Fall Back ALL SAINTS DAY & First Communion 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Communion & 1 st Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Sunday school 11 am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion & 1 st Communion 1 pm Service at Edgewood
Monday	<i>Craft Class Registration Due</i> 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm – Foundation meeting 6 pm Chorus Practice
Tuesday	Noon – Watertown Ministerial meeting at HyVee 6 pm – Outreach & Fellowship Committee meeting 6:30 – 8 pm Dance Class
Wednesday	10 am Service at Hi-Rise 6 pm Confirmation Class in Basement 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Family Worship with Holy Communion 7:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room

Upcoming Events:

- November 20th – 9:45 am – Usher Training for all adults
- November 20th – 6 pm Thanksgiving Service
- November 21st – Confirmation Students Serve the Banquet
There will be Christmas decorating beginning at 5 pm until 8 pm for all members of Grace Lutheran who are able to help.
- November 23rd – No activities – Pastor is off
- November 27th - Hanging of the Greens—Advent begins
- 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.

Craft Class – November 10th

A choice of one of three decorative door hangers will be available to make at the November 10th Craft Class. The 10-inch circular piece can also be used with a plate stand rather than as a hanger. The cost of the craft class is \$10. Class starts at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Craft class sign up for this craft is due by Monday, November 7th

The craft class will be taught by Tanya Andrews and her daughters. To sign up, call the office at 605-886-5737.

Bible Study on the Prophets of the Bible Continues 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.

“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.

Usher Training November 20th 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 do this service 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 who can devote their time to assisting in the worship service in this way. Please consider offering your assistance for this important part of the service.

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:
PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett Keyboardist: Isaak Montemayor
Sound/Video Tech Team**