



~ *Grace Lutheran Church* ~

Welcome to Wednesday Evening Family Worship

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Litany of Thanksgiving for Reformation Day

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit whose light brought new understanding of both the Living Word and the written Scripture.

We give thanks for the reminder of consistent grace and mercy from God through Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the inspiration that lead to the printing press, enabling the spread of information and the sharing of the gospel in many languages.

We thank God for the technologies that can be used for good for the support of communities and individuals.

Generous God, we thank you for open hearts that were prepared to hear and receive the good news of freedom in Christ.

We also thank you for our continued freedom in the Son to share that same news of salvation through your grace and Christ's faithfulness.

We remember the lives that were lost in the struggle to reform the church on earth – those who were martyred, those who died fighting, those who perished in hiding, and who were killed on all sides.

We remember also the lives that have been lost throughout history in the name of religion and for those who die today for daring to believe.

We thank you for the instruction that comes through our church heritage – the catechisms, the understanding of the saints, the gift of community, and a deeper appreciation of God’s gift of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

We thank you for the presence of Jesus Christ – in us, with us, and for us – and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.

God of stability and change, we thank you that true reformation is always your work and always being done in us out of your love for your whole creation. We are ever reformed by the work of your love.

We are ever reformed by the work of God’s love.

GATHERING SONG:

“God Is Here” ELW 526

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... **Reforming God, we pray for ourselves and your church throughout the world. Fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit, to hear and receive your promises and to keep our covenant with you. Where we are corrupt, purify us. Where we are in error, direct us. Where**

we are in need, provide for us. Where we are divided, reunite us. And where we are close-minded, reform us and make us new. We pray for forgiveness. Reform our hearts... in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take heart, Jesus is calling to you! Trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives you your failings, and continues to call you into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. Give thanks to God for His mercy and blessing. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible p 642

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible p 915

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood,

effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 **Pew Bible p 871**

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY: **"I Will Be Your God"**

(Refrain) I will be your God and you will be my people,
I will be your God and you will be my people.

A day of comfort is a comin'; suff'ring has no chance.
Sin and greed will have no stronghold,
And the mourning turns to dance. *(Refrain)*

There may be times that you seek me when I seem far.
Know that I am very near you
Hearing struggles of your heart. *(Refrain)*

A new cov'nant I will give you; wear it on your hearts.
From the youthful to the wisest
All will know that from the start that *(Refrain)*

AFFIRMATION OF UNITY

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.

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 FOR THE OFFERING: *(inspired by Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

Let us pray... Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. And you call us to follow Your example— to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Continue to write your law of love on our hearts and multiply these gifts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds a welcome. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION: REFORMATION DAY

On this Reformation Sunday, Dear Lord, we thank you for those persons you have poured your spirit into... that then set about reforming your church. We

thank you that you are still at work in the life of the church reforming us
reshaping us, and remaking us into your image.

Hear us oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

One of the ways we reflect your image, Lord, is how we support one another
with love, care and prayer. We pray for those who are in the hospitals today.
We pray for those at home with illnesses, and recovering from treatments
and/or surgeries. We pray for those in nursing homes and those who are
home bound. We pray for their families during these times. We pray for those
who are facing death. We pray for those who who are grieving. We pray for
their Doctors, nurses, health care workers and care takers. Lord may we
reflect your image in our love, care and prayer that we put to action for these
your children.

Hear us oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

We reflect your image in how we love, care and pray for the world. We pray for
those around the world who as Christians face imprisonment and martyrdom.
We pray for those who countries torn by war and oppression, those living in
poverty, those who live in starvation, or any who are being used in slave
labor, child labor and sex labor.

We pray for those who have been affected by disasters and those living in
area of disaster who struggle to rebuild their lives or face outbreak of
diseases. Lord, may we put into action our love, care and prayers for the
world.

Hear us oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, we pray for your church that we be a beacon of hope, grace, love and
light in this world. May our open doors reflect your open arms to all. May our
arms and hands reaching out to those in need reflect your love for all. May our
forgiveness of one another reflect your forgiveness for all. May your Spirit of
reform, fill us with a desire to change our hearts to love, care, and pray for all
others. In Jesus name we pray.

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: *(based on Jeremiah 31: 33-34)*

God will write a new covenant on our hearts

God will be our God and we will be God's people

No longer shall we teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord."

For we shall all know God.

The blessing of God the Source of Life, the Word of Truth, and the Spirit of Love, be with you and be your refuge and strength, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Amazing Grace" ELW 779

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

DISMISSAL: Go in peace, reformed in Christ. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Announcements for October 30th

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, 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 October 29th to November 6th

- October 29 Nordefest Plus 9:30 am to 1 pm
- October 30 REFORMATION SUNDAY
 - 8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion
 - 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship
 - 9:45 Sunday school
 - 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion
- October 31 HALLOWEEN
 - 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
 - 5:30 pm Banquet
- November 1 5:30 pm – Memorial Committee meeting
 - 6:30 pm – Dance Class begins
- November 2 Service at Avantara
 - 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
- November 3 Set-up for Fall Craft Vendor Fair
 - 2 pm – Rostered Pastors Zoom meeting
- November 4 Set-up for Fall Craft Vendor Fair
- November 5 9 am to 3 pm – Fall Craft Vendor Fair
- November 6 **Daylight Savings Time END – Fall Back**
 - ALL SAINTS DAY w/First Communion
 - 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Communion
 - 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
 - 9:45 Sunday school
 - 11 am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion
 - 1 pm Service at Edgewood

Upcoming Events:

- November 13th – Foundation Day at Worship
- November 20th – 9:45 am – Usher Training for all adults
- 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.

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.

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.

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 \$

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And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:
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