



Grace Lutheran 1883-2022

Reformation Sunday ~ October 30, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church - 11 am service

Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 46*)

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

GATHERING SONG: *"I Will Be Your God"*

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 led 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.

KYRIE

ELW 151

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church

SONG of OFFERING: “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”

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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible p 642

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

PRAISE SONG: *“Be Still”*
SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 **Pew Bible p 915**
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CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: *“Alleluia”*
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.
The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Grace Alone”*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the world, the body of Christ, and all who yearn for wholeness of life.

PRAYER SONG: *“Hear Our Prayer”* **ELW 178**
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 are grieving. We pray for their Doctors, nurses, health care workers and care takers. We pray especially for Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jody, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Judy, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Ronald, Cleone, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Tracy, Caden, Todd, and Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. 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.

PRAYER SONG:

“Hear Our Prayer”

ELW 178

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever.

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 SONGS:

"Lamb of God"

ELW p 154

"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

ELW 518

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.**

SENDING OF ASSEMBLY COMMUNION MINISTER

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

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

God will write a new covenant on our hearts

Thursday	Set-up for Fall Craft Vendor Fair 2 pm – Rostered Pastors Zoom meeting
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 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.

“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.

BeFriender Sending of Assembly Communion Ministers Today

Today we will send those trained of the Befriender program who will be bearing the gifts of God’s Word and Sacramental meal with a special prayer during the service. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has strong historical, theological, and confessional commitments that assert that an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. These lay Communion Ministers are being sent as an extension of our

assembly as a means of participating in the worship for those who cannot gathered here.

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** JoAnn Spartz

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USHERS& COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Rick Brownell & Scott Vander Leest

PRIASE TEAM: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling, Marian Raml

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, & Dylan Jordan

Pastoral Calls: You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com

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 \$20. Stop at the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST is given** by Leland Bachman former avid listener and brother of Karyl Somers. Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, please call the office or send your donation to:

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