

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**November 21, 2021**  
**Twenty-Six Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth;**  
**proclaim his salvation day after day.**

*Declare his glory among the nations,*  
*his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;**  
**he is to be feared above all gods.**

\* Opening Song: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (Vs. 1,2,5,6) *Lift Up Your Hearts #551*

(1) All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,  
and shining moon with silver gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(2) O rushing wind so wild and strong,  
white clouds that sail in heaven along,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

New rising dawn in praise rejoice,  
you lights of evening find a voice!  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(5) All you who are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care:  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(6) Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Will for His People and Confession

Dramatized reading of Scripture (Congregational responses on screen)

Song of Assurance: "Amazing Grace" (Vs. 1,3-5)

(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.

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

*Lift Up Your Hearts #691*

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

(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.

Congregational Prayer

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Children's Message

Message: "Taking Inventory: A Psalm of Gratitude"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Vs. 1, 4, 5)

*Lift Up Your Hearts #19*

(1) For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

(4) For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

(5) For yourself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design:  
peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #543*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\* Postlude

\* Please Stand if You Are Able

Children's Message: Rachel DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musician: Rex DeBruin

## **SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sunday School time next week, 11/28** - For those that are in town, there will be play practice. There will **NOT** be youth Sunday School classes. Also, there will not be youth classes on 12/19, 12/26, and 1/2.

**Adult Sunday School Class** is on break until the new year. Please stick around to enjoy this extended fellowship time.

**Women's Bible Study** - The monthly women's Bible study will meet on **Monday, December 6th at 9:00 a.m.** The study will now meet each month in the Fellowship Hall. This month's faith practices will be generosity. You don't have to attend each month to participate. Any questions you may contact Melody Franje.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** will meet this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mark Voss will lead the study of Psalm 144. NO meeting on Nov. 28. We will meet again on Dec. 5. Marv Bakker will lead the study of Psalm 151. This will conclude our study for the fall season.

**Breakfast Club** meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at the Lincoln Center HyVee at **8:30 AM**.

## **COMMITTEE NOTES**

**Ways to serve** - There are two ways that the church has been serving Sawyer Elementary. (1) The church stores and delivers boxes of food that are then distributed to children so that they have meals over the weekend. These boxes are dropped off each week during the school day on Thursday or Friday before 11:30. (2) Each month we take donuts for the staff to enjoy and to know that they are appreciated. From our small group conversations on Sunday, individuals have expressed interest in helping with these dropoffs. If this is something you would like to assist with, please let Christina know.

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read 1 John 3:16-18 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)) This passage clearly ties love of our neighbor to sharing material possessions with people in need. How do you discover needs in your neighborhood, city, country, and world? What needs are you able to meet? How might you remind yourself daily of God's generous love for you?

### ReFrame Ministries

**Supplication Prayers** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Asking God to supply our needs is completely different than making a wish on a birthday candle or writing a letter to Santa. God is much bigger and much better than that! Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.

**Groundwork: Jonah: Discovering God's Heart** - Do you want to know and understand the heart of God? Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 4 to conclude our study of Jonah and witness the stark contrast between our human tendencies and his sovereignty. Together, we'll discuss how we can respond to God's relentless love and abundant mercy in our own lives today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.