



Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

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Dear People of Amazing Grace,

It's the beginning of November, a month I associate with gray skies and bare trees but also with warm family Thanksgiving dinners and family birthdays. It's also a time of great anxiety for many of us. We have an extraordinarily consequential election happening, and feelings are running high. The pandemic continues unabated; indeed, Michigan keeps hitting new record single-day case totals. Many of us feel that so much is out of our control - our country's future, our economic future, our physical future.

These feelings are real and important. But equally real and important is the presence of God. God is with us not only in times of ease and prosperity, but also - and especially - when we are anxious and worried. Jesus, after all, knew what it felt like to be anxious and worried and in pain. Jesus is with us in all our trials, in all our troubles, in all our worries.

Through the centuries those of deep faith have taught us several things we can do to feel God's power and presence: Claiming time for ourselves to rest and renew. Finding quiet spaces. Going outdoors to experience God's beautiful creation. Praying for wisdom and clarity of vision. Seeking support from our community of friends and family, and especially our church community. Remember that I am just a phone call, text, or email away to listen and to talk.

I know that many of us are longing for the time when we can worship together again. Your council and I agree, however, that at this time, we are best serving our community by staying closed to in-person worship and continuing with virtual worship on Zoom and on Facebook and our website, as well as with occasional drive-in services. Michigan COVID cases are rising dramatically and exponentially right now, and our concern is for everyone's safety. It's so easy for the virus to spread from one asymptomatic person. Unless there is a dramatic change in the next few weeks, we will likely be closed to in-person worship through the holidays and into the winter, so that we can make sure our community is safe.

In joyful news, you'll hear an announcement very soon about a vote to call me as your next Pastor! Coming to Amazing Grace has been and continues to be a deep blessing for my family and for me, and we are excited about our future with you!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Susanna

Bible Study on Zoom Ephesians

The link is sent via e-mail or call the church office
Wednesdays 10:30 A.M.

DRIVE IN

Church

WORSHIP WITH US FROM YOUR CAR

Sunday, November 8th