

¹⁸ of those who are faithful to his covenant,
of those who obey his commandments!

¹⁹ The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.

²⁰ Praise the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans,
listening for each of his commands.

²¹ Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!

²² Praise the LORD, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.

Let all that I am praise the LORD

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Psalm 103 & Luke 11:1-13. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read it a few times to yourself? What do you find to be most important in the texts? Why?
2. What directive or instruction is repeated in verses 1, 2, 20-22? To whom is the Psalmist speaking? Do you ever talk to yourself? About what?
3. What do you think it means to praise God with your whole heart or all your inmost being? Which of the Lord's benefits listed in vss 1-5 are most critical to you? Why?
4. Is it possible to praise God half-heartedly & unenthusiastically? How? When was a time that you were so overwhelmed with gratitude, thanksgiving & joy that you felt compelled to praise God with all that was deepest within you?
5. Who benefits from the act of praising God? How? Does God need your praise? Do you need to praise God? Explain.
6. How do we deserve to be treated by God? Why is our experience different from that? What implications does God's treatment of us have for our treatment of others? What would it mean to bring the same grace God has for you into a difficult situation with a difficult person?
7. Read vss 11-12. What do you notice about those images the Psalmist uses? How do you feel when you consider that reality?
8. How does vs 19 help you understand the Lord's Prayer in a deeper way? How does God's sovereign rule over all things, and his desire to be approached by his human children give you confidence in your praying? In your daily living?
9. If you were to record your prayers. How would they sound? More praise than complaint? More asking than offering?
10. Why are some people reluctant to call God "Father?" How would an uneasy relationship with an earthly father impact someone's relationship with God? How does God demonstrate his difference & superiority to any earthly parent? How might you share that insight with someone you know who does not yet call God "Father?"

Living Water Fellowship

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10th October 2021

COME TO JESUS

SONG:

Sing to Jesus (*Robbie Seay Band* CCLI 384660)

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbrcGmnlFi0>

BIBLE READING:

Luke 11:1-13

WELCOME & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

Psalm 103:1-22

FAITH CHAT: (*with Paul Prenzler*)

What does this mean to me?

SONG:

Jesus Strong & Kind (*Colin Buchanan*) CCLI 384660

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac&list=RDT5Y8s-Sz_ac&start_radio=1

THE MESSAGE: ANCIENT CREED – LIVING FAITH: I BELIEVE IN GOD WHO IS FATHER

PRAYERS:

Individuals joining us on-line are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders.

Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes by using the included form of the Words of Institution.

The Communion:

Since we have been raised with Christ Jesus, let us set our minds on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth. Let's pray together...

Gracious God, in our wanderings & selfish desiring we often forsake fellowship with our families, our friends, & our neighbors; we neglect our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures over truth, justice, & righteousness. In a world of plenty, we hoard our earthly blessings while others lack. Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

Christ gave to the church the bread of heaven, his flesh & blood, for our forgiveness, life & salvation. Paul records that gracious gift with these words:

For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to

God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people?

You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love.

Once again you will have compassion on us.

You trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! Amen. (Micah 7:18-19)

Hear the good news: every lost sheep is worthy of rescue, every lost coin is missed, sought, found & rejoiced over, & every lost child is welcomed home with rejoicing in heaven. Hear the good news: God's love is stronger than all things & his power is poured out freely & alive within you now & forever. **Amen.**

Worship Video during Communion: The Well (Casting Crowns) CCLI 384660

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bW5unzXXC0k>

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

† (Name), child of God, you are beloved of the Father!

Amen.

Announcements:

SONG: *Death Was Arrested* (NorthPoint Church) CCLI 384660

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUJ>

SHOW HIS LOVE

LUKE 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:

"Father, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

³ Give us each day the food we need,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation."

⁵ Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶ 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' ⁷ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' ⁸ But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

⁹ "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

PSALM 103:1-22

¹ Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

² Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

³ He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

⁴ He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

⁵ He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

⁶ The LORD gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

⁷ He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel.

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

⁹ He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

¹⁰ He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

¹¹ For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

¹² He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

¹³ The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

¹⁵ Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die.

¹⁶ The wind blows, and we are gone — as though we had never been here.

¹⁷ But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children