Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME/PRELUDE "Here I Am Lord" Bell Choir

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GATHERING

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

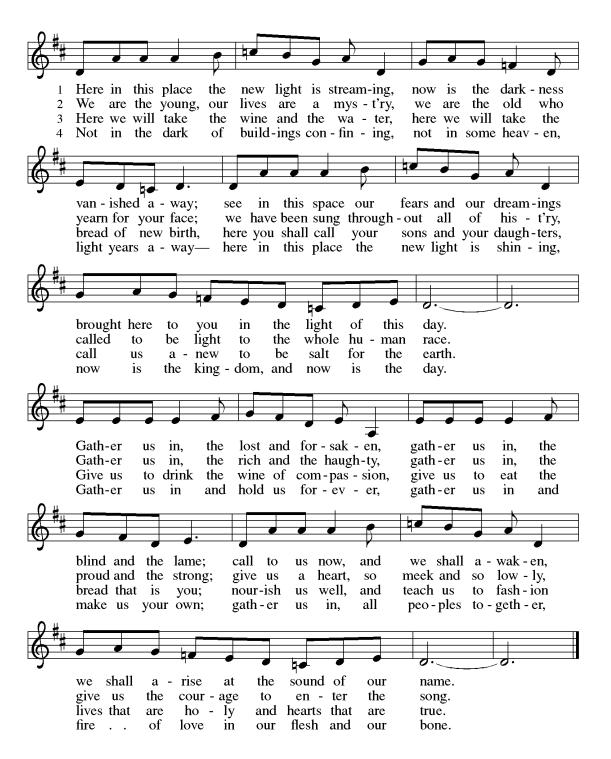
- P: God, our provider,
- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

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GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)





HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in -One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1-10

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)

¹Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.

³Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

⁴for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

⁶"I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket. ⁷You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

⁸Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

P: The word of the Lord.

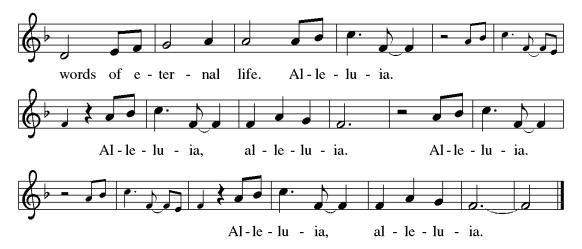
C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 2:23--3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." 3:1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)

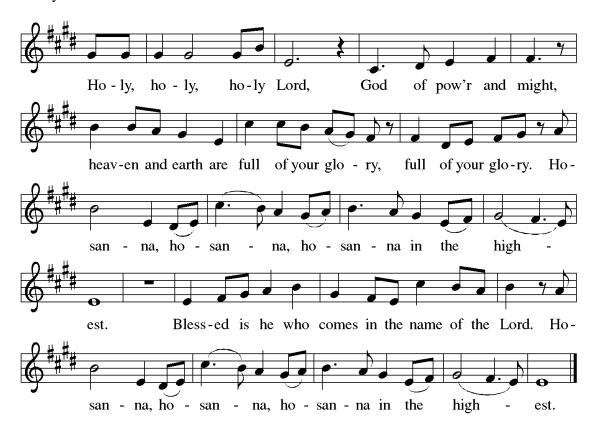


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- P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,...(concluding)...Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C:Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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;

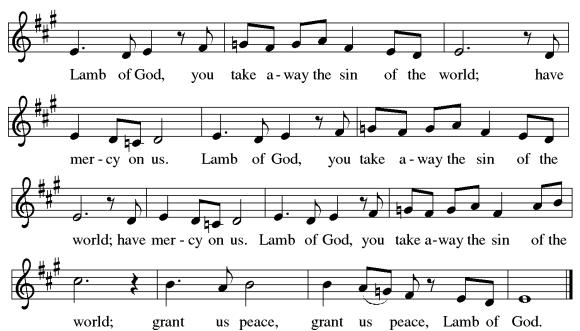
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





Text: African American spiritual

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(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

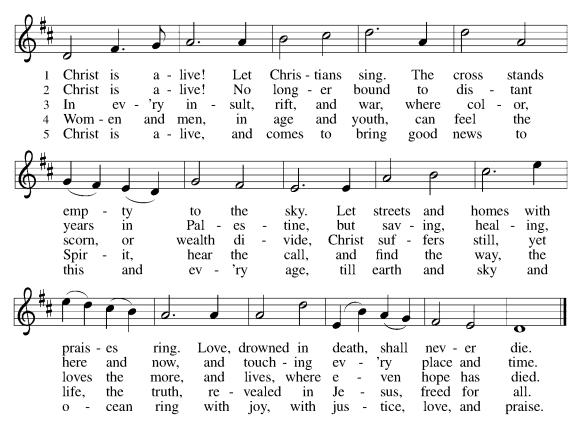
P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"

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GRADUATION & SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: Go in peace. We are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Katherine by Larry Rettell

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Tom Downs for leading worship, preaching and presiding this weekend.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Diane Prevost, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Daphne Flack, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for all who work on Ecumenical Projects and Interfaith Dialogue at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Lord of Life Lutheran Church/Portage, Rev. Martha Porter-Reid and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

Communion for this weekend will not be at the rail. Rather it will follow the usual continuous communion pattern. We will return to the rail later in the month.

150TH FUND

Thank you to those who donated already to our 150th Fund to honor Grace's anniversary. At our celebration dinner, we raised \$640 to kick off our efforts, along with the \$1,000 committed by Council. It is our goal to raise \$10,000 by the end of this calendar year. Half will be used for current ministry and outreach, and the other half will be used for near-future projects. Thank you to all who are supporting Grace's activities to make a Christ-like difference in our community and world. If you would like to donate, please indicate "150th" on your check or on your church envelope. Thank you, -- Anne Gentry

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - WEDNESDAY JUNE 26 AT 5:30 PM

Again this year we will pick up litter at Starlite Beach prior to the July 4th holiday, helping to make it cleaner for everyone, residents and visitors, who will be enjoying the park then. We will have pizza together after we are done. Please sign up in the Office Lobby.

FIRST OUTDOOR WORSHIP OF THE SUMMER - JUNE 29 & 30

Join us outdoors, across the street in our lot. Bring a lawn chair and sunscreen - we hope.

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

The Free Little Library is here! It is located across the street near the parking lot. *Take a book, leave a book, love a book, keep a book.*

ONE BOX FOR UKRAINE

Grace's giving mission for June is ONE BOX FOR UKRAINE. Cash donations will go toward purchasing a washing machine (\$275) and solar lanterns with a USB plug (\$10). Please note on giving envelope "ONE BOX" and preference of item if you wish. (Checks payable to Grace Lutheran; ONE BOX in memo line). Boyd Byelich from Rogers City started this project when he had a calling to aid the Ukrainian people during the war. For more information about this amazing 501c3 non-profit organization: https://www.one-box.org. For more info contact Dawn Gentry. 989.356.2816

RUMMAGE SALE - AUGUST 23 & 24

Please remember our Rummage Sale as you are Spring cleaning. Your donations will be accepted at the church starting Saturday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 21, just before the sale. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items.





<u> Alpena High School</u>

Michael Herrmann

Michael has joined the United States Air Force and will be going into Electrical Avionics.

Michael heads to Lackland Air Force Base on August 6th for Basic Training.

Maia Slominski

Maia will attend Alpena Community College this Fall.

Her career goal is in the Psychology field, leaning toward helping those with mental disorders or sleep medicine.

Finn Williams

Finn will attend the University of Michigan this Fall.

He plans to study Cognitive Science. His goal is to attend graduate school to become a university professor and publish research.

Alpena Community College

Allison Urlaub

Associate Degree in Liberal Arts
Allie will attend Michigan State University this Fall.

Davenport University

Kody Bertrand

Bachelor Degree in Sports Management (Business)

Kody plans to stay in Grand Rapids at this time and pursue a job in his field of study.

Michigan State University

Adam Urlaub

Graduated with a double major in Anthropology and History

<u>Trinity Lutheran Seminary</u>

Valerie Slaght

Master of Theological Studies Practical Ministry Leadership

Grace Lutheran Church Scholarship Recipients

Maia Slominski

Finn Williams



We are blessed as a congregation to honor our youth as they graduate and begin this new phase in their lives.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DONATION

The Little Hill Farm donated 10 dozen fresh eggs to the Little Food Pantry. This young family in the Posen area supplies eggs to Kipfmillers and hopes to donate more. Hoping we can support them by purchasing from them in the future. Check it out on Facebook because they do more than eggs. Thanks Little Hill Farm!

THANK YOU

To our Grace Family, Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation to all who were involved on so many levels in the funeral service and luncheon for Taylor. During our darkest time you surrounded and lifted us with your prayers, time and talents in providing a beautiful service honoring her life. Our church family is a true blessing, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. -- Love, Phil, Pam and Mitch Agius

A list of June birthdays and anniversaries can be found on our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2024-birthdays

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –2nd

9:30 am

Worship

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service as we congratulate our graduates

Monday - 3rd

8am-noon Church Office Open 6:00 pm ROC - Lounge

Tuesday - 4th

Church Office Open 8am-noon Sewing/Quilting 9:00 am

Wednesday - 5th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Bell Choir 6:00 pm

MLK Committee - Lounge 7:00 pm

Thursday - 6th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Friday - 7th

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved 8am-2pm

Saturday - 8th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JUNE 1/2

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. J. Thomas Downs	
Music Direc	torClaire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewsk		
Lector	Anna Lewis	
Comm. Asst	Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith	
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
	Diane Prevost (Sat.)	
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek	
Altar Guild.	Kathy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske	
Livestream	Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
C	harter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
	Darlene Freel	
Coffee Hour	·Ruby Haske & Family	

SERVING JUNE 8/9		
Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case	
Music Director	Claire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski		
Lector	Pat Daly	
Comm. Asst Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith		
Ushers Wa	yne & Chris Christopherson	
Greeters	Dale & Pat Schultz	
Altar Guild Kat	thy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter	, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters Way	yne & Chris Christopherson,	
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Coffee Hour Wa	vne & Chris Christopherson	

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