Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

May 25 & 26, 2024



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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

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.



"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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- 1 Come, thou al might y King, help us thy name to sing;
- 2 Come, thou in car nate Word, mer ci ful, might y Lord;
- 3 Come, ho ly Com fort er, thy sa cred wit ness bear 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



all - glo - ri - ous, help praise; Fa - ther o'er us to Come and our prayer at - tend. thy peo - ple bless, and al - might - y Thou who this glad hour! art, rule hence ev - er - more! Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty may



- ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days. righ - teous-ness word suc-cess, and let thy on us de scend. de - part, Spir - it ev - 'ry heart, from of pow'r. nev - er us ter - ni - ty love and dore. glo - ry see, and to e -

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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 Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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.

John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

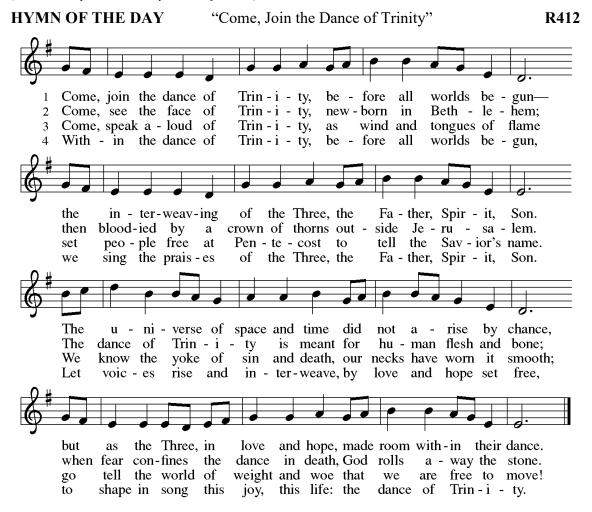
¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)



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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)

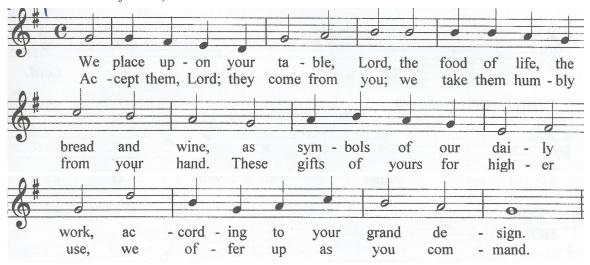
P: Merciful God,

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)



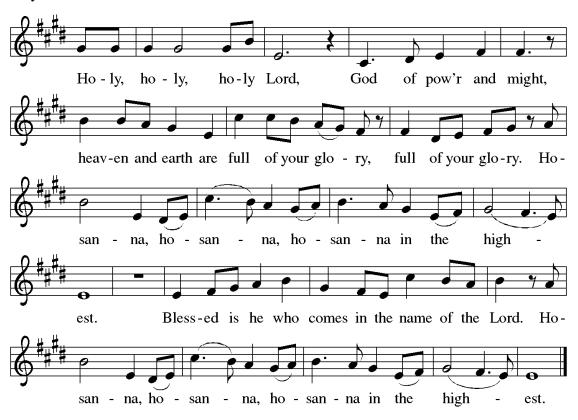
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P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,

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.

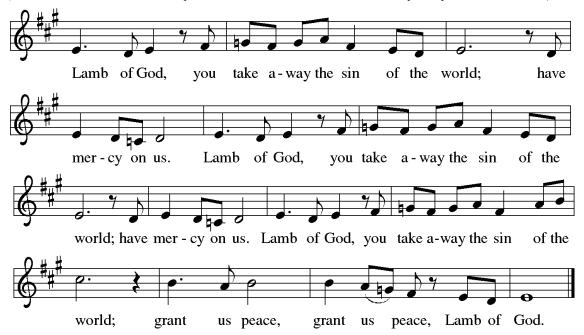
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

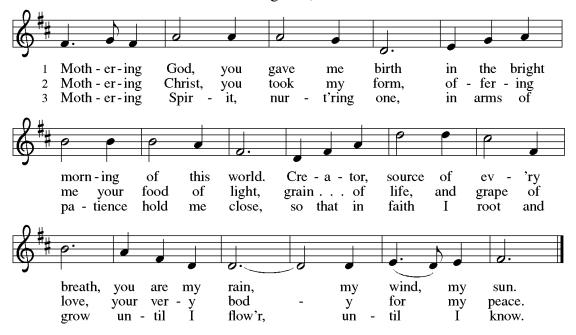
(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"





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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.



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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 Jim Dekett by His Family

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 the Prayer Group at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church/Plainwell, Rev. Nicole Smith and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Evangelical Covenant Church

We will look at the Evangelical Free Church, born from the Swedish Lutheran Church, a state church, in Sweden. We look to emphasis that took and prompted their creation. Join us at 11 in the Lounge for our discussion and comparison to ELCA practices today.

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

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

A free little library is coming soon to Grace. Look for it across the street near the parking lot. *Take a book, leave a book, love a book, keep a book.*

GRADUATING?

Please let us know by May 26

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 2.

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

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.

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!

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR APRIL 2024

Average needed in April (4 weeks) to meet budget

Monthly Giving - April

(Includes several one-time/qtly gifts in the amount of \$2,300)

\$ 18,944.00

23,142.10

We received:

103 envelopes, 72 Simply Giving recurring payments, 1 Thrivent Choice donations, and 7 Give+ payments made from our website



Anniversaries of Baptism

May 4 Jerry Charter

May 5 Kody Bertrand

May 6 Michael Lang

May 7 Jeanne Pankey Ella Sandula Kady Sandula

May 8 Phran Ludington

May 9 Sheri Smith

May 10 Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

May 11 Christopher Piontkowski Stacey Piontkowski

May 12 Monroe Garant May 13 Joshua Engstrom

May 14 Logan Suszek Madi Szymanski

May 15 Raylynn Suszek

May 17 Wesley Garant Hannah Kamyszek Hope Kamyszek Savannah Kamyszek Kathryn Reynolds

May 19 Alexander Bauer

May 28 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Jeffrey Welch

May 30 Terry Bertrand



2nd Stephen & Janie Hansen
3rd Jeff & Sandy Welch
6th Gary & Janet Bettega
8th Jon & Mari Crow
17th Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
30th Eric & Emma Barber



May 2 Grace Kuligowski Scott Lancaster Harper Suszek

May 3 Chad Lewis Beth Matzke Craig Weise

May 4 Thomas (T.J.) Lappan Mya Styma

May 5 Vicki Piontkowski

May 6 Dawn Anderson Oliviah Viegelahn

May 8 Matthew Anderson

May 11 Michele Amelotte

May 12
Rachel Chroninger
Taylor Chroninger
Nancy Platt
Peggy Tomaszewski

May 15 Laurie Hansen

May 16 Jan Charter **May 17** Audrey Garant

May 18 Karen Suszek

May 19 Michael McCourt Rebecca Trelfa Brett Werblow

May 22 Alexander Bauer Pamela Kirchoff Roger Pankey

May 23 Scott Coddington

May 24 Betty Bedford Joanne Kindt

May 25 Polly Cook

May 26 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Miriam Denstaedt Ella Engstrom

May 30 Alexander Struble

May 31 Emily Szymanski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –26th

9:30 am Worship

Adult CE - Lounge 11:00 am

Monday - 27th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - 28th

8am-noon Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting 9:00 am 11:00 am Pastors Text Study

Wednesday - 29th

8am-noon Church Office Open Bell Choir 6:00 pm

Thursday - 30th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Friday - 31st

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 1st

Worship 5:00 pm

SERVING MAY 25/26

SERVING WIXT 25/20		
Ministers God's People		
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth		
Music DirectorClaire Witt		
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski		
Lector Janet Bettega		
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Christopherson		
UshersMatt, Everett & Olivia Haske		
Wayne Lewis (Sat.)		
Greeters Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry		
Altar Guild Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps		
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble		
CountersCheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek		
Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart		

SERVING JUNE 1/2

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor		
Music Director	Claire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski		
Lector	Anna Lewis	
Comm. Asst Sherie McTag	ggart, JoAnn Smith	
Ushers Wayne & Ch	ris Christopherson	
GreetersJo	el & Cindy Suszek	
Altar Guild Kathy Piontle	kowski, Kelli Liske	
Livestream Team D	awn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don Lal	Barre, Alex Struble	
Counters Wayne & Ch	ris Christopherson,	
Darlene Free	el	
Coffee HourRul	ov Haske & Family	

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