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Pentecost

Grace Lutheran Church October 2 & 3, 2021

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

(The assembly stands as you are able)

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

- P: Trusting in the Word of life given in Baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
 - Silence for reflection and self-examination.
- P: We give you thanks, O God,
- C: for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Let the Whole Creation Cry"



- high!"
- 1 Let the whole cre a tion cry, "Glo ry to the Lord on 2 Ser vants striv ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn ing with the word.
- 3 Men and wom en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the king!" song. chil-dren's hap - py hearts in and this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love; Pow'rs of knowl-edge and of law, the glo-rious cir-cle draw; to from the north to south-ern pole the might - y cho - rus roll: let



up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice. sun and moon, lift all who work and all who wait, sing,"The Lord is good and great!" One; God a - lone!" "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly glo - ry be to

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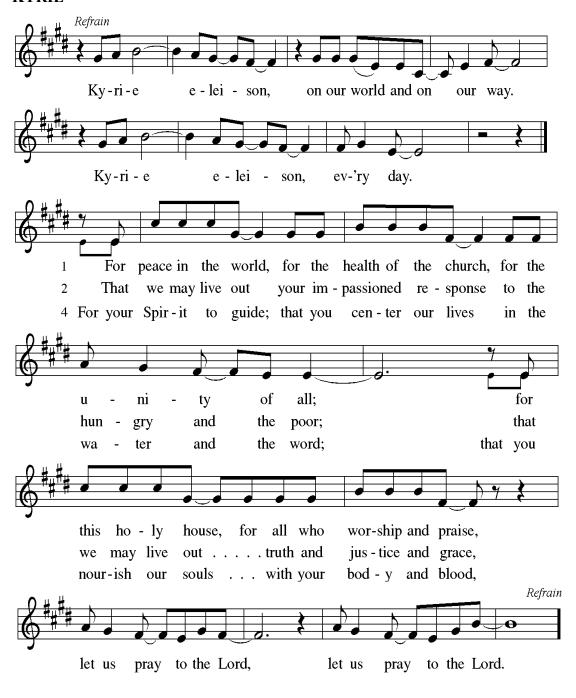
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GREETING

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

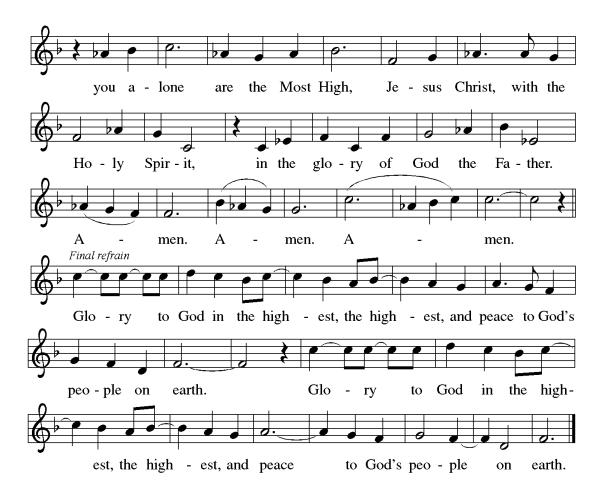
C: And also with you.

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HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

¹O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children:

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hebrews 1:1-4: 2:5-12

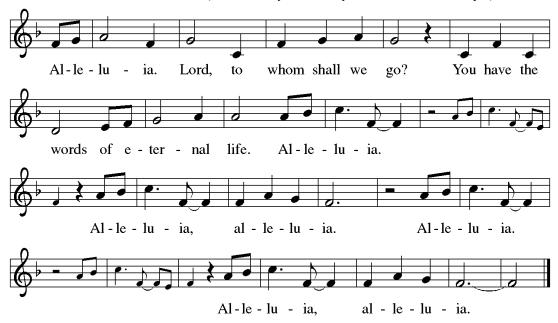
Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that

the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"



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Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (The assembly stands, as you are able, and sings as the gifts are brought forward)

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine, as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.

Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life: Our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand.

These gifts of yours for higher use, we offer up as you command.

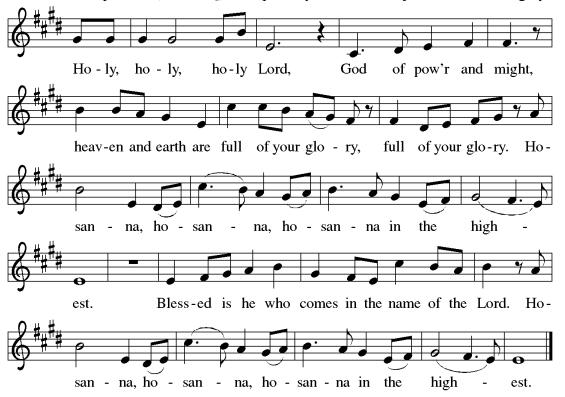
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- P: Let us pray...God of abundance,
- C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

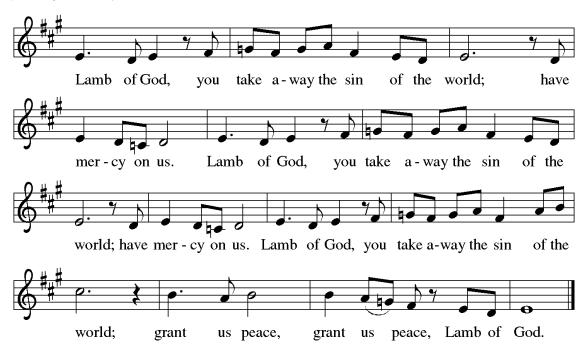
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine/juice are invited to participate in the Eucharist) (You may be seated)



COMMUNION HYMN "Day by Day"



- your mer-cies, Lord, at tend me, bring - ing com - fort Day by day,
- Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
- Oh, what joy to know that you are when my bur - dens near me



my anx-ious soul. wis-dom to o-bey; grow too great to bear; Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, when I no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior, of the mor-row, what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter-nal rest. help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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The assembly stands as you are able)

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

C: Amen.

- P: Let us pray...Lord of life,
- C: in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

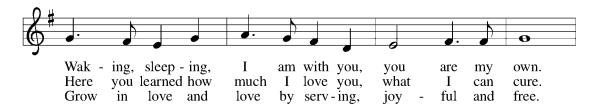
BLESSING

- P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



- 2 "Go, my chil dren, sins for giv en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil dren, fed and nour-ished, clos er to me.





In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Dale Schultz, Mike & Donna, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Betty Dulebohn, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Gus Gillard, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Genie Diamond, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, 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 concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Youth & Family Ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Matthew Lutheran Church/Herron, Rev. Leslie Nye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Would you like to serve the church and help share God's love and welcome. Talk to Council President Tom Lappan, Vice President Rick Engstrom or Pastor Tom about the tasks and joy of being a Council Member.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we welcome your doing so. Let us take care of each other and help end this pandemic.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Bill & Nancy Platt's wedding anniversary on October 4th.

PASTOR TOM ON VACATION

Pastor Tom is on vacation through October 18th. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Peggy (989-255-8850) who will be in touch with the pastors on call during this time.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Atheist Chaplain at Harvard University

The new president of the chaplain's organization at Harvard is a humanistic atheist. How important is doctrine, ethics and practical applications in our faith life? How should Christians engage with others who do not hold similar faith beliefs (or even the same Christian beliefs) or any religious beliefs? Can all of us do good works together? What is our Christian role in such a world of religious diversity? Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEMBERS

Some members at Grace with asthma or allergies can react to and have difficulty breathing with various perfumes or colognes. For those with special sensitivity (like Pastor Tom), it can be surprising how little it takes to cause the reaction and even being at distance away doesn't always help as the scent can travel a good distance. We would ask that you consider wearing as little as possible or even refraining from any perfumes or colognes for worship services allowing others to worship in ease and comfort.

DAVID DELANO IS RETURNING HOME TO MAINE

With great sadness, we announce that David will be returning home to Maine soon to be with and help his family. We have truly appreciated David's gifts and he has added much to our worship and church life while he has been with us. In his nearly 4 years with us, he brought his musical gifts and enthusiasm to worshiping God and Jesus, helping to draw the most out of all of us to make a joyful noise to our Lord. In these pandemic times, he took on the added responsibility of understanding the livestream system and then training others. He will be greatly missed. We will wish him and Bri well with a special send off, to be announced soon, as his time here ends.

QUILT DEDICATION FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

This weekend we dedicate the quilts that have been so lovingly made here at Grace over this last year plus. There are being taken to Immanuel Lutheran in the next few weeks for pickup and delivery to Lutheran World Relief. And along with them will go the kits that have been put together. We give thanks for the generosity of all who gave their time and supplied materials to "make a Christ-like difference in our community AND WORLD."

NO RECYCLED ITEMS PLEASE

At this time we are not able to take any recycled items due to extremely limited recycling availability.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN

With our weekly bulletin as our main communication to members and visitors, we ask that all announcements be turned in by 9 AM on Wednesday in a written form. As announcements are highlighted in the email blast that sends the bulletin link out, on our web page and Facebook as well as in the printed bulletin for weekend services and highlighted at the end of the livestream this gives multiple opportunities for people to see the information spreading the word. With as much as 1/3 of our worship attendance online, we need to offer these various ways for everyone to be aware of what is going and have the info to refer to and then get involved. Thank you for helping to share God's Love and welcome *ALL* in some new ways.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

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 or recording.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SEMINARIAN

Val Slaght's address and email:

Valerie Slaght Capital University 745 Pleasant Ridge Avenue Box #2121 Columbus, OH 43209-2427

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Email: vslaght98@gmail.com

Average needed each week to meet budget \$4,489.00

Weekly giving - September 19 & 26 (combined) 5,440.82

We received:

47 envelopes, 21 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 4 Give+ payments made from our website



Annversaries of Baptism

October 4 Madelyn Boyd

October 10
Wayne Christopherson October 23

October 12 Kay Grove

October 15 Matthew Anderson Molly O'Connor

October 20 Shane Bullard



October 21 Thomas Bertrand Drew Gentry

October 23
Joanne Nicholls

October 27 Piper Slominski Emily Townsend

October 29 Michael Pankey Mya Styma

October 30 Marcie Law Connie Suszek

Birthdays

October 2 Jim Berles Adam Kirchoff

October 3 Ellie Walker

October 5 Mike Morgan

October 6 Christopher Piontkowski

October 7
Ken Amlotte
Kristin Berles
Richard Carlson
Kimberly McCourt
Michael Pankey

October 9 Erin Graham

October 10 Gary Grove Steve Lappan

October 12 Michael Townsend

October 13 David Dekett

October 14 Tamar Furze October 15 Kody Bertrand

October 18 Brian Schiller Jim Timrick

October 20 Erika Nicholls

October 21 Jewel Lancaster

October 22 Jessica Slominski

October 23 Emma Nelson

October 24 James Townsend

October 25 Staci Chroninger

October 26 Dan VanEssen

October 27 Clayton Lee

October 28 Cindy Domrase Andrea Matzke

October 29 Caileigh Nitchman

October 31 Jessica Konarzewski Sandra Welch

<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>

1st Dawn & Brett Anderson 3rd Matt & Ruby Haske 4th Bill & Nancy Platt

6th Joshua & Tiffany LaFave

13th Jack & Patti Tucker 17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith 24th Dale & Patricia Schultz

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 3rd 9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 4th 8am-noon 8am-2pm 6:00 p.m.	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Remembering Our Children - Hall
Tuesday - 5th CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
Wednesday - 6th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Thursday - 7th 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Friday - 8th 8am-noon 10am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

SERVING OCTOBER 2/3

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Jan Charter
Communion
Assistants Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers (Sunday)Gary Grove
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Livestream Team Phran Ludington, Dawn
Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour

SERVING OCTOBER 9/10

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Worship

Saturday - 9th

5:00 p.m.

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