Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

August 6 & 7, 2022



Pentecost

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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 they are able)

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Merciful God,
- C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.
- P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are free to love as God loves.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

R771



- 1 God, who stretched the span gled heav ens in fi nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven tured worlds un dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho ri zon beck ons, may it chal-lenge us a new



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space: known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space; chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in-ven-tive pow'rs with you; probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r, May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do. fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour. great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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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



HYMN OF PRAISE







P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

- ¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- 19 to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- ²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY "Blessed Assurance"

R638

(The assembly stands as they are able)



- Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech - oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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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: God, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

<u>MEAL</u> God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

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

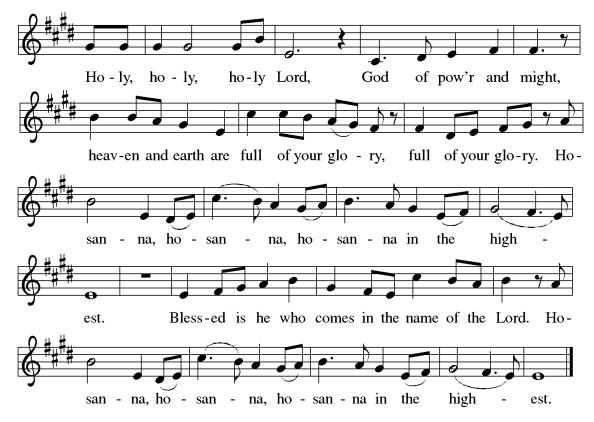


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- P: Let us pray... God of abundance:
- C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

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. **Amen.**

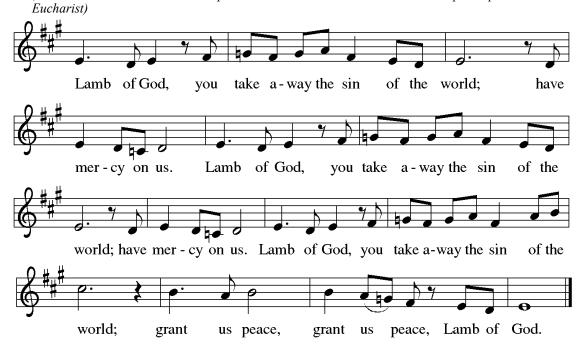
LORD'S PRAYER

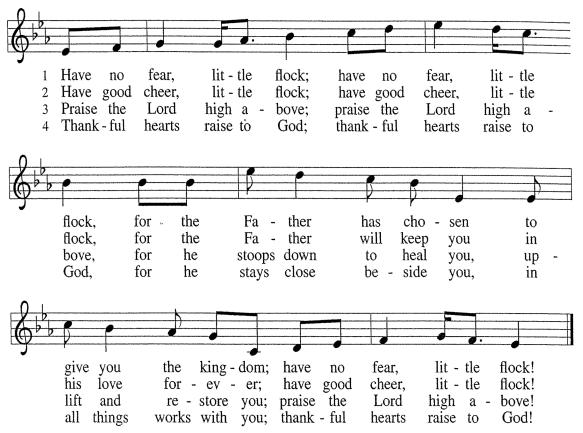
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

HOLY COMMUNION

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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





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(the assembly stands as they 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...Life-giving God,
- C: through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" **R856** O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the when think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain I scarce can take it that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly in, home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played; and feel the gen - tle breeze; gran - deur and hear the brook bear - ing he bled died take a - way my sin; and to ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!" Refrain Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to art! How great thou thee, how great thou art! art!

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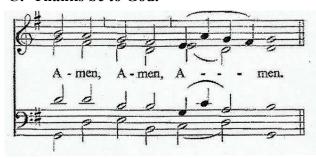
Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Joel Fraley, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Sandra Christopherson, Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), Margaret Cousineau, Pastor Mike Schaedig, Maureen Eberhardt, Ryan Guisgand & Nora Grace Guisgand (Budd & Marlene Jobson's grandson and great-granddaughter), Al Smolinski, Carol Liske, Donna Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Tiffany Bailey, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, 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

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 Christian Education Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. James Lutheran Church/Rogers City, Rev. Mary Hughes.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in celebration of Gary & Kay Grove's 55th Wedding Anniversary.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - AUGUST 7

What Constitutes Free Exercise of Religion?

The recent US Supreme Court ruling in Kennedy has further defined what is an acceptable exercise of religion in a public setting. What do you think is appropriate expression of religion by a public governmental entity or individual in their governmental role? How does the issue of authority over others come into play in whether an act can be coercive or manipulative? Lets imagine we are not the majority religion and talk about the effect? How do we practice Christian faith in public settings? Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

ADULT CE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR AUGUST 14 & 21

We will be reading through the Creation Stories in Genesis Chapters 1 & 2, asking questions and hearing the history of interpretation. Bring your Bible and your questions to our discussion. Join us at 11 in the Lounge on those days.

ADULT CE SERIES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER Making Sense of Christian Faith

We will do the book by David Lose, *Making Sense of Christian Faith*, in our Sunday class in September and October. Topics include: God Talk: Theology, Original Blessing: Creation, Missing the Mark: Sin, God con Carne: Incarnation, Life Wins: Atonement among others. Books are \$14. Please order the book by August 8th with the office. Any questions see Pastor Tom.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - AUGUST 13 & 14

We are going to try to worship outdoors in our lot across the street, next to the parking lot on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 & 14, at our usual times. Bring a lawn chair and join us. If we have to change our plans, the announcement will be on the answering machine, our website and Facebook page that we will be in the sanctuary.

CHILDREN OF GRACE - YOU ARE INVITED!

Join Tracie Granata as she hosts a children's Random Act of Grace activity on Monday, August 15, from 10-11am. This activity will be for our church members and members of the community. The kids will be making rock art with paint markers. The colored and painted rocks will be displayed as a Random Act of Grace throughout the community and to our church members. A children's ministry lesson will be shared. Children ages 3-12 are invited to participate. Please RSVP to Tracie at: 989-619-5002 (texting or calling). We look forward to seeing the kids at this event.

POWERPOINT

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE THEM? OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

The Livestream Team could use someone to help make up the PowerPoints that are used as part of our weekly livestream of our worship service. Interested or for more information, see Dawn Anderson (989.657.6923) or Pastor Tom.

LEER LUTHERAN CHURCH 14OTH ANNIVERSARY Saturday, August 13 ~ 10am to 8:30pm, 10430 S., Leer Rd., Posen

10am Church Grounds & Museum Open, Silent Auction, Coffee, Water; 11am-1pm Coffee Social (in pavilion)-free will offering; 1-2pm Jon Christopherson & Darlene Ciupka special music; 2pm "Are there coffee socials in heaven?" Our founders tell their "Leer stories"; 5pm Buffet Dinner (in pavilion)-free will offering; 6:30pm Musical Entertainment by Al Kirchoff Band.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DOLLARS

Grace recently sent \$200 to the Alpena Senior Citizens Center for their Fight Senior Hunger fundraiser. Thank you for your support of Grace Lutheran that we can make a Christ-like difference in our community.

QUILTERS REQUEST

The quilters are again in need of clean used linens for their projects. They can be sheets, curtains or drapes (NO rubber lined ones), tablecloths, mattress pads, or any large pieces of material. Recently 162 quilts were sent for distribution and each quilt can use up to three sheets or more to make. So, as you can see, a large number is needed to make them. If you have friends, neighbors, or relatives that are looking for somewhere to donate these items, how about telling them about us? Items can be dropped off at the church during office hours. All donations are deeply appreciated as we strive to help the less fortunate. -- Grace Quilters

A list of August birthdays and anniversaries can be found on the "News" page of our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

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.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

For the next two weeks, our special request for the LFP is: **Paper towels and toilet paper.** You may place these and any donations in the Office Lobby.

The LFP is experiencing lots of use, and it is no wonder with food prices. If you are inclined, these items also go quickly: canned sausage, tuna packages, pasta and sauces, macaroni and cheese.

Thank you for all you give to LFP supporting those who have food insecurities.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory/honor of someone or in celebration of special occasion, please sign the flower chart on the wall in the office lobby and fill out an Altar Flowers form (located on the table as you enter the building) with the information you would like printed in the bulletin and return it to the office.

COVID TEST KITS FOR AT-HOME USE

The United Way through Joe Gentry has left some at-home COVID test kits. They are available in the office if you would like or need one. There are 2 tests per box and they are to be taken 24 hours apart. Just stop by or give a call to the church office.

CAN YOU HELP WITH RECYCLING ???

We could use some help taking recycling materials to collection places. Cardboard, paper and plastic are collected from many church activities. Cardboard and plastic are stored by the side entrance by the kitchen. Bulletins and other paper are in a bin by elevator and in the offices. If you are headed to recycling and willing to take the recyclables that would be great. Don't need to sign up, just do it as you can. For cardboard recycling, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BREAK DOWN THE BOXES that you leave in the kitchen entrance. *Thanks*.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JUNE 2022

Average needed in June (4 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - June \$ 17,904.00 14,122.15

(includes \$1,750 qtly contribution)

We received:

94 envelopes, 60 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 4 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 7th	
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult Ed - Lounge
Monday - 8th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - 9th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
Wednesday - 10th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
Thursday - 11th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
Friday - 12th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-12pm	Kitchen Reserved
Saturday - 13th 5:00 pm	Outdoor Worship

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

SERVING AUGUST 6/7

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	
Music Director	
Accompanist	Amy Truth
Lector	
Communion	C
Assistants Susan Stacey	, Sherie McTaggart,
Jo Ann Smith	i cc
Ushers Wayne & Cl	hris Christopherson,
Jo Ann Smith, Vicl	ki Piontkowski (Sat.)
GreetersAnna I	Lewis, Susan Stacey
Altar Guild Karen Su	ıszek, Jo Ann Smith
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson,
Jan Charter, Don Ba	rnard, Don LaBarre
Counters Cheryl	
Coffee Hour	.Dale & Pat Schultz

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Livestream Team Dawn Anderson,
Jan Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch

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