Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

September 3 & 4, 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.

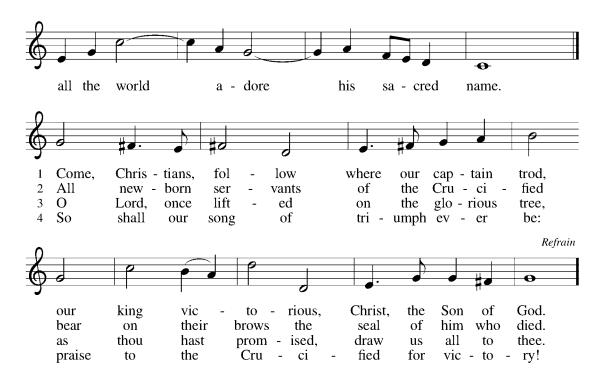
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- 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 "Lift High the Cross"

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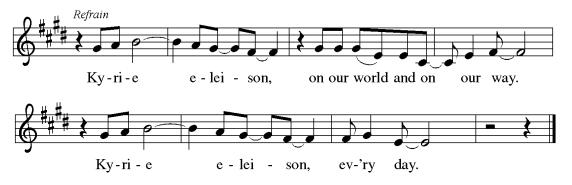
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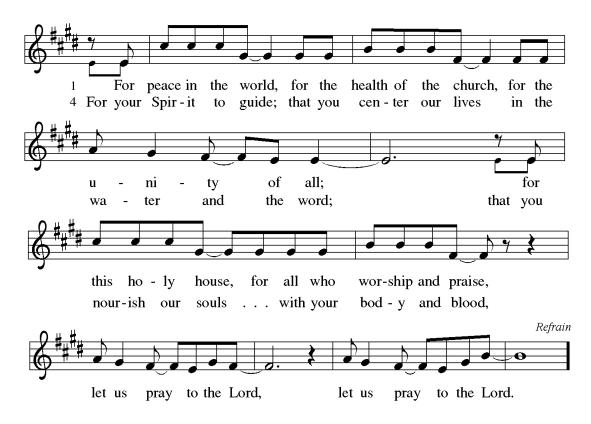
GREETING

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

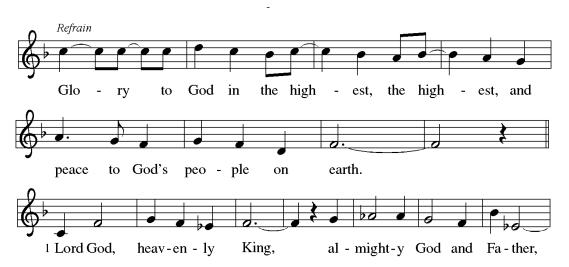
C: And also with you.

KYRIE





HYMN OF PRAISE







P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked:

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother. To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

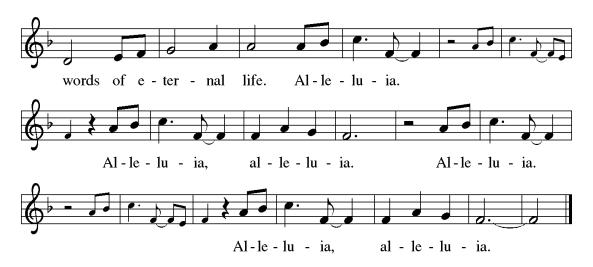
L: The word of the Lord.

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 14:25-33

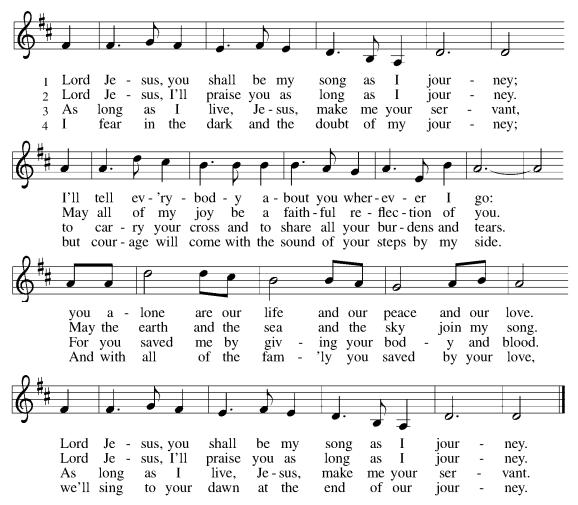
Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



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(The assembly stands as they are able)

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)

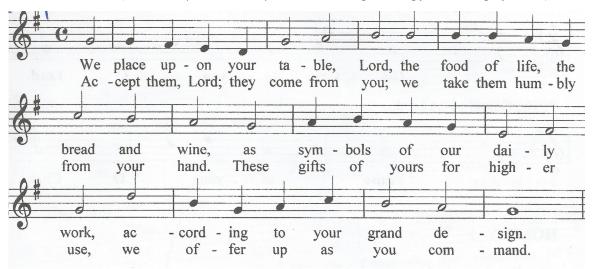
P: God, in your mercy C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

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:

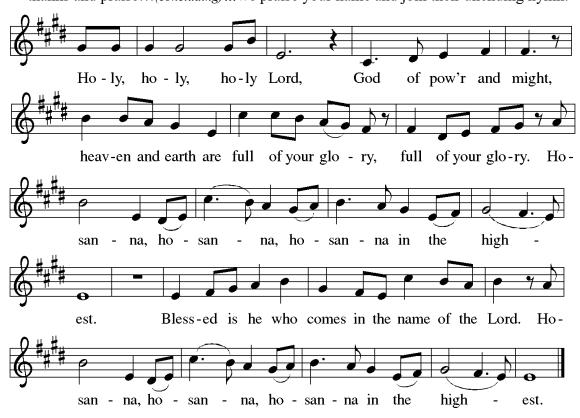
C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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.**

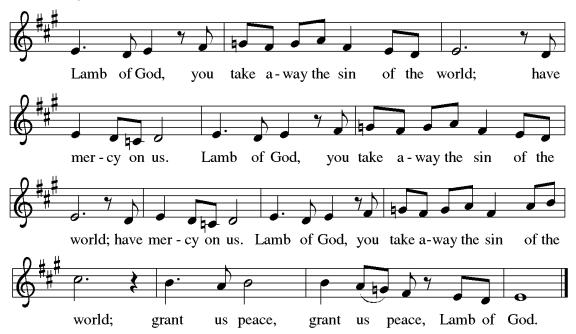
LORD'S PRAYER

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 Eucharist)





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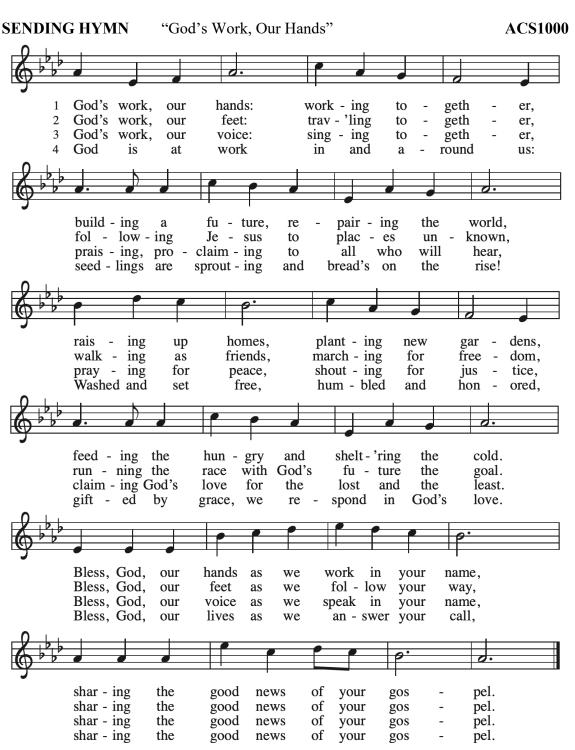
(the assembly stands as they are able)

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

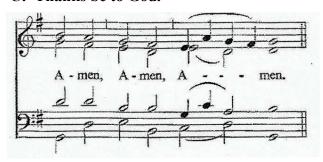


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Darlene Freel, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, 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, Kathy Rettell -- Matthew & Rebecca, Sandra Christopherson, Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), 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).

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Laraine Sundin for leading worship and preaching this weekend.

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month. If you want the person on longer, please notify the office by the end of the month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for Intergenerational Messy Church at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Ascension Lutheran Church/Saginaw and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Kimberly Moors, given by Gerri Moors and family.

EXPLORING LUTHERANISM

A class on Exploring Lutheranism, Theology and Tradition will be held on Tuesday evenings in September starting on the 13th at 6:30 PM. Whether you are interested in learning about Lutheran beliefs and considering joining Grace, or already are a member and want to refresh your understanding of Lutheran beliefs and thought and maybe learn some more, you are invited to join us for these 3 classes. Please call the office to let us know you are coming and get the book for the class.

MUSIC AT GRACE

Choir and Bell Choir are starting up in September! If you are interested in either, please sign up in the lobby or contact Claire by email: sclaire489@gmail.com. There will be a music potluck on Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30 pm to go over further information and details. If you would like to bring a dish, you can sign up in the lobby as well.

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

There will be a First Communion Workshop on Saturday, September 24th at 10 am. If you think your child is ready for this next step on their faith journey, please register with the office. First Communion for the children will be Sunday September 25th. For further information, contact Pastor Tom.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

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

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Grace Lutheran is one of nearly 8,900 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) participating in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday on September 11. Across the country, thousands of ELCA members will be engaging in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love.

This year there will be a special opportunity for members to support the Little Food Pantry as part of the "God's Work. Our Hands." celebration. For both the Saturday and Sunday services there will be special donation boxes set up on the communion rail kneelers. If you wish to donate, please bring just one or two items to service with you and place them in one of the boxes on your way in. These donations could be from the current needs list of the Little Food Pantry or they could be something from your own cupboard or pantry that you wish to share. During the service, Pastor Tom will be offering a special blessing of these gifts from our hands.

(We will need a few volunteers to move the donations down to the LFP storage area after service.)

THANK YOU

DID YOU KNOW the Orphan Grain Train sent out 158 truckloads of relief items domestically last year? Some went to Kentucky flood relief, Hurricane Harvey relief, and even hay to farmers in New Mexico for fire relief and Montana for drought relief. **Next year the 162 quilts we sent will be included in the shipments.** THANK YOU TO ALL who have donated material. -- Grace Quilters

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

For the next two weeks, our special request for the LFP is: **breakfast cereals with powdered milk.**

It is harvest time and if you have extra fruits and vegetables from your garden please consider donating to the Little Food Pantry. Fresh cucumbers, zucchini and other items are always welcome! You may place these and any donations in the Office Lobby. Thank you for your support because the pantry is used often!

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS BEGIN OCTOBER 17

The Community Chorus will be taking place this year at Trinity Episcopal Church (124 E. Washington Ave.) in Alpena. Rehearsals start Monday, October 17th at 7:00pm and continue all Monday nights except November 14th until the performance on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00pm. There are no auditions, but please contact Jean or Don at 989-340-0262. They will need to know what part you sing as well as a \$10.00 charge to help defray costs.



Anniversaries of Baptism



September 1 Britni Nowak

September 2 Joanne Kindt

September 5 Jon Crow Aaron Nowak

September 10 Dawn Gentry Jim Hansen Brian Nelson

September 14 Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 15 Scott Henning September 20 Mark Freel Caileigh Nitchman

September 22 William Whitscell

September 27 Jonathan Lang Wayne Lewis Marco Wade Owen Wade

September 28 Rachel Engstrom

September 29 T. J. Lappan Chuck McKay

Birthdays

September 4 Kiowa Kirchoff Marcie Law

September 5 Bill Platt

September 6 Mark Upham

September 10 Ryan Werblow

September 11 Donald Cross Steven Garant Marjorie Weber

September 12 Shane Bullard Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14 Izzy Denstaedt Nic Timmreck

September 15
Thomas Bertrand

September 17 William Bock



September 18 Maia Slominski

September 21 Lawrence Nelson

September 24 Judith Douglas

September 26 Joseph Gentry

September 27 Cheryl Lang

September 28 Darlene Freel Ann O'Connor

September 29 John Kuligowski Jessica McKenzie Dennis Werblow

September 30 Ella Sandula Kady Sandula Connie Suszek



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross 11th Jim & Laurie Hansen 16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie 17th Gordon & Karen Suszek 19th Joel & Cindy Suszek 20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson 29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey 30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JULY 2022

Average needed in July (5 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - July

\$ 22,380.00 12,619.15

We received:

88 envelopes, 60 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

<u>Sunday - 4th</u>	
9:30 am	Worship

Monday - 5th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - 6th

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

Wednesday - 7th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 8th

8am-noon Church Office Open 4pm-6pm Lounge Reserved

Friday - 9th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 10th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING SEPTEMBER 3/4

Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Laraine Sundin
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Accompanist	Amy Truth

SERVING SEPTEMBER 3/4 (Continued)

LectorCorinne Fraley Communion
Assistants Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)
Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Altar GuildSherie McTaggart, Sandy
Malaski, Bonnie Cross
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

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