Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

June 15 & 16, 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.

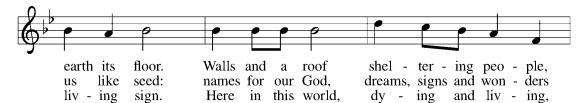


"What Is This Place"

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- What this place where we are meet-ing? is On - lv house, the a
- Words from a far. stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
- bread at this ta ble, And we ac - cept bro - ken and shared, a

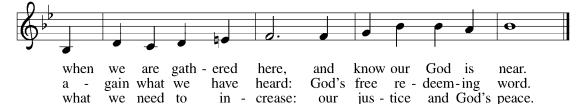




o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a win-dows for light, an bod - y that lives sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive

our

jus - tice



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GREETING

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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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

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GoD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;

they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

15that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [11] Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

P: The word of the Lord.

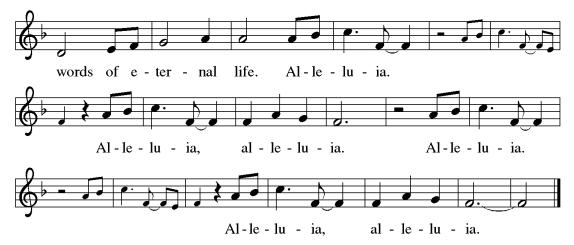
C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 4:26-34

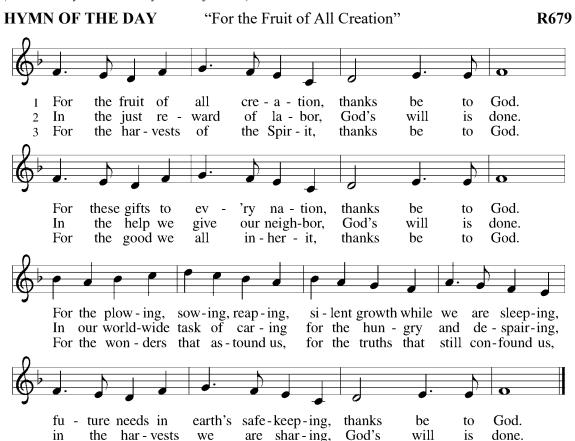
Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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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,

love

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.

has found us.

thanks

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God.

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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.

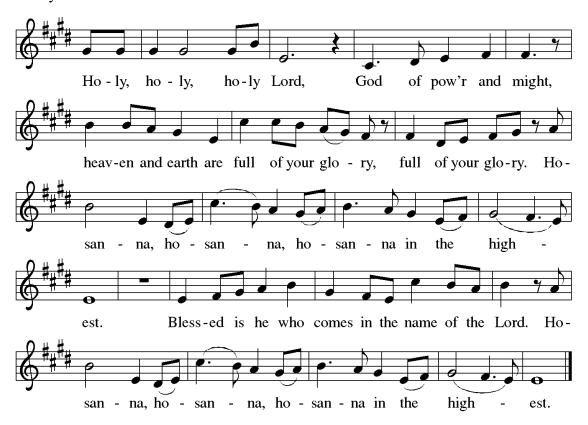
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

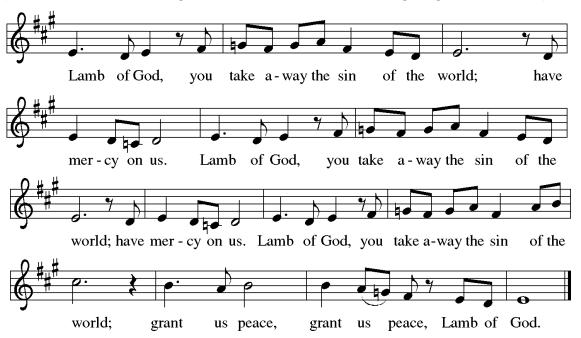
P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

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)





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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.

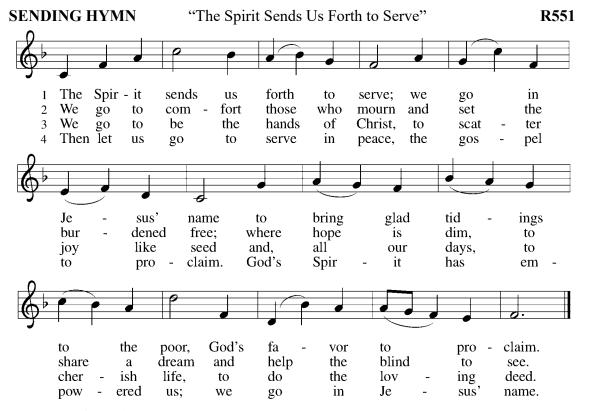
P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,

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

P: 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 Celebration of Izzy Szymanski's 16th Birthday Given by Her Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, 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, Dixie Crevier, 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 Children's Program at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Leer Lutheran Church/Posen, Supply Pastors and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Some thoughts about Christianity – from the world.

How is Christianity viewed in the world? What are some thoughts from the outside of our faith. The article expresses what some think about Christianity. We will talk about these comments, whether we agree or are the views wrong about our understanding of our faith. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE OUR NEW SCHEDULES

Please complete the survey that was emailed to everyone receiving our emails by July 14th. It is very short and will only take a minute or two. This will help us get the new schedules in place this Fall. Thank you!! (Paper copies are located in the Office Narthex if you would prefer to complete a written copy. Please return the paper copy to the church office or place in the offering plate.)

GUYS & DUDES (Big Guys & Little Guys) COOKOUT - JUNE 17

Meet at Starlite Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17. Gathering and eat at 6:00 p.m. Feel free to invite friends. Sign up in the Office Lobby or call the office (989.3534.2640). Hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Please bring a dish to share.

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

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

FIRST OUTDOOR WORSHIP OF THE SUMMER - JUNE 29 & 30

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

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.

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

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

ONE BOX FOR UKRAINE

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

AN UPDATE FROM VALERIE SLAGHT

Dear Grace Lutheran,

I am extremely pleased to inform you that I have completed my journey at Trinity Lutheran Seminary! It was without a doubt the most wonderful, difficult, and holy experience. I have met some of my best friends, worked alongside incredible pastor's and professors, and had amazing experiences during my time at Trinity.

I have returned to teaching Preschool at a private school called Learning to Flourish here in Columbus. The mantra from graduation was that I may not know where I am going next but I trust God's plan; it is something wonderful. I am interested in non-profit work, education, and working with youth, so I hope to continue engaging in different forms of ministry in these ways.

I am also excited to announce that I will soon be Val Bower! Jonathan and I's wedding is June 22nd this year! We are getting close and there is so much planning left to do. We are thrilled for this next part of our lives together.

I want to extend my gratitude to you all. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support over these last three years. Grace Lutheran helped shape me into the person I am today and I could not be more grateful for that. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Val Slaght

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.





June 2 Matthew Gillard

June 3 Nancy Amelotte

June 6 June Daly

June 7 Kendra McInerney

June 8
Dawn Anderson
Emma Barber
Laurie Hansen

June 12 Jan Charter Peggy Tomaszewski

June 13 Amelia Berles

June 14Pamela Nowak

June 15 Connor Freel Craig Weise

June 16 Brianna Himes

Anniversaries of Baptism

June 20 Pamela Agius Kayla Bertrand Everett Haske

June 21 Tiffany Oliver Kristin Rich Bryan Stafford

June 24
Betty Bedford
Dale Schultz

June 25 Nicholas Fraley

June 26 Alecia Lewis Tyler McKenzie

June 27 Tracie Granata Roger Pankey

June 29 Chad Lewis Erin Nowak Karen Suszek

June 30 Lorah Lappan

Birthdays

June 1 Raymond Reynolds

June 4 Hope Kamyszek

June 5 Shelly Olsen Nicklas Schultz Valerie Slaght

June 9
Thomas Brennan

June 11 William Matzke

June 13 Nicholas Fraley Izzy Szymanski

June 16 Beckett Granata William Whitscell

June 18 Jessica Gillard Erin Nowak

June 20 Rhonda Anderson Angie Indish Sara Lappan



June 21 Amelia Kamyszek

June 22 Ava Lappan

June 25 Kelly Pankey Vicki VanEssen

June 26 Savannah Kamyszek

June 27 Jo Ann Reinholz

June 28 Tim Schultz

June 29 Nathan Engstrom Anne Gentry Isaac Matzke Gerri Moors

June 30
Trey Garant
Andrew Lappan
Mary Lappan
Lucas Palmer
Marco Wade
Owen Wade



Wedding Anniversaries

8th Peter & Pamela Nowak 14th Mark & Rhonda Himes 17th Jerry & Jacquelyn Timm 18th Bradley & Angela Indish 23rd Mark & Tawny Freel 30th Wayne & Chris Christopherson 30th Rodney & Emily Szymanski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –16th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 5:30 pm Guys & Dudes Cookout

at Starlite Pavilion

Tuesday - 18th

8am-noon 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 11:00 am Pastor's Text Study 6:00 pm Worship WG

Wednesday - 19th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday - 20th

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

Friday - 21st

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

Saturday - 22nd

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JUNE 15/16

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Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Direc	etorClaire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski		
Lector	Jan Charter	
Comm. Asst	Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith	
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
Greeters	Rick & Sharon Engstrom	
Altar Guild	Kathy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
C	harter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
Darlene Freel		
Coffee Hour	cDale & Pat Schultz	

SERVING JUNE 22/23

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	Claire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski		
Lector	Donna Czarnecki	
Comm. Asst Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith		
Ushers Wayne &	Chris Christopherson	
Greeter	Jo Ann Smith	
Altar Guild Kathy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske		
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don I	aBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters Wayne & C	Chris Christopherson,	
Darlene Freel		
Coffee Hour	Jeff & Sandy Welch	

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