Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14 & 15, 2023



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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, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of 中 Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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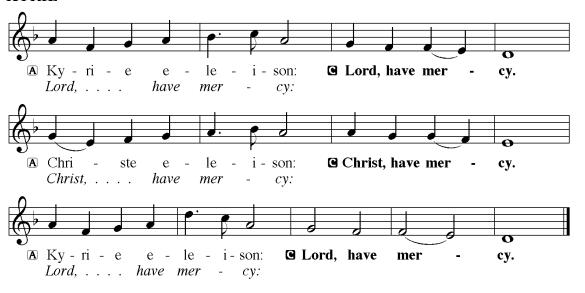


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GREETING

- 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

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me. ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." 35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)



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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: Lord in your mercy...

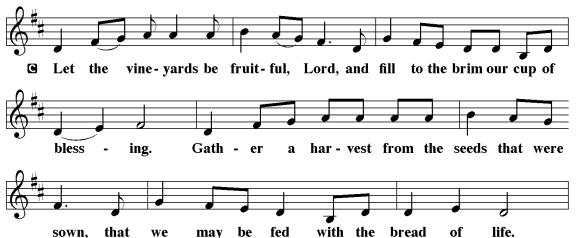
C: hear our prayer.

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)





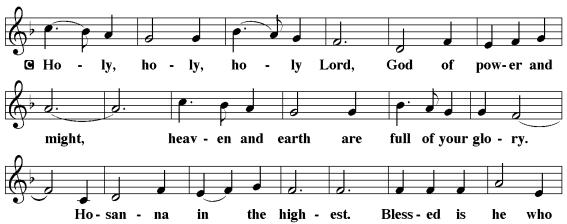
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

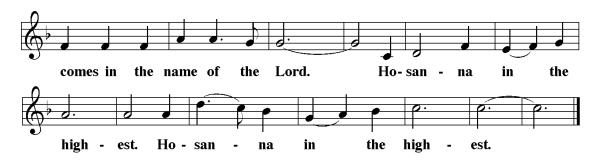


- P: Let us pray... Liberating God,
- C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

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, ...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:...

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: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

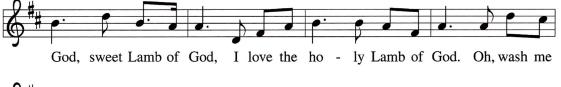
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

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







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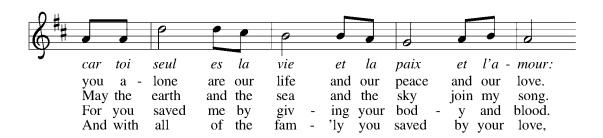
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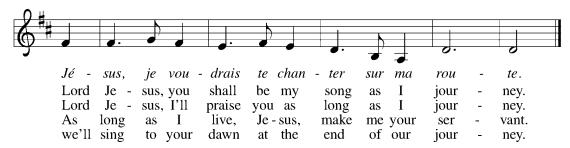
- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray... Holy One, We thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**





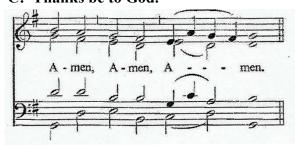


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

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

Patti Tucker, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, 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 -- Kevin Carlson, Nina, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Candee and Neviah Fetty, Matthew & Rebecca, Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Al Smolinski, Donna Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Beverly Attwell (Mike Urlaub's grandmother), who passed away January 7th.

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).

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.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Youth and Family Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Christ Lutheran Church/Wyoming, Rev. Julie Winklepleck, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - DECEMBER/JANUARY

NO Sunday School on January 15th. Sunday School resumes January 22nd.

CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE - ADULT CE SERIES

You can still join us in this series. Each class is an individual session. On Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. we gather in the lounge here at Grace to view the presentation from Rev. Dr. Wally Taylor, retired professor from Trinity Seminary, Columbus. Then Sunday mornings we gather to discuss that week's topic and scripture. See Pastor Tom for more information.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet on January 18 at 1:00 pm in the lounge. All women are welcome!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME devotionals are in for January through March. Pick them up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

COMING SOON - SAVE THE DATE

Game Night ~ Saturday, January 28th ~ More details to follow

REBOOT SOUP COLLECTION

The Reboot Committee is asking your help with collecting cans/cartons of soup. The soup will be included in "Thinking of You" bags for our Loving Care Members. Please place your donation of soup in the basket marked "*Thinking of You*" (soup) outside the office. Bags will be packed during Fellowship Hour on February 19th. Any soup not needed for this activity will be donated to the Little Food Pantry.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Our pantry is in need of paper products. We are low on toilet paper and paper towels.

CHRISTMAS CARD

We've received a Christmas card from Craig Weise. See the card on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

BELIZE MISSION TRIP CORNHOLE & CHILI FEE FUNDRAISER

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ January 14, 2023 ~ 3-7:30 pm

Registration forms with complete details on table in Office Lobby.

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

SUNDAY SWEETS AND TREATS

Wouldn't it be fun to share our favorite sweets and treats during Sunday's fellowship hour? Let's do it! The goal is to have a few people to bring their goodies each Sunday. Use the sign-up sheet on the table in the Office Lobby so we know which Sunday you will share. The goal is to have a few people each week.

Join your Grace family on Sundays after the service to enjoy one another's company and to share and enjoy yummy sweets and treats! See you there. Brought to you by your REBOOT team.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY ACTIVITIES IN ALPENA - MONDAY JANUARY 16

Join in community activities to learn about Rev. Dr. King's work and the Beloved Community. At 9:45 AM a program from The King Center in Atlanta will be viewed in the Nucleus Lounge, 1st floor of The Center Building with time for a discussion to follow. (This is being done during the time kids will have a program and activities in Art in the Loft.) The evening program is at 7 PM in Art in the Loft and will feature a video from The King Center with discussion afterwards.

SOUP'S ON AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL! PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW!

A nice hot bowl of savory vegetable soup would taste good right about now, wouldn't it? It's a sound bet it will also taste good on Jan. 20-21, when Trinity Church is brewing up Maggie Michaud's Nearly Famous Vegetable Soup on sale at \$10 per quart. One must PRE-ORDER by calling Cheryl Bates at 989-657-2939 or emailing Sonya Titus at sonyagtitus@gmail.com. Once you've pre-ordered, pick up your soup at Trinity's Fellowship Hall (glass doors in front) on Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m., or on Jan. 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The soup comes in quart-size plastic containers ready-to-eat or, if you choose, frozen for later. (NOTE: The containers are not microwave-safe.) A list of ingredients is available upon request, but Maggie would prefer to keep her Nearly Famous recipe a secret!

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If you are the last one leaving the building, please check to make sure that doors are locked AND LATCHED behind you. If you are entering or exiting the building and doors are already locked, please be sure that the doors latch behind you. Just letting the door swing back as you enter or exit **DOES NOT** ensure that the door will completely close and latch. 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 and recording.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 15th

8:50 am **Choir Practice**

NO Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 16th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 7:00 pm Adult CE - Lounge

Wednesday - 18th

8am-noon Church Office Open 1:00 pm Ruth Circle - Lounge 3:30 pm **Reboot Meeting** 6:00 pm **Bell Choir Practice**

Thursday - 19th

8am-noon Church Office Open 4:00 pm Lounge Reserved

Friday - 20th

Church Office Open 8am-noon

Saturday - 21st

10am-3pm Alpena County Search &

Rescue - Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm Worship

A list of January birthdays & anniversaries can be found on the "news" page of our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org.

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Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Accompanist	Amy Truth
Lector	Joe Gentry
Communion	
Assistants	Dale Schultz
Ushers Wayne	& Chris Christopherson
Vicki I	Piontkowski (Sat.)
Greeters Wayne	& Chris Christopherson
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Counters...... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Darlene Freel

Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom

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