

Worship Folder



Pentecost

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Grace Lutheran Church

June 18 & 19, 2022

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 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

R886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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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



(Kyrie continued on next page)



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



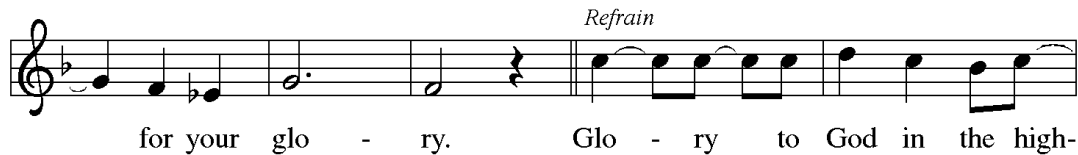
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you




for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
Refrain



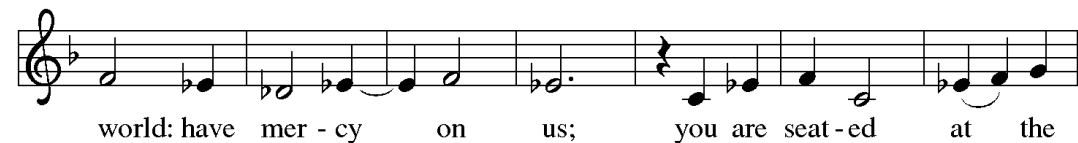
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



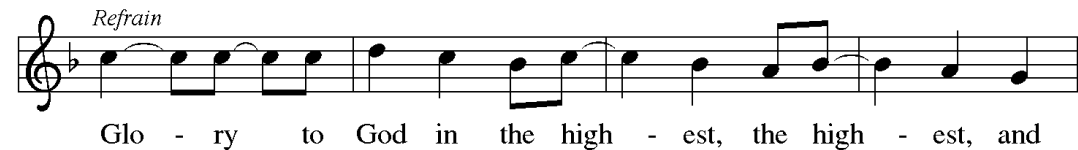
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



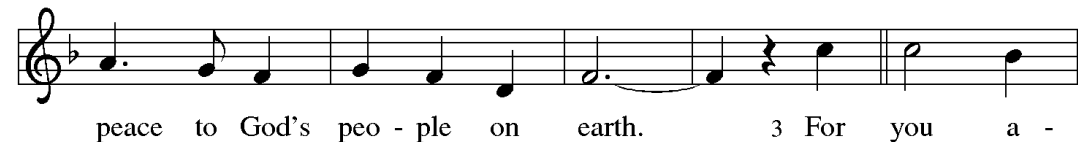
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
Refrain



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

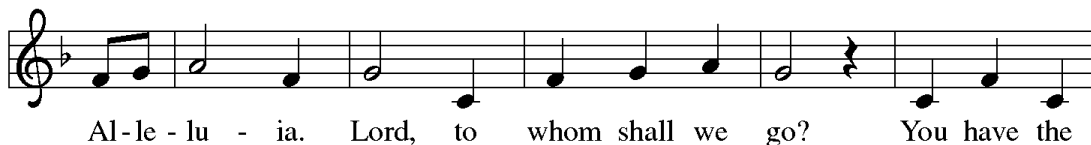
²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef. The first staff begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff concludes the phrase with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

B754



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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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

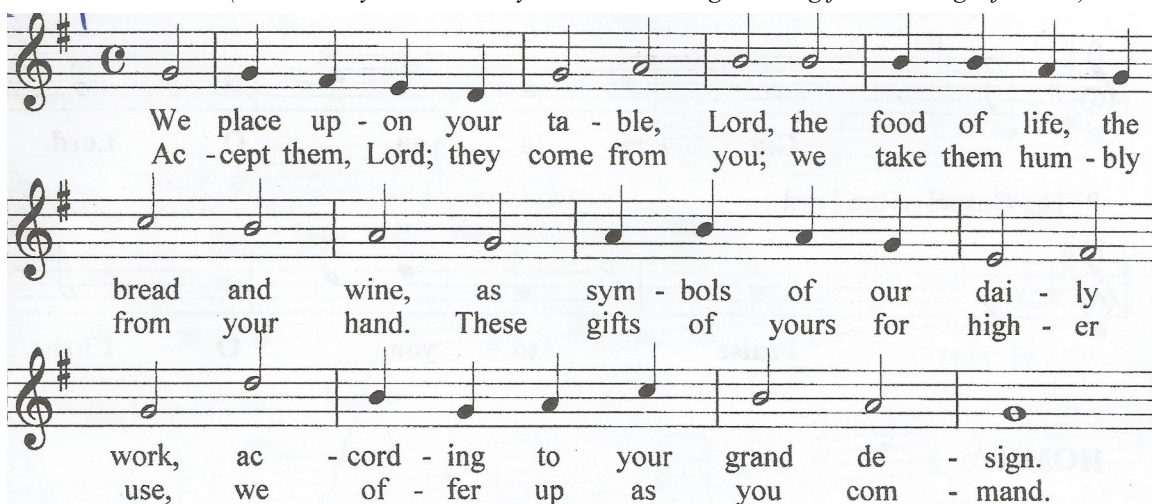
C: hear our prayer.

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)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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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.

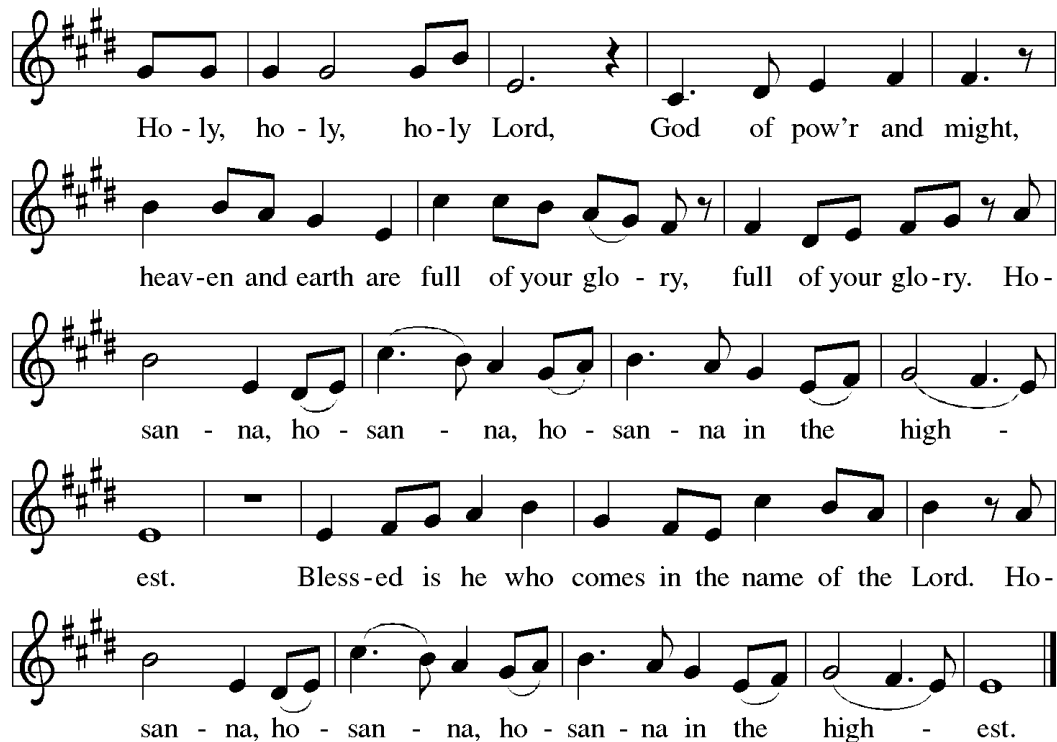
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

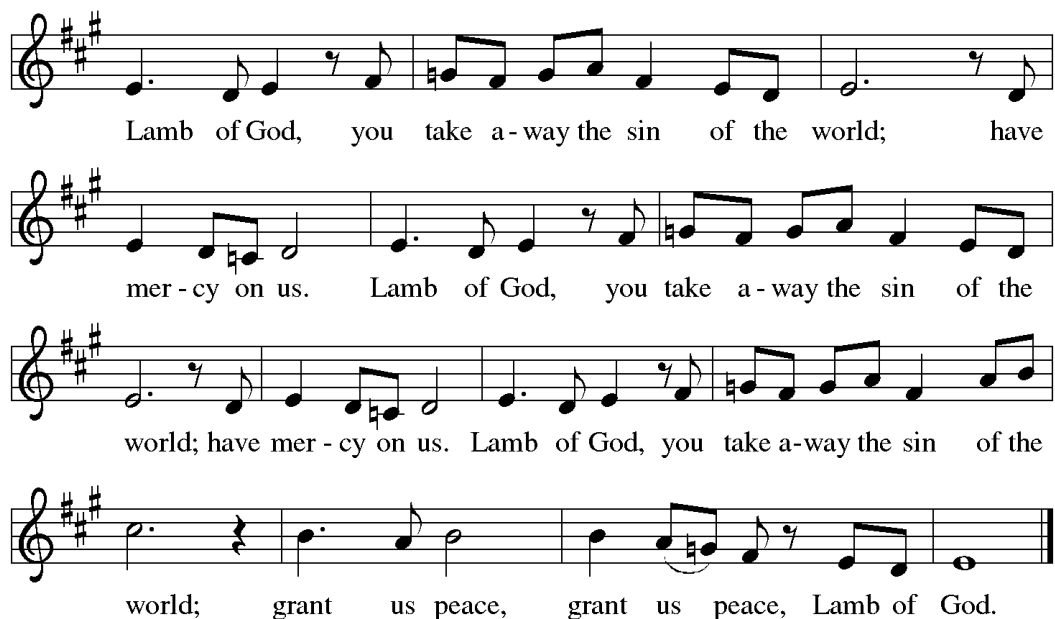
LORD'S PRAYER

**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)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN "Calm to the Waves"

R794



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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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 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

R857



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshipping 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

Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Janet Chroninger, Robert Larsen, Joel Fraley, Alecia Lewis, Verna Furze, Patti Tucker, 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, 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, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), 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 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Jeffrey K. Phillips, given by Elsa Phillips.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for Foster Children/Foster Families through Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Lord of Life Lutheran Church/Portage, Rev. Joan Herbon.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - JUNE 18 & 19

We are going to try to worship outdoors in our lot across the street, next to the parking lot on Saturday and Sunday June 18th and 19th 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 in the sanctuary. We have plans to do this one weekend each month during the summer.

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION - FROM PASTOR TOM

What a surprise! And what a blessing! Thank you for the gift of the chalice and paten. I was surprised and overwhelmed. It is my joy to be here serving with you for what God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are calling us to in God's Kingdom. Thank you. See you next week.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JUNE 19

The Dangers of Thinking the Rules Don't Apply to Us is our Wired Word lesson for this week. It is really is about how we apply our faith to our daily living, our Christian Ethics in our daily living. The lesson has a ridiculous example and a very serious example, neither situation likely to apply to us. How do we apply the scripture to our decision making? Join us after outdoor church for some discussion. See you at 11 or so in the Lounge.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JUNE 26

Children's Questions about Jesus. And our questions.

How would you answer these questions about Jesus if you were asked by children?

What did people think about Jesus when he was alive? Did they think he was crazy?

Why was Jesus so nice when people were mean to him?

What made people like and follow him? What were the most important things he did?

What convinced people to believe him?

What questions would you ask? And then how would you get answers for children or yourself? See you at 11 in the Lounge for working on our faith together.

EAST SIDE STORY - SHOWTUNES CONCERT - SUNDAY JUNE 26 AT 2 PM

Mezzo-Soprano Nina Fine will perform a concert in tribute to Bernstein and Sondheim at Trinity Episcopal Church on that Sunday afternoon. Her visit has been arranged by Temple Beth-El where she will also cantor worship. The concert is free to the public and has been supported by Thunder Bay Arts Council, granting agencies and other organizations including Grace Lutheran. A reception will follow the concert.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

For the next week, our special request for the LFP is:

toweling paper and toilet paper.

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.

GAYLORD DISASTER RESPONSE

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod is sending funds to Gaylord to support the recovery and rebuilding in the community. If you would like to make a contribution, you may place it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Gaylord" or send it to the church office.

GAYLORD TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

If you are interested in assisting or donating to residents in Gaylord, after their community was devastated from an EF3 Tornado, please look into these donation options. The Otsego County United Way is looking for donations to be dropped off and used immediately. They are currently looking for; Chapstick, sunblock, cleaning supplies (household cleaners, wipes, paper towels, etc.), garbage bags, phone chargers and laundry detergent. The number one requested items are gift cards, for food or gas, of any denomination.

Donations can be dropped off locally to All Saints Parish Office at 817 Sable St., Grace Lutheran Church at 119 W Dunbar St., St. Paul Lutheran Church at 727 S 2nd Ave., or Real Estate One at 215 W Chisholm St.

*Please NO donations of shoes, clothes or household items yet.

If you would like to volunteer in person, please send an email to Courtney Holmes, at holmescp@umich.edu, to have your email added to the Tornado Relief volunteer list at the Otsego United Way. When volunteer opportunities are available, you will receive an email and will be able to accept or decline. There will be more opportunities to volunteer as the clean up process progresses.

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN

We ask that any announcement for the bulletin be to the office in a written form or by email by 9 am Wednesday. The information is sent out in multiple forms - printed bulletins, email blast, Facebook and on our webpage - so that it reaches everyone who participates at church or attends worship in person or online. We offer all these means for everyone to be aware of all that is going on and for the chance to be involved in our work for God's Kingdom. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE OUR NEW SCHEDULES

Please complete the survey that was emailed to everyone receiving our emails as soon as possible . 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.)**

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.

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.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

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

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SEMINARIAN

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SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Hello friends at Grace Lutheran Church! This year Pastor Tom asked me to participate in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly as a voting member. Due to continuing COVID concerns the assembly was held virtually. No, sitting in a Zoom meeting for 8 hours on a Saturday is not the most fun you could ever imagine, but I'm glad that I agreed to be a voting member. I'd like to share with you a general overview of what went on at the Synod Assembly.

The agenda included voting on: adoption of compensation guidelines, adoption of the 2023-2024 Synod budget, voting for new members of Synod Council as well as members of the Consultation Committee. This year there was one resolution and one memorial statement to vote on. Two voters were invited to s from each church in the Synod, as well as all Synod clergy. According to the synod constitution the ratio of voters must be 60% lay voters and 40% clergy. In this way, congregants have a say in decisions being made in our Synod.

Resolution A was a decision on Living Waters Ministries becoming a designated RIC (Reconciling in Christ) organization. This means Living Waters Ministries publicly declares its intent to be supportive of the LGBTQIA+ community by providing a known safe space for that community and revising policies as appropriate. There was overwhelming approval of this resolution.

Memorial A was regarding green energy goals and was also overwhelmingly approved. The statement is entitled "Calling for a just transition to 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030". This memorial will now go on for consideration as a statement for the entire ELCA Lutheran church, at the churchwide assembly which occurs this August.

Attending the Synod Assembly was a sort of awakening for me; an illuminating experience. It brought about a greater awareness of what's going on in the ELCA and how things operate. Yes, there was a lot of reading material to review in preparation and it was a little overwhelming and time consuming. But overall, I did like being involved in this church event. I learned about how the Synod operates, what ministries they are performing, and how the budget is appropriated. I liked seeing and hearing from Pastors in our Synod and also seeing Bishop Satterlee in action. If you are ever asked to attend Synod Assembly, I would recommend it. It is a window into what is going on in our greater ELCA community and it makes one realize that we are part of something larger than just our local church. Being a voting member at the Assembly is one way to learn what's going on in our Synod and to participate in the greater faith community. You can also learn about what's going on in the Synod and in the ELCA by visiting their websites and I encourage you to do that. It is important for congregants to be aware of what your church is doing and how it operates. There are many good things that our Synod is doing!

Karen Slaght

June



Anniversaries of Baptism

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 11
James Clemens, Jr.

June 12
Jan Charter
Peggy Tomaszewski

June 13
Amelia Berles

June 14
Pamela Nowak

June 15
Connor Freel
Craig Weise

June 16
Brianna Himes

June 20
Pamela Agius
Kayla Bertrand
Everett Haske

June 21
Tiffany Oliver
Kimberly Poirier
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
Josie LeMonds
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 7
Whitney Barrow

June 9
Thomas Brennan

June 11
William Matzke

June 13
Nicholas Fraley

June 16
Beckett Granata
Harry Kautz
William Whitscell

June 18
Jessica Gillard
Erin Nowak

June 19
Josie LeMonds

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 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

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR MAY 2022

Average needed in May (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 22,380.00
Monthly Giving - May	13,567.15

We received:

128 envelopes, 65 Simply Giving recurring payments,
and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 19th

9:30 am Outdoor Worship
11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 20th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 21st

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
11am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Wednesday - 22nd

8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 23rd

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
4:30 pm Re-Boot Meeting

Friday - 24th

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-12pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 25th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING JUNE 18/19

Ministers..... God's People
Pastor..... Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... Claire Schreiber
Accompanist..... Amy Truth
Lector..... Mike Urlaub
Communion
Assistants..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross, Wayne Lewis (Sat.)
Greeters..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Altar Guild..... Kathy Piontkowski
Livestream Team..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard
Counters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour..... Joe & Dawn Gentry

SERVING JUNE 25/26

Ministers..... God's People
Pastor..... Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... Claire Schreiber
Accompanist..... Amy Truth
Lector..... Ruby Haske
Communion
Assistants..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross, Wayne Lewis (Sat.)
Greeters..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Altar Guild..... Kathy Piontkowski
Livestream Team..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard
Counters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour..... Joel & Cindy Suszek

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