

# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

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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.



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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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 (verses 1 & 4)

*Refrain*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

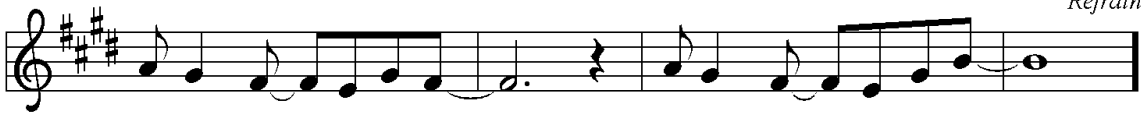


u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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 - mighty God and Fa - ther,



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




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




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.

*Refrain*



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




peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*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.**

P: Let us pray.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1 Samuel 8:4-11[12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15]**

*God has settled the Israelites in the promised land and has appointed judges to govern them. But they want to be like the nations around them. By asking Samuel for a human king, they reject the kingship of God and open themselves to oppression at the hands of the human king.*

<sup>4</sup>All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup>and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, <sup>7</sup>and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” <sup>10</sup>So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup>He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [<sup>12</sup>and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup>He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup>He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. <sup>15</sup>He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ] <sup>16</sup>He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” <sup>19</sup>But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, <sup>20</sup>so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out

before us and fight our battles.” [<sup>14</sup>Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” <sup>15</sup>So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 130**

*Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,  
in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**

### **2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look



not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>5:1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.


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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

### Mark 3:20-35

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons

he casts out demons.”<sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” <sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

R504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

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wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

**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: 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)*



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...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:



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.

### **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**

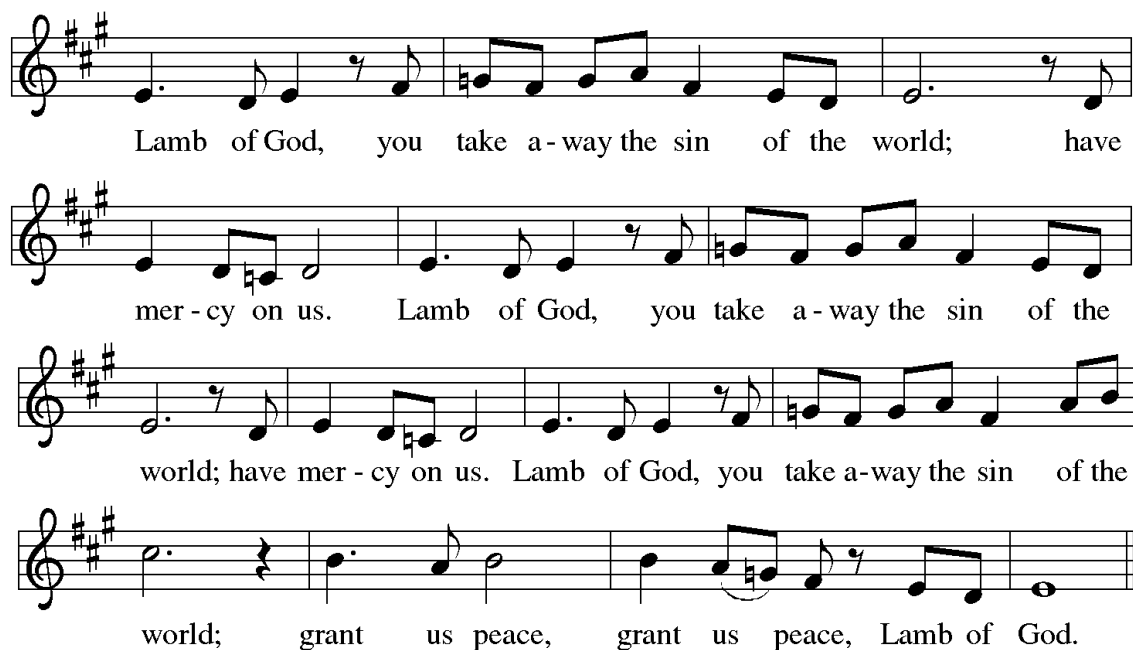
P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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)*



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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

R768

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you  
lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am



help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways



dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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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.**



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

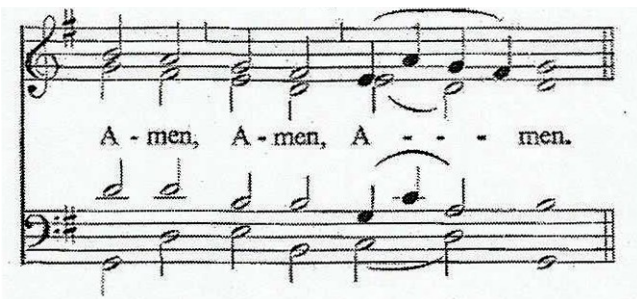
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rev. Bob Case for leading worship, preaching and presiding this weekend.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Diane Prevost, 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, 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 Catholic Women of Alpena at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church/Portage, Rev. Rachel Laughlin and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

### **RUTH CIRCLE**

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12 at the 19th Hole for lunch. All women are welcome to join us. Just call Darlene at 989-464-0085 for reservations.

### **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

### **ALLYSHIP WORKSHOP FROM MLK COMMITTEE JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> 10 AM - 2 PM**

The 2024 Juneteenth Program will offer an interactive shared learning experience focused on allyship. The individual and collective actions that can result in supporting a beloved community philosophy will be shared. The skills and techniques used by allies to support change for justice during divided political times will be pursued. Saturday, June 15, 10 AM - 2 PM here at Grace Lutheran. See Pastor Tom for more information and registration.

## 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

*A list of June birthdays and anniversaries  
can be found on our website at  
[www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2024-birthdays](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2024-birthdays)*

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday -9th**

9:30 am    **Worship**

**Monday - 10th**

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

**Tuesday - 11th**

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

**Wednesday - 12th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
1:00 pm    Ruth Circle/19th Hole  
6:00 pm    Bell Choir

**Thursday - 13th**

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

**Friday - 14th**

8am-noon    Church Office Open  
All Day    Fellowship Hall - MLK

**Saturday - 15th**

9:00 am    MLK Community  
              Program - Fellowship Hall  
5:00 pm    **Worship**

**SERVING JUNE 8/9**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Pat Daly  
**Comm. Asst.**..Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith  
**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Greeters** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Altar Guild**.... Kathy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** .. Wayne & Chris Christopherson

**SERVING JUNE 15/16**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat 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 Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

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


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