## Worship Folder



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## Grace Lutheran Church April 2 & 3, 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**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(The assembly stands as you are able)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

- P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.
- C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Holy One,
- C: we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ:

The Word draws near to us, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to us again and again and gathers us under wings of love. In  $\pm$  Jesus' name, our sins are forgiven. God journeys with us and teaches us how to live in love. **Amen.** 



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#### **GREETING**

- P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light, and peace be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**





#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



A

men.

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

Glo-ry to God in 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

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

#### Philippians 3:4b-14

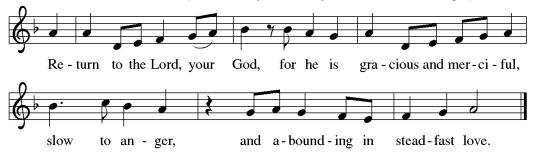
Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

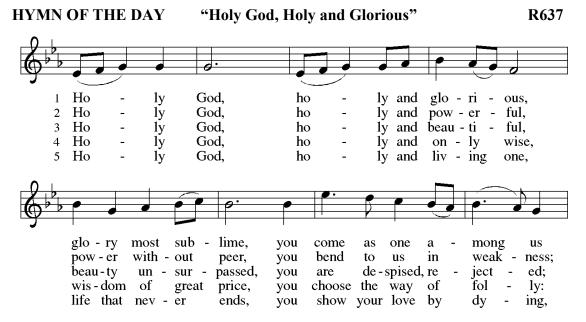
**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

#### **HOMILY**

(The assembly stands as you 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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

#### **OFFERING**

(Continues with offertory on next page)

**OFFERTORY** (The assembly stands, as you are able, and sings as the gifts are brought forward)



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P: Let us pray...Extravagant God,

C: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

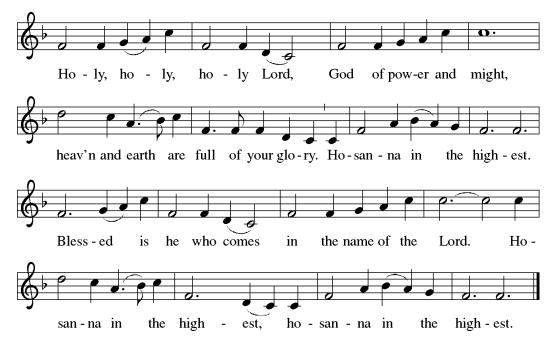
P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



- P: O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

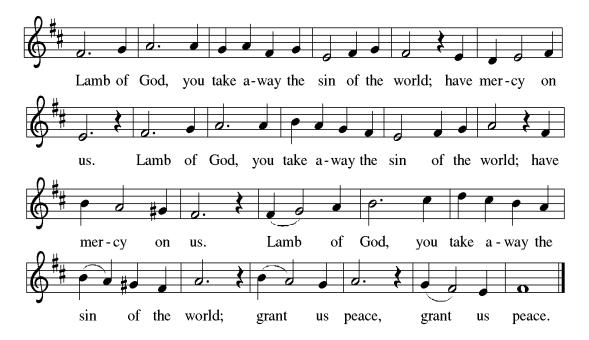


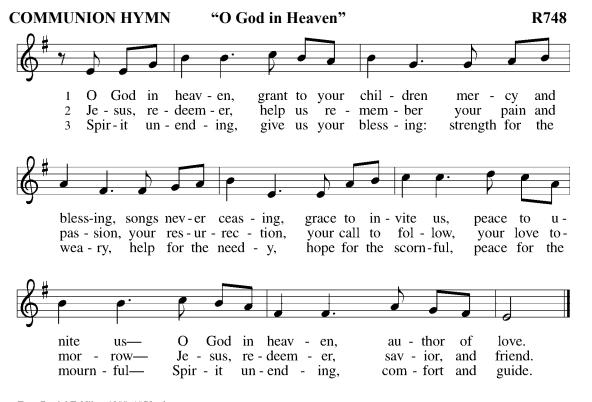
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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**

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine/juice are invited to participate in the Eucharist)
(You may be seated)





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(The assembly stands as you 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...Blessed Jesus,
- C: in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

## **SENDING**

#### BLESSING

- P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always.
- C: Amen.

#### **SENDING HYMN**

#### "Take My Life, That I May Be"

**R685** 



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

  Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.



#### **POSTLUDE**

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Kelly Pankey, Verna Furze, Patti Tucker, Susan Stacey, 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, 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. We also remember the family of Betty Kelly, who passed away March 4th.

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.

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Church Leadership at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Midland, Rev. Gerald Ferguson, Rev. Danielle Shealy.

#### WEEKLY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

For the remaining weeks of Lent, there will be a devotional service available online at 7 PM Wednesday evenings.

#### **EASTER FLOWERS**

This year we are asking for donations for Easter flowers for the church in lieu of individual plants. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone. Several larger plants will be ordered with the money collected to beautify our sanctuary for our Easter service. Donation forms are located in the office lobby and at both entrances to the sanctuary. **Deadline is April 10.** 

#### NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES APRIL 10 & 17

Classes for Sunday school will be canceled for April 10 and 17. We will be meeting the rest of the time but will conclude for the year on May 15th. If anyone is interested in doing classes for the 10th and 17th please contact Nancy.

#### TAKE HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION DURING HOLY WEEK

Home Communion will be available on Maundy Thursday, April 14, between 11:30 through 1:30. Please let the office know how many you would like.

#### ECUMENICAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday there will be an ecumenical service at St. Paul Lutheran. Good Friday Tre Ore will be an ecumenical service at First Presbyterian. More information will be coming soon.

#### EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK

We are planning an Easter Breakfast Potluck following our 9:30 am Easter Worship Service on April 17. Sign-up sheets for the potluck (help with the breakfast, help setting up and cleaning up) are located in the Office Entrance. Please sign up if you plan to attend and if you are able to help. Thanks!

#### **ADULT CE FOR APRIL 3**

Major League Baseball is talking about changing rules for the game including having a universal Designated Hitter. So we want to talk about who is our **DESIGNATED HELPER**. Who do we go to for help? And as importantly who are you the **DESIGNATED HELPER** for. Then also talk about change, as Major League Baseball is doing in other rules too. How do we handle changes in our faith? What do we reply on for our stability? Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

If you would like to be put on the email list to receive the materials for class or would them printed out, see Pastor Tom.

#### **ADULT CE FOR APRIL 10**

#### **Seeing Anew**

The new Webb Space Telescope is seeing new things and revealing more about our universe. So, what reveals new things to us? What do we use to see things in a new way? Can we be blind to the newness that God is creating around us and wants us to do? Join us at 11 in the Lounge to explore learning to see anew.

If you would like to receive the Adult CE class materials via email or have them printed out, see Pastor Tom.

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

#### LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Little Food Pantry could use a few items if you would consider donating - rice and or pasta mixes; tea, instant coffee and creamer; feminine products; canned meat (chicken and/or tuna); juice boxes and treats for our little ones. As always, thanks for your support and donations!

#### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SEMINARIAN

Valerie Slaght Capital University 745 Pleasant Ridge Avenue Box #2121 Columbus, OH 43209-2427

Email: vslaght98@gmail.com

#### AMELIA BERLES AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Cards and letters may be sent to the following address:

Cadet Amelia Berles PO Box 2512 USAF Academy, CO 80841

#### LIVESTREAM TEAM HELP WANTED

The live stream team is looking to recruit a few more team members. No experience needed, on the job training available, your own personal box seat and first in line for communion! Please contact Don Barnard, Jan Charter, Dawn Anderson or Pastor Tom for more details.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

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



# Easter Worship Sunday, April 17 ~ 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast Potluck Following Our Service

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Average needed in February (4 weeks) to meet budget \$17,904.00 Monthly Giving - February \$15,198.15

## We received:

92 envelopes, 58 Simply Giving recurring payments, 3 Thrivent Choice Donations and 5 Give+ payments made from our website





## Anniversaries of Baptism

April 2 Kat Tomaszewski

April 3 Ruby Haske Dorene Schultz

**April 4** Norm Timm

April 7 Tyler Suszek

**April 8** Don Cross

**April 9** Patrick Daly

**April 11** Shane Jaroch

**April 14**Jeanette Chroninger

April 15 Anna Greene

April 21 Taylor Agius April 22 Vicki Cripps

April 24 Donna Czarnecki

**April 25** Jacob Gapske Denise Timrick

April 26 Reed Lappan

April 27 Patrick McCourt

April 28 Chloe Hayward

**April 29** Michael Herrmann Sophia Kamyszek April 1
Jim Clemens
Larry Suszek

April 6 Janet Carlson

April 7 Robert Greene Everett Haske

**April 8**June Daly
Tyler McKenzie

April 9 Phran Ludington

**April 10** Nicholas Schillerstrom Logan Suszek

**April 11** James Malaski

**April 13**Jeanne Pankey
Piper Slominski

April 14 Kendra McInerney

April 15 Wesley Garant Myles Granata Alec Kennedy **April 16** Pamela Agius

April 18 Alecia Lewis

**April 19** Ryan Reynolds

April 20 Connor Freel

April 22 Stacey Piontkowski

April 23 Mike Schiller

**April 24** Madison Timmreck

April 25 Terry Bertrand Jordyn Cieslik

April 26 Sharon Engstrom Lorah Lappan

April 27 Nancy Amelotte

April 30 Molly O'Connor



## Wedding Anniversaries

8th Donald & Myra Cross 12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart 17th Joel & Corinne Fraley Michael & Donna Morgan

18th Richard & Janet Carlson 30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger

#### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

Sunday - 3rd 9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 4th 8am-noon 8am-2pm 6:00 pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Remembering Our Children - Lounge
Tuesday - 5th 8am-noon 9:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting
Wednesday - 6th 8am-noon 6:00 pm	Church Office Open Bell Choir
Thursday - 7th 8am-noon 4:30 pm	Church Office Open Re-Boot Mtg - Lounge
Friday - 8th 8am-noon 8-11 am	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Saturday - 9th 5:00 pm	Worship

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

#### SEDVING ADDIT 2/2

SERVING APRIL 2/3	
Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
	Claire Schreiber
Accompanist	Amy Truth
Lector	Joe Gentry
Communion Asst Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis	
	yne & Chris Christopherson,
Jo Ann Smith, Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)	
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps,
	Mary Rowader
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson,
	Jan Charter, Don Barnard
	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Joel & Cindy Suszek
<b>SERVING APRIL 9/10</b>	
Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Tom Orth
	Claire Schreiber
Accompanist	Amy Truth
	Joe Gentry
	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
	nith, Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)
Greeters	Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps,
Mary Rowader	
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson,

Counters......Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek Coffee Hour .....Ruby Haske & Family

Jan Charter, Don Barnard

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