

Worship Folder



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Grace Lutheran Church

October 24-25 2020

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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

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

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Our sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

**GATHERING HYMN** “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**GREETING**

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

P: Lord have mercy

**C: Christ have mercy**

P: Lord have mercy

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Unison*

**O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

**WORD**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

*The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out as God’s people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. <sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

*Their delight is in the law of the LORD. (Ps. 1:2)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

*Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,  
<sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as  
you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of  
great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or  
trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the  
message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God  
who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with  
words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals,  
whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles  
of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own  
children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not  
only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear  
to us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**Alleluia. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one  
another. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

**Matthew 22:34-46**

*Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.*

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” <sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? <sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

**HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**APOSTLE'S 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: Let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)*

P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

**C: maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your earthly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## 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:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...in your church without end.

**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**

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **REFLECTION MUSIC**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

**P:** Let us pray...We give you thanks, gracious God,

**C: that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood  
of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved  
vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the  
example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way  
of truth and life.

**C: Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

**SENDING HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## **PRAYERS**

Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Jordyn, Maggie, Deborah McClure, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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 loving memory of Mike Moors, given by his wife, Gerri.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Music Ministry/Prayer Groups at All Saints Catholic Parish. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partners: Immanuel Lutheran Church/Suttons Bay, Rev. Jonathan Reid.

## **WELCOME AND THANK YOU!**

Welcome and thank you to Rev. Gene Bacon, who is presiding over our worship services this weekend.

## **WHEN PLACING FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR WORSHIP**

Please remember to either fill out an Altar Flowers Form (found on the table in the Office Narthex) or call (989.354.2640) or email the church office (officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) with the information you would like listed in the bulletin. Thanks!

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RESTARTED IN-PERSON**

The children are meeting at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The appropriate social distancing, safety and cleaning procedures are being followed to make the SS as safe as we can.



**SOCIAL - PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN WORSHIP SERVICES -  
A REMINDER**

The social - physical distancing set up in the sanctuary is for *people to be in the center of the center pews* and *along the wall in the side pews*. That spaces you about 6 feet from other family units/pods. Sitting with *your back against the tape* in the pews allows *people to pass up and down the aisles and be about 6 feet* from anyone in a pew. As you leave the sanctuary, please *allow the people in front of you to move out first* and *follow them with the appropriate distance between you*.

If you want to have a *conversation with someone* please *use the Fellowship Hall* or *outside* so that others may leave the Office Lobby and the building with space that allows them to be comfortable. *Thank you for observing these guidelines* and caring for others with your actions. As we continue to endure this pandemic and try to stay safe, I know we want everyone to be as comfortable and safe as possible in worship. THANK YOU. PASTOR TOM.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Making Sense of Martin Luther - next Adult Ed Class  
Starting Sunday, November 1**

Books are in and they can be picked up this weekend from Bill and Nancy Platt

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 8, Following Worship**

This will be a congregational meeting to receive the annual reports that is normally done in the spring at an annual meeting, along with the usual fall activities of adopting a budget and electing officers. The exact process and format of the meeting will be announced soon. Electronic copies of the annual report will be emailed to everyone on our email list. If you would like to receive a printed copy, please call the office and one will be mailed to you.

**ALL SAINTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

We will be remembering those who have died this past year during our services next weekend. If you have names you would like to submit please send them to the office by 10 a.m. next Wednesday, October 28 for remembrance during our services that weekend. Thank you.

**NO YULEFEST BAKE SALE THIS YEAR**

The Ruth Circle will not be holding a Yulefest Bake Sale this year. We thank everyone for your help and support in past years and look forward to holding a bake sale next year!

## **GRACE FAMILY THANKSGIVING TAKE OUT DINNER 2020**

**Thursday, November 26, 2020 ~ Turkey & the Fixings**

Since we can't be together in person for a Thanksgiving meal at the church, we will be in spirit.

Take Out Only (delivery service available to those in need of this service beginning at 3:15 p.m.)

Orders can be placed now through Monday, November 16 with the church office at 354-2640.

Name

Phone

Take out or delivery (address required for deliveries)

Number of meals

**Pick-up times will be assigned at the time you order** (beginning at 4:00 p.m.).

Your dinners will be brought to your car at the Office Lobby entrance to the church. **Please enter the drive from the east (toward 2nd Ave.) and exit the drive to the west (toward 3rd Ave.).**

In lieu of members donating food, monetary donations will be accepted help offset cost.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

We are very grateful for all the food donations that have been given to the Little Food Pantry. Many times we don't know the donor but sure want you to know that it is being used! We have volunteers fill each pantry many times during the week and food is gone very quickly. THANK YOU for those donations. If you would like to donate food here is what we are in need of: baby foods which are individual, pasta and rice sides, juice boxes, tuna packets, small containers of quick and easy meals, or breakfast packets. Fresh things from a garden go quickly too. We have no refrigeration.

## **COLLECTING MITTENS, GLOVES AND HATS**

Collecting mittens, gloves and hats for youth this winter. If you would like to donate please put items in the little house inside the doors of the church and we will distribute them in November to infants, toddlers and young school age children.

## **QUILTS AND BLANKETS DONATED BY QUILTING/SEWING GROUP**

With Lutheran World Relief in Saginaw not being able to accept donations of quilts this year due to COVID, the Grace Lutheran Quilting/Sewing Group has donated 98 quilts and 17 fleece blankets to Orphan Grain Train-Michigan. Items were delivered to our local drop off at Immanuel Lutheran Church to be driven down to the Orphan Grain Train center in Sebawaing, Michigan. Orphan Grain Train distributes items to those in need in America and around the world. More information on this organization may be found at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org).



## OCTOBER

### Anniversaries of Baptism



**October 1**  
Timothy Barrow

**October 4**  
Madelyn Boyd

**October 7**  
Alexis Crittenden

**October 10**  
Wayne Christopherson

**October 11**  
Anne Wilson

**October 12**  
Kay Grove

**October 15**  
Matthew Anderson  
Molly O'Connor

**October 18**  
Caitlin Kieliszewski

**October 20**  
Shane Bullard

**October 21**  
Thomas Bertrand  
Drew Gentry

**October 23**  
Joanne Nicholls

**October 27**  
Piper Slominski  
Emily Townsend

**October 29**  
Michael Pankey  
Mya Styma

**October 30**  
Angie Crittenden  
Marcie Law  
Connie Suszek



*1st Dawn & Brett Anderson  
3rd Matt & Ruby Haske  
4th Bill & Nancy Platt  
6th Joshua & Tiffany LaFave*

### Birthdays

**October 1**  
Timothy Barrow

**October 2**  
Jean Barrow  
Jim Berles  
Adam Kirchoff

**October 3**  
Ellie Walker

**October 5**  
Mike Morgan

**October 6**  
Christopher Piontkowski

**October 7**  
Ken Amlotte  
Kristin Berles  
Richard Carlson  
Kimberly McCourt  
Michael Pankey

**October 9**  
Erin Graham

**October 10**  
Gary Grove  
Steve Lappan

**October 12**  
Michael Townsend

**October 13**  
David Dekett

**October 14**  
Tamar Furze

**October 15**  
Kody Bertrand

**October 18**  
Brian Schiller

**October 20**  
Erika Nicholls

**October 21**  
Jewel Lancaster

**October 22**  
Jessica Slominski

**October 23**  
Emma Nelson

**October 24**  
James Townsend

**October 25**  
Staci Chroninger

**October 26**  
Dan VanEssen

**October 27**  
Clayton Lee

**October 28**  
Cindy Domrase  
Andrea Matzke

**October 29**  
Caileigh Nitchman

**October 31**  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sandra Welch

### Wedding Anniversaries

*13th Jack & Patti Tucker  
17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith  
24th Dale & Patricia Schultz*

### **DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making face masks and some are available for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

#### **Change in hours this week**

The Church Office will only be open Tuesday and Wednesday next week (October 27 & 28), from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

### **CHRIST IN OUR HOMES**

Devotionals for the next quarter of October - December are available in the office lobby. If you are not venturing out yet, phone the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,415.00 |
| Weekly giving - October 18              | 2,920.00    |

#### We received:

22 envelopes, 19 Simply Giving recurring payments and  
1 Give+ payment made from our website

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