Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

January 18 & 19, 2025



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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)

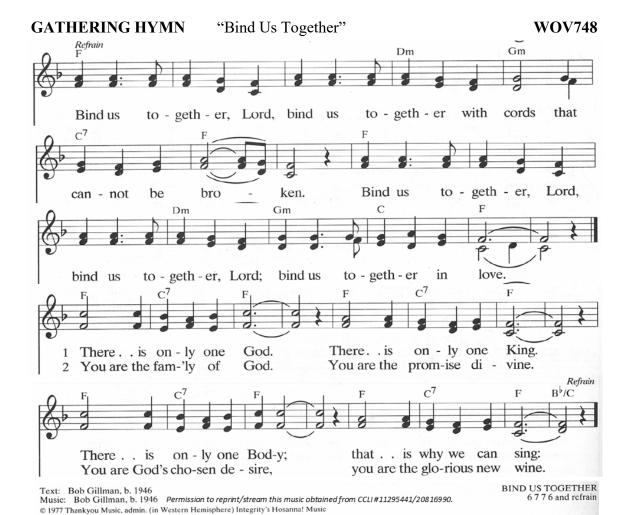
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Merciful God,
- C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.
- P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, we are forgiven. In the Spirit, we are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.
- C: Amen.



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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)





HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)

- ⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.
- ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: 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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



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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 of grace, C: hear 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)



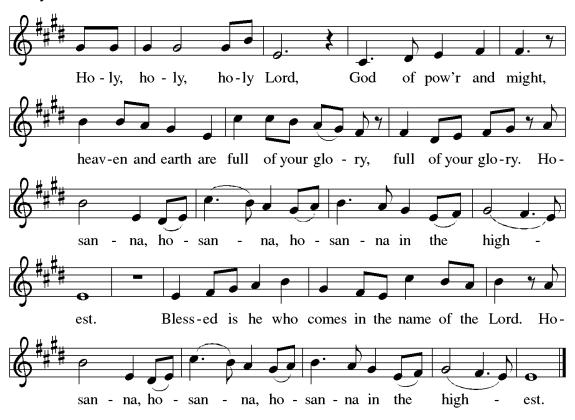
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P: Let us pray...God of grace,

C: your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. . .For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

C: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again . . . To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

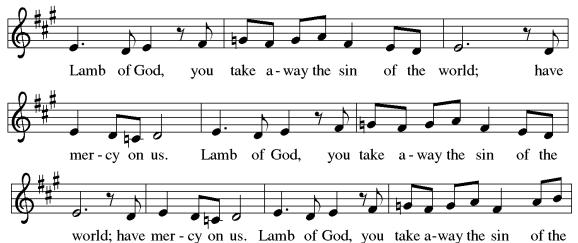
P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

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: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

HOLY COMMUNION

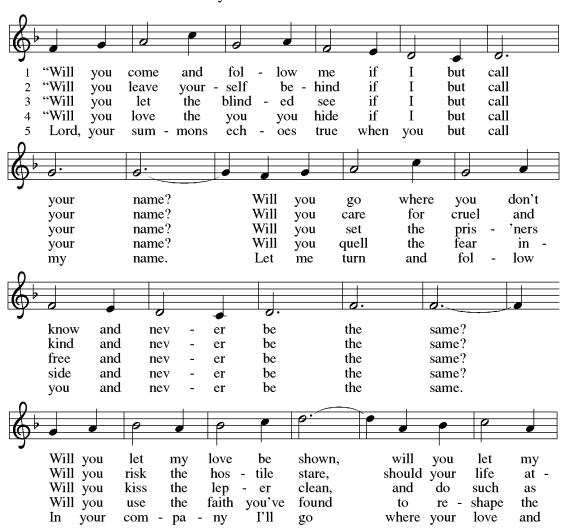
(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)

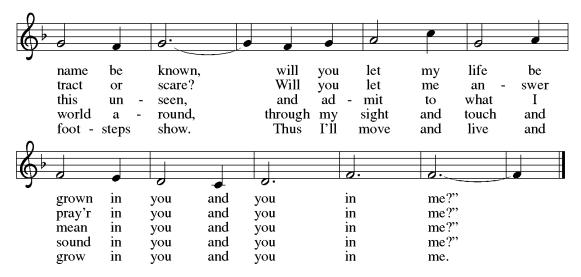




COMMUNION HYMN "Will you come and follow me"

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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.

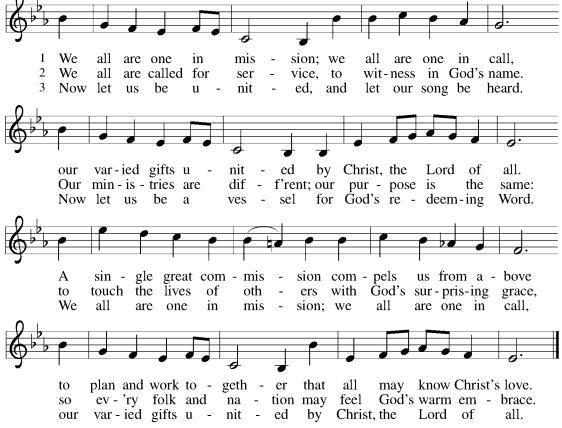
P: Let us pray...Nourishing God,

C: at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God + bless us with joy, anoint us with compassion, and send us in love.

C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Kay Grove, Bill Whitscell, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Danielle Lawrence, Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Chester Timmreck (Melissa & Todd Timmreck family), who passed away January 11th.

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 Youth & Family Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Messiah Lutheran Church/Bay City, Rev. Timothy Jahn and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

PRAYER LETTERS

Please sign the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

2025 FLOWER CHART

The 2025 flower chart is posted on the wall by the Office Lobby entrance. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign the chart AND fill out an "Altar Flowers" form (located on the table by the flower chart) telling us what you would like printed in the bulletin.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In this season of Epiphany, what helps reveal Jesus to you?

A message in a bottle in the wall of lighthouse, connected people working on the lighthouse today to people in the past there. What connects you to Jesus and reveals him to you? What is the light that reveals Jesus to the world today? Join us in the Lounge at 11 for our Adult Christian Education class.

MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Our Meatball Dinner fundraiser has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 2nd after church at 11 am. <u>Free will offering to benefit our 150th fund</u>. Enjoy Norwegian meatballs, mashed potatoes, green been casserole, and Norwegian sweets. *RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend (989.354.2640). Take out available - must be reserved in advance (please call the church office).* If you previously purchased tickets and would like a refund, please call the church office.

MLK DAY AT ACC

MLK Day Activities in Alpena on January 20 - all events at Alpena Community College Activities begin with crafts, story time and activities for children through middle school at ACC Library 1 - 3 PM. At 3 PM a program on *Love in Action* at ACC BTC Commons for high schoolers, college students and the community. The Chili supper fundraiser returns at 5 PM in the ACC Lumberjack Shack supporting *Loads of Love* coupons for a local laundromat. *Building a Beloved Community* is the facilitated community discussion starting at 6:30 PM in Ctr 106 opposite Granum Theatre. For further information, 989.354.2640.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Little Food Pantry is in need of empty bags from Meijer or Walmart grocery shopping. If you donate please leave them in the basement or the top of the stairs. We are running very low.

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR DECEMBER 2024

Average needed in December (5 weeks) to meet budget \$23,680.00 Monthly Giving - December 28,605.28

(Includes one-time donations of \$5,900)

We received:

166 envelopes, 49 Simply Giving recurring payments, 9 Give+ payments made from our website, and 1 Thrivent Choice donation







January 5 Ava Lappan

January 6 Anna-Marie Struble

January 7Douglas Chroninger
Olivia Haske

January 17 Erika Nicholls

January 18 Nancy Stachnik





January 19 Sandra Malaski Meredith Smith

January 20 Matthew Freel

January 21 Kasandra McInerney Ricky Slater

January 24 Brody Nowak

January 25 Lisa McIntosh

January 30 Hannah Matzke Erin McCourt

January 31 Brent Welch



Birthdays





January 2 Mitchell Agius

January 5 Judy Black Ryan Schultz

January 9 Arnold Jahnke

January 10 Michael Herrmann Elfie Jahnke Kat Tomaszewski

January 12 Rick Engstrom David Hansen **January 16** Levi Konarzewski Allison Urlaub

January 19 Rhonda Himes

January 22 Michael Lang Elsa Phillips

January 25 Pamela Nowak

January 28Jerry Charter

January 29 Madelyn Boyd

January 30 Judy Dorr Adam Urlaub





HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 19th

9:00 am Sunday School **9:30 am** Worship

11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 20th

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

Tuesday - 21st

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

11:00 am Pastors Text Study - Lounge 5:30 pm Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 22nd

8am-noon Church Office Open 6:00 pm Bell Choir

Thursday - 23rd

All Day Kitchen Reserved 8am-noon Church Office Open

Friday - 24th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 25th

Council Retreat

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JANUARY 18/19

SERVING GARLETINIS	
Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Directo	orClaire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Comm. Asst	Joe Gentry, Dale Schultz
Lector	Dawn Anderson
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild	Brandi Stone, Nancy Platt
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant	

SERVING JANUARY 25/26

Ministons	Cod'a Doomla	
	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	·Claire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski		
	Joe Gentry, Dale Schultz	
Lector	Sharon Engstrom	
	Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
Greeters	Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel,	
	Patti Tucker	
Altar Guild	Brandi Stone, Nancy Platt	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Chai	ter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove	
Coffee Hour	Anne Gentry, Brandi Stone	

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