

John 11:25

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Grace Lutheran Church

May 21 & 22, 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: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!
- P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: We thank you, risen Christ,
- C: for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.



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



- 1 Have mer-cy Lord, us,
- 2 Have mer-cy on Christ, and wash a - way our us,
- 3 Have mer-cy make sin and shame de on Lord; part. us,

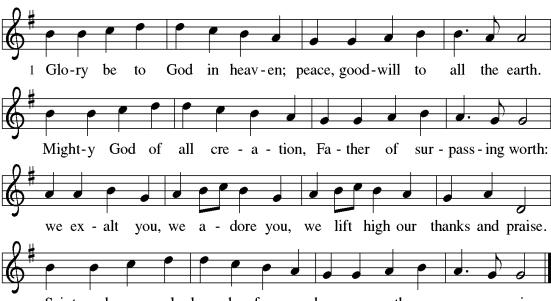
sin.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in

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HYMN OF PRAISE



an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

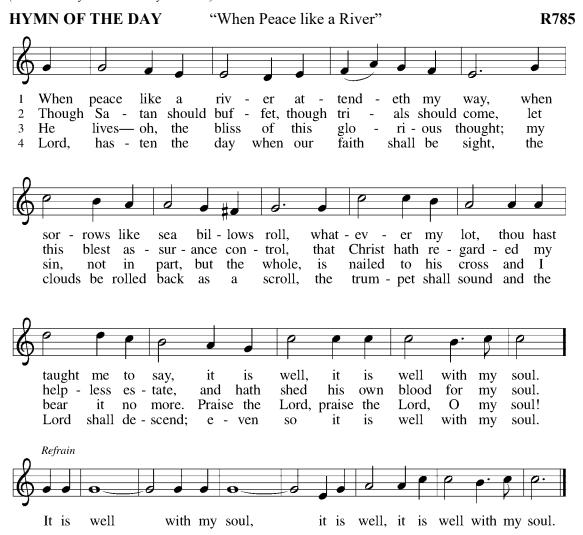
²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they 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: 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)



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- P: Let us pray...Living God,
- C: You gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

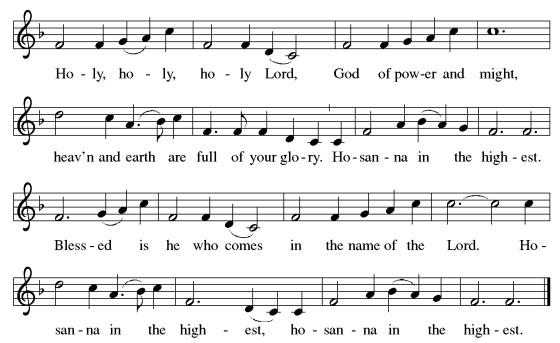
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

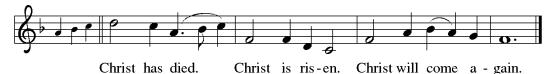
P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full 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.



Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

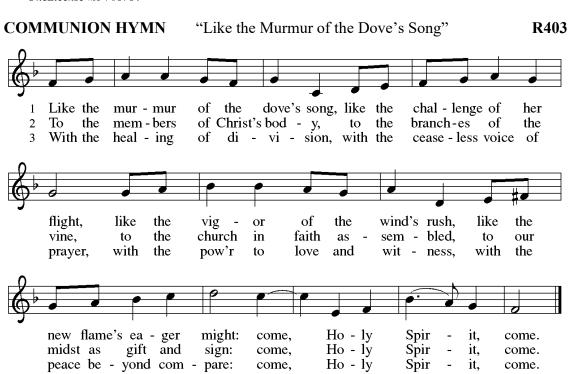
P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. (All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

- P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, generous God,
- C: for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

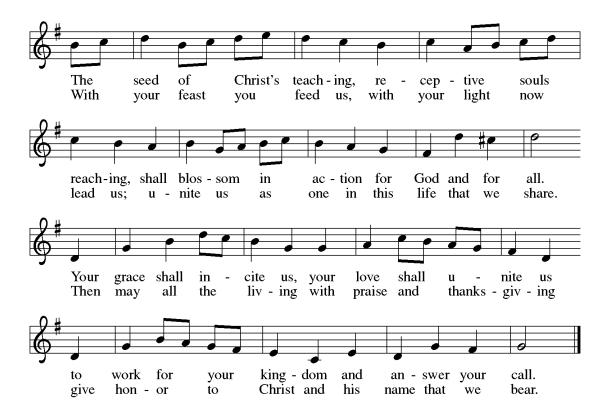
BLESSING

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless us by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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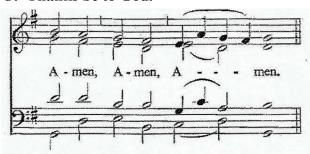
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- 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 and coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Robert Larsen, Joel Fraley, Alecia Lewis, 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, 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. We also remember the family of Gloria Moore, who passed away May 17th.

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 Gloria Moore, given by her family

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Prayer Group at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Faith Lutheran Church/Okemos, Rev. Ellen Schoepf.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 22

The Kingdom of God

What does Jesus talk about more than anything else? The Kingdom of God. Join us as we explore what Jesus means by that. **This is a 4 part CE Series. See Pastor Tom for copies of the curriculum, or to have them emailed.** We started on Sunday May15, with the second class on May 22. The series is by Rev. Dr. Mark Powell whose has engaged us before with very good material.

ADULT CE FOR JULY & AUGUST

Making Sense of Christian Faith

Join the Adult Class this July and August for an 8-part series *Making Sense of Christian Faith* with David Lose.

Topics we'll talk about include: God Talk: Theology, Original Blessing: Creation, Missing the Mark: Sin, God con Carne: Incarnation, Life Wins: Atonement, and others. The class will start July 10 and run through August. **Order the book, \$14, by June 5 with the office.** Questions see Pastor Tom.

PENTECOST WEEKEND, JUNE 4 & 5

We encourage everyone to wear red as we celebrate the beginning of the Pentecost season the weekend of June 4 & 5.

GRADUATING?

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 5.

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 as well as emailed to everyone that we will in the sanctuary. We have plans to do this one weekend each month during the summer.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Little Food Pantry could use a few items if you would consider donating - rice and 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!

THANK YOU

How lovely to have such a kind church family. Thank you so much for your kindness, bread, fruit and cookies. It is greatly appreciated. And a big thank you to Pastor Tom for stopping by to visit. -- Love, Ed and Elfie

CONGRATULATIONS

Ashley Timmreck and Ryan Walker will be married on May 28, 2022 in a small, intimate ceremony. The couple is happy to announce their move back to the great state of Michigan in July! Ashley will continue her medical school education through clinical rotations in Warren & Madison Heights over the next two years. Ryan is excited to continue working as a travel respiratory therapist throughout Michigan and Ohio. Thank you for all of your continued support!

NEW BIKE RACK ON SIDE OF BUILDING

We have a bike rack made for us by Charlie Stepanski, Connie's son. It has been placed by side doors on the sanctuary side of the building. Check it out. Or better yet ride your bike to church. Thank you Charlie.

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.

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.)

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.

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.

FROM OUR LIVESTREAM VIEWERS

While living in Champaign, IL it has given me great comfort and connection to be able to share in my home church Grace Lutheran of Alpena's worship services remotely. It is part of my weekly routine to watch every Sunday and when I attend in person it feels like I haven't missed a beat. Thank you for the time and effort involved in sharing the word of God virtually. It is much appreciated! See you soon! -- Christopher Moors

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.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Cadet Amelia Berles Kody Bertrand
PO Box 2512 7243 68th St SE
USAF Academy, CO 80841 Caledonia, MI 49316

If your college student is away at school and would like a little uplifting before the end of the school year, please contact the church office with their address so it can be included in upcoming bulletins.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SEMINARIAN

Valerie Slaght Email: vslaght98@gmail.com Capital University 745 Pleasant Ridge Avenue Box #2121 Columbus, OH 43209-2427

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR APRIL 2022

Average needed in April (4 weeks) to meet budget \$17,904.00

Monthly Giving - April 19,991.15 (includes \$5,500 in quarterly contributions)

We received:

99 envelopes, 62 Simply Giving recurring payments, 2 Thrivent Choice Donations and 6 Give+ payments made from our website



Anniversaries of Baptism

May 4 Jerry Charter

May 5 Kody Bertrand

May 6 Michael Lang

May 7 Jeanne Pankey Ella Sandula Kady Sandula

May 8 Phran Ludington

May 9 Sheri Smith

May 10 Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

May 11
Christopher Piontkowski
Stacey Piontkowski

May 12 Monroe Garant Marjorie Weber May 13 Joshua Engstrom

May 14 Logan Suszek

May 15 Raylynn Suszek

May 17 Wesley Garant Hannah Kamyszek Hope Kamyszek Savannah Kamyszek Kathryn Reynolds

May 19 Alexander Bauer

May 25 Lori Graham

May 28 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Jeffrey Welch

May 30 Terry Bertrand May 2 Grace Kuligowski Scott Lancaster Harper Suszek

May 3 Chad Lewis Beth Matzke Craig Weise

May 4 Thomas (T.J.) Lappan Mya Styma

May 5 Vicki Piontkowski

May 6 Dawn Anderson Oliviah Viegelahn

May 8 Matthew Anderson

May 11 Michele Amelotte

May 12
Rachel Chroninger
Taylor Chroninger
Nancy Platt
Peggy Tomaszewski

May 15 Laurie Hansen

May 16 Jan Charter May 17 Audrey Garant

May 18 Jacob Gapske Karen Suszek

May 19 Michael McCourt Rebecca Trelfa Brett Werblow

May 22 Alexander Bauer Pamela Kirchoff Roger Pankey

May 23 Scott Coddington

May 24 Betty Bedford Joanne Kindt

May 25 Polly Cook

May 26 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Miriam Denstaedt

May 30 Gary Graham



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Stephen & Janie Hansen 3rd Jeff & Sandy Welch 8th Jon & Mari Crow 17th Paul & Vicki Denstaedt 30th Eric & Emma Barber

HAPPENING THIS WEEK! Sunday - 22nd 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge Monday - 23rd 8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved 8am-2pm Tuesday - 24th 8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting Wednesday - 25th Church Office Open 8am-noon 6:00 pm Bell Choir Thursday - 26th 8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved 8am-2pm Friday - 27th Church Office Open 8am-noon Kitchen Reserved 8am-12pm Saturday - 28th 5:00 pm Worship

SERVING MAY 21/22

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Accompanist	Amy Truth
Lector	Bill & Nancy Platt
Communion AsstClarence & Bonnie Cross	
UshersDale Schultz, June Daly, Susan Stacey	
Greeters	Dale & Pat Schultz
Altar Guild	Pat Schultz, Amy Truth
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson,
	Jan Charter, Don Barnard
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
Coffee Hour	Rick & Sharon Engstrom

SERVING MAY 28/29

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	. Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Accompanist	Amy Truth
Lector	Pat Daly
Communion AsstClarence	& Bonnie Cross
UshersDale Schultz, June Da	ly, Susan Stacey
GreetersJo Ann Smith	, Mary Rowader
Altar GuildPat Sch	ultz, Amy Truth
Livestream TeamI	Dawn Anderson,
Jan Chart	er, Don Barnard
Counters Wayne & Chris	Christopherson
Coffee Hour Jeff	& Sandy Welch

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