

Christ the King Sunday

A stylized black and white illustration of a church building with a cross on its roof, resting on a bed of palm fronds. The church has a prominent steeple and is flanked by two smaller structures. The palm fronds are arranged in a fan-like pattern at the base of the church.

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Grace Lutheran Church

November 22, 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.)*

**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.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

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## **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 God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve 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**

### **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their

shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 95:1-7a**

*We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

### **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “[Beautiful Savior”

*Music: Silesian folk tune. This selection is in the public domain.*

**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.

**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.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** “On Our Way Rejoicing”

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

## **PRAYERS**

Dale & Pat Schultz, Darlene Freel, 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, Alexandra Werth, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), 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.

## **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 Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partner: Lebanon Lutheran Church/Whitehall, Rev. Douglas Ogden.

## **SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES**

With a heavy heart, Grace's Council and Pastor Tom have suspended in-person worship services again. With the increasing number of cases in the area, schools having to suspend class rooms and the prediction for more to come, the decision was made. Additionally, on November 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop Satterlee of our ELCA Synod along with the Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA strongly recommended the suspension of in-person worship. This means that in-person Sunday School is also suspended. We will continue to evaluate local conditions and keep you informed of our future decisions on returning to in-person worship.

## **LIVESTREAMING OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM**

There will be livestreaming of the Sunday morning worship service. Worship will be conducted with a very limited number of worship leaders in the sanctuary and livestreamed as it is being done. A recording of that will be available for viewing anytime afterwards.

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

Please call (989.354.2640) or email the church office (officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) with the information you would like listed in the bulletin. Thanks!

### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**

Discipleship has received the Christmas Wish List from the United Way. Due to current circumstances we will not be putting the tags on the tree this year. We ask, if you would like to participate, make cash donations to the church clearly identified as; **United Way Christmas Wish List**, and the shopping will be done for you **OR** contact Dawn; 657-6923 or Phran; 471-9117, for a name and list. **All donations/gifts need to be in the church office by Monday November 30th.** Gifts need to be wrapped and the tag securely attached to the package with the code # and items. Any money remaining will be donated to the United Way to help with further shopping. Thank you for helping to make a Christ-like difference in the community.

### **YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Do we have all your current info?

Have you changed your primary phone?

New email?

Or new street address? Or PO Box?

Please update the office with any of these changes so we can be in touch.

THANKS

### **LIVESTREAMING TEAM - *HELP NEEDED***

Help place our services on the internet so people can join us from home and view them. We need a person to operate the system during the service. Like before it will be button pushing to position the cameras and buttons to send the service to the internet. A very straight forward process. We are looking for a few people to be familiar with the equipment so we can have a schedule of people to operate it on Sundays. David Delano will be our in-house person to head the group and train anyone interested. Contact the office 354.2640. THANK YOU.

### **RECYCLING UPDATE: LIST OF ITEMS HAS CHANGED**

Our recycling list of items has changed. **Please recycle only the following: empty writing instruments, glue sticks, toothbrush/toothpaste, food storage containers (plastic or glass), vitamin/mineral/supplement bottles, cough/cold/flu bottles, all Hasbro toys and games.** *Anything other than these items I will have to dispose of.* Thank you for your cooperation and help. -- Corinne Fraley

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you all for your continued donations to our 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 gray house inside the doors of the church and we will distribute them to infants, toddlers and young school age children.

**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 Monday and Tuesday this week (November 23 & 24), 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.

| <b>GENERAL FUND GIVING</b>                                                                     |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget                                                        | \$ 4,415.00 |
| Weekly giving - November 15                                                                    | 4,412.66    |
| <u>We received:</u>                                                                            |             |
| 17 envelopes, 19 Simply Giving recurring payments and<br>1 Give+ payment made from our website |             |



# November



## Birthdays

**November 2**  
Olivia Haske  
Cindy Suszek

**November 17**  
Chloe Hayward  
Kassandra McInerney

**November 4**  
Harold Kissau  
Britni Nowak

**November 18**  
Nancy Stachnik  
Karyn Vass

**November 5**  
Lori Graham

**November 20**  
Kelli Liske  
Sherie McTaggart

**November 7**  
Phyllis Colagross

**November 21**  
Kevin Graham

**November 8**  
Edward Jahnke  
Melissa Timmreck

**November 24**  
Melissa Chabot

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**November 1**  
Beverly Suszek

**November 24**  
Chris Christopherson

**November 10**  
Hannah Matzke

**November 25**  
Jeffrey Diamond  
Monica Jahnke  
Erin McCourt

**November 9**  
Mary Bock

**November 26**  
Bruno Hirzel

**November 11**  
Linda Gapske  
Gracie Gillard  
Brent Welch

**November 26**  
Davis Crittenden  
Bruno Hirzel

**November 11**  
Jessica McKenzie

**November 27**  
Beckett Granata

**November 12**  
Diane O'Connor

**November 28**  
Janie Hansen  
Lisa McIntosh  
Brody Yuchasz

**November 12**  
Nicholas Schillerstrom

**November 29**  
Scott Kuligowski  
Brian Schiller  
Ellie Walker

**November 13**  
Doug Chroninger

**November 13**  
Norman Schillerstrom

**November 14**  
Mary Bock

**November 30**  
Matthew Timrick

**November 21**  
Elaine Hatch

**November 15**  
Betty Dulebohn

**November 23**  
Ashley Timmreck  
Madison Timmreck  
Melissa Timmreck  
Nicholas Timmreck  
Paige Timmreck  
Dan VanEssen



## Wedding Anniversaries

4th William & Mary Bock  
9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek  
25th Anthony & Laura Thompson



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