

Grace Lutheran
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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

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

(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, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

R399

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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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 (Sing twice)

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
 set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks
my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put
to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

HYMN OF THE DAY “For the Fruit of All Creation”

R679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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

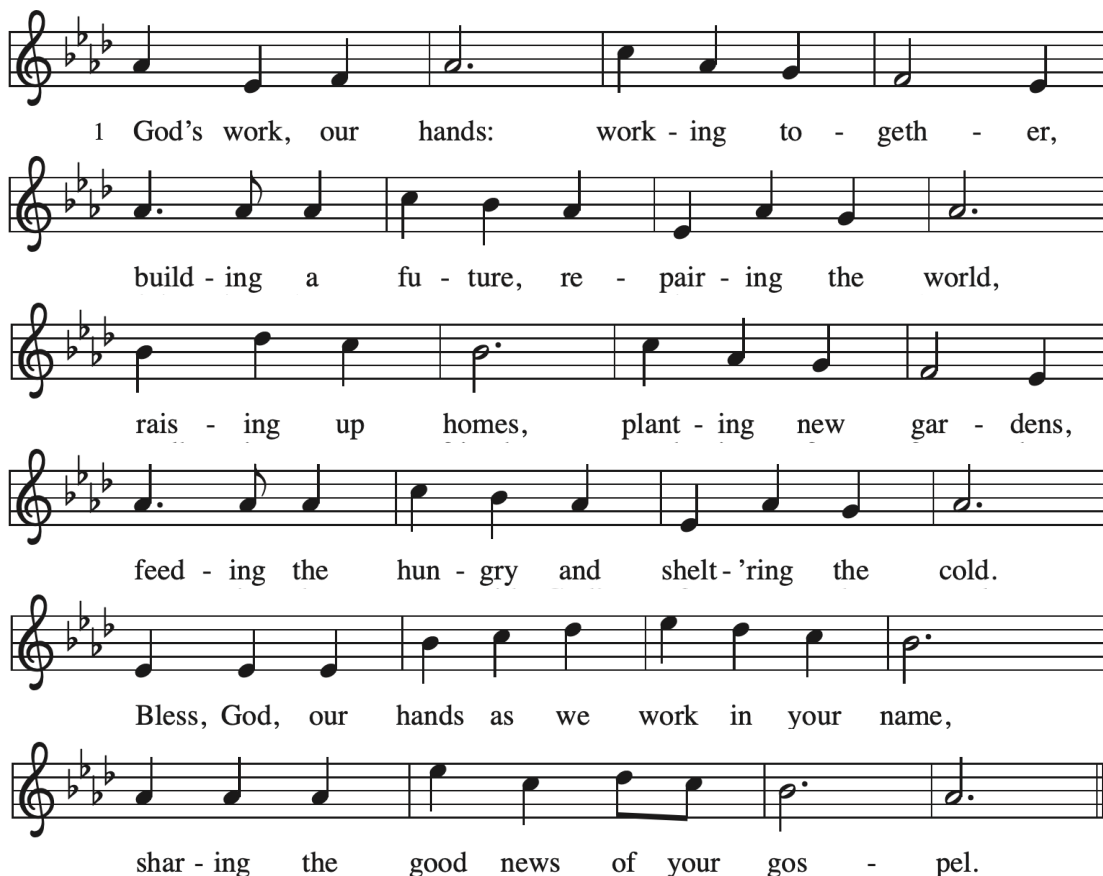
(Response after each petition)

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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P: Let us pray...Loving God,

C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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:



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un-der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are you com-ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na!

Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU AR HELIG, Per Harling

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. . . .

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

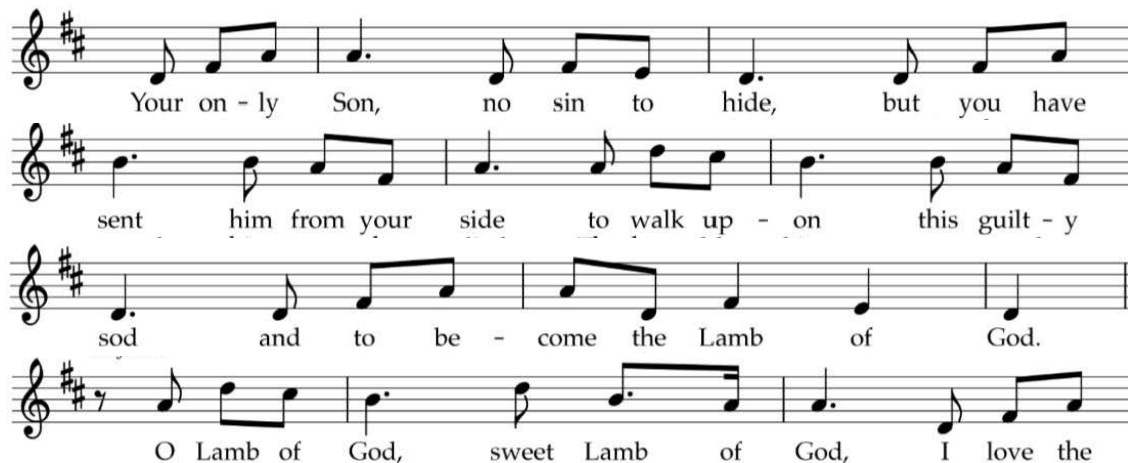
LORD'S PRAYER

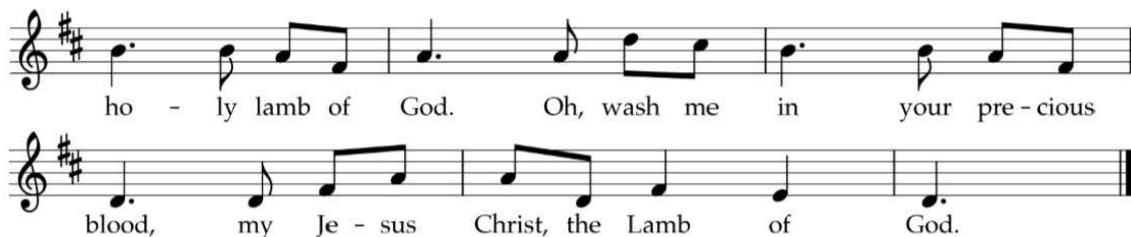
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!



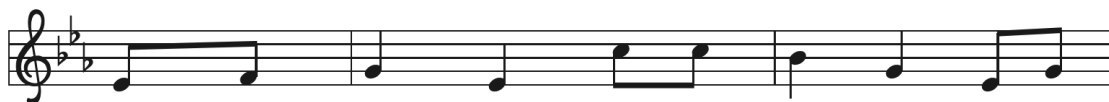


Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

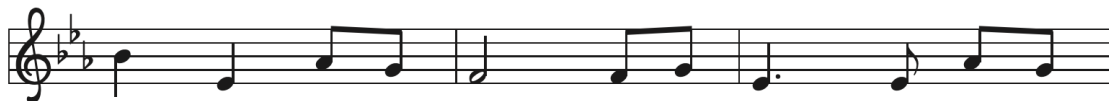
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COMMUNION HYMN “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” ACS966



- 1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
- 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
- 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
- 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

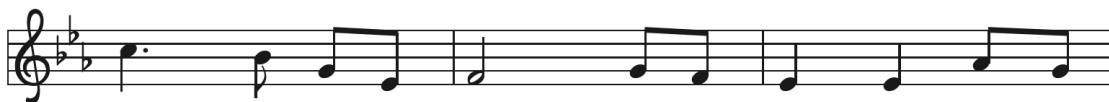


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: “I am with you; do not fear!”
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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...Compassionate God,

C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

R763



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt. This selection is in the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Seek equality and justice for all.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Always in our hearts:

In honor and remembrance of our beautiful angel, Ryan Marie

With love always,

Dad, Mom, Madi and Izzy

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Music Program at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. John's Lutheran/Three Rivers, Rev. Vicky Blough; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas 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.

WE'RE UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST.

IF YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND, WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BY JULY 28TH.

Jon Crow, Myra Cross, Larry Garant, Patti Tucker, Bonnie Cross, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Cheryl Gauthier, Cory Golder, Tamyra Rychlinski, Tom Watson, Ho-Ok Nam Lin (Pastor Seok Nam Lin's mother), Maria Shelton, Paul Kroll, Jim Marquardt, Aggie Jakubiak, Jerry McConnell, Lysie, Becky & Dante, Tyson, Scout, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Mychele Allmacher, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles, US Air Force Pilot Training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JULY 19

Learn from Nature

What does God's creation have to teach us? How should we care for creation? God has given the universe to us and the church universal is concerned with the future of the created world for all. How do we best and equally share God's world with others? Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY HELP

A big shipment of food is coming in on Monday July 20 at St. Vincent DePaul (US 23 S) before 11 am. A few hands to help loading there for transport to the church and then a few hands to unload and take to the basement would be greatly appreciated. See Pastor Tom if you can help at either or both locations. Thanks.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION - JULY 26

We asked our members, "What does baptism mean to you"? *Here are some of the responses...* "Renewal & Rebirth in Jesus," "That I am a child of God," "That I have accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior." Baptism is not just a sign; it is a *means of grace* — a moment when God washed away your sins, marked you with the sign of the cross, and called you a child of God. Reminding yourself of this day renews your awareness of God's saving work in you, especially in times of doubt or hardship. Martin Luther famously said, "*When you wash your face, remember your baptism*", because it was a source of comfort and assurance of God's love. **We invite you to join us, as we celebrate all "July" Baptism Anniversaries, Sunday, July 26th, immediately after Sunday service.**

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CHURCH BLOCK PARTY THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH!

Join us for our Annual Church Block Party – a free, fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, and games for the whole family! Whether you've attended for years or are new to our community, we would love to celebrate with you.

When: Thursday, August 6th, 2026 @ 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Where: 119 W. Dunbar Street / Grace Lutheran Church, Alpena MI

What to expect: Free Food and Refreshments

Bounce House, Games, and Face Painting for the kids

Live Music and Entertainment

This is a great chance to CONNECT with your neighbors!

*Want to help make this event a success? We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, make a dish and distribute invitations to our neighbors. **Sign up to serve** in the Office Lobby.

We can't wait to see you there!

KIDS CREATE! FAITH, FUN & MUSIC ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children ages 5–12 are invited to Kids Create! Faith, Fun & Music, an ecumenical Vacation Bible School, to be held **Monday–Wednesday, July 27–29, at Alpena First United Methodist Church, 167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena.** Kids will enjoy music, storytelling, skits, art, and fun while discovering God's love together. Each child will paint two beautiful works of art (one to take home and one to share). The shared artwork will be professionally framed and featured in our Art Sale Gallery Auction. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. Register by calling the First United Methodist Church Office at 989-354-2490.

QUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, August 28 & 29.

Donations of items will be greatly appreciated. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items. Also, please keep your items until close to the dates, so moving them from the basement to the Fellowship Hall is eliminated. Thank you in advance!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) PERSONAL CARE KITS

Once again we will be collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. Please contribute what you are able to. Items needed for each kit (new items please):

- ◆ One light-weight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20" to 27" x 40" to 52"), dark color recommended
- ◆ 2-3 bath-size bars of soap totaling 8-9 oz, in original packaging (no mini or hotel size bars, please)
- ◆ One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap)
- ◆ One sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs)
- ◆ One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark the envelope "Personal Care Kits." If writing a check, please make it out to "Grace Lutheran Church."

Collection will take place throughout July and August 2026. Items may be placed in tall basket just outside the Fellowship Hall.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

Devotionals for the next quarter, July - September, are available in the Office Lobby.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your prayers during my recent surgeries. Glad to be back at Grace.
-- Rich McTaggart

THANK YOU QUILTERS

Thanks to the Quilters for donating a new Mr. Coffee and other kitchen supplies for our Tuesday fellowship of Quilting and other fellowship times. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 9am-noon!

DID YOU KNOW...

Since April, the Quilters have sent to Orphan Grain Train in Sebawaing, MI: 54 quilts/lap robes and 2,438 wash cloths. Also, 25 cat beds, 10 dog beds, and 25 dog toys were given to Elk Country Animal Shelter. We have been busy!!!

JULY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Cathedral Envelope Company, which mails our offering envelopes every other month, continues to work through production changes following the equipment issues they experienced several months ago. To avoid a delayed mailing and catch up production of it's 3,000 plus customers, the decision was made to skip the July offering envelope mailing and resume the regular schedule with the August mailing. August envelope packets are already in production. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition. In the meantime, please use any previously unused offering envelopes you may have, or place your offering in a plain envelope with your name and the amount enclosed written on the outside.

PASTOR TOM'S RETIREMENT

The date for Pastor Tom's finishing of pastoral ministry at Grace Lutheran has been set for August 31 of this year. At May's Council meeting Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas of our North/West Lower Michigan Synod ELCA joined in via Zoom to inform the Council of the Call Process and the actions to begin taking now. She shared the support the Synod gives in the process and where they are involved. Council is beginning active work on the next steps and would welcome any questions from church members.

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 MAY 2026

Average needed in May (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 24,065.00
Monthly Giving - May (includes a one-time annual donation)	29,698.06

We received:

124 envelopes, 59 Simply Giving recurring payments,
and 8 Give+ payments made from our website

Anniversaries of Baptism



Birthdays

July 1

Sharon Engstrom
Kelly Pankey

July 4

Caitlin Wade

July 5

Myles Granata
Ann O'Connor

July 6

Rachel Brownhill
Taylor Loop

July 7

Grace Kuligowski
Harper Suszek

July 8

Charity Corwin

July 11

Emily Szymanski



Wedding Anniversaries

3rd	Tim & Annie Schultz
6th	Ken & Nancy Amelotte
8th	Brady & Taylor Loop
14th	Jim & Denise Timrick
	Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
15th	Jeff & Shirley Diamond
24th	Brandi Stone & Daniel Donajkowski
27th	Scott & Judy Black
30th	Ray & Leslie Reynolds

July 14

Richard Carlson

July 15

Scott Lancaster
Annie Schultz

July 17

Michele Amelotte

July 20

Rhonda Anderson
Christopher Carlson
Amelia Kamyszek

July 22

Mike Schiller

July 24

Vicki VanEssen

July 29

Kathy Pionkowski
Olivia Viegelaahn

July 1

Christopher Carlson

July 2

Jonathan Lang

July 4

Riley Gohlke

July 5

Annie Schultz

July 6

Wayne Christopherson
Jon Crow
Donald LaBarre

July 7

Larry Garant
Elaine Hatch

July 10

Stephanie Suszek

July 12

Britni Nowak
Hadleigh Suszek

July 15

Myra Cross
Vicki Denstaedt

July 16

Clarence Cross

July 17

Leslie Reynolds

July 18

Scott Kuligowski

July 21

Margaret Clemens
Brian Nelson
Patti Tucker

July 22

Joel Fraley
Kay Grove

July 24

Christena Christopherson
Jim Hansen

July 27

Pam Gohlke
Anthony Thompson

July 28

Paige Timmreck

July 31

Rodney Szymanski



HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 19th LFP Collection Weekend

9:30 am **Worship**
11:00 pm Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 20th

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

Tuesday - 21st

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday - 22nd

10 am-noon Church Office Open
10:30 am Catechism
6:00 pm Special Council Mtg

Thursday - 23rd

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

Friday - 24th

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

Saturday - 25th

5:00 pm **Worship**

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Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
OrganistKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Lector Bob Greene
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
..... Cindy Domrase (Saturday)
Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Jo Ann Smith

Altar Guild Chris Christopherson
Livestream Team ... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble

Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Joe & Dawn Gentry

SERVING JULY 25/26

Ministers God's People
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Music Director Claire Witt
OrganistKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Lector Sandy Welch
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
..... Cindy Domrase (Saturday)
Greeters Mary Rowader, Cindy Domrase,
June Daly

Altar Guild Chris Christopherson
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