# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

November 9 & 10, 2024



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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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, our sins are forgiven.
- 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**



men.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

<sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup> "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." 11 As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup> But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." 15 She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 146

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

- <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- <sup>4</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- <sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

- <sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

#### **Hebrews 9:24-28**

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
<sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

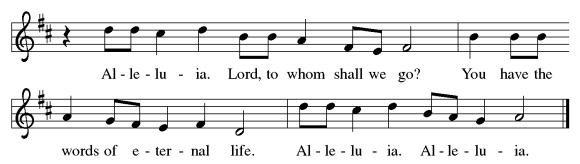
P: The word of the Lord.

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 Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **HOMILY**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Day by Day"

R790



- 1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at tend me, bring ing com fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur dens



to my anx-ious soul. wis - dom to o - bey; grow too great to bear;

Day by day, the bless-ings,Lord, you send me I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, of the mor - row, what be - tide me. brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior, you will hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter-nal rest. help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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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)

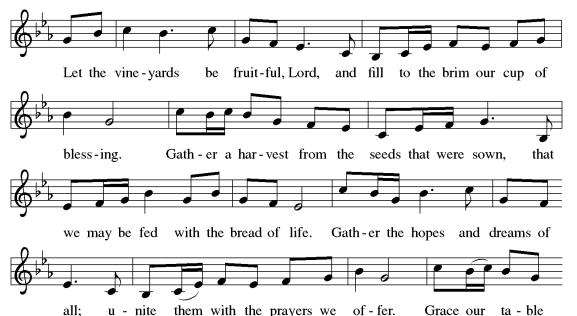
P: Merciful God,

C: receive 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)





with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

C: source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

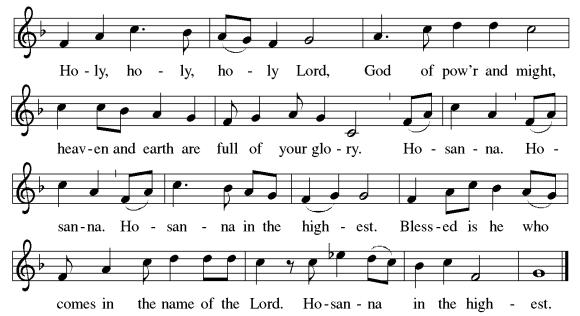
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 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: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God... Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit... Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- C: Amen.

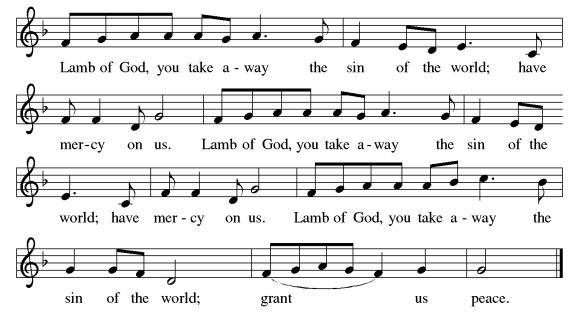
#### LORD'S PRAYER

- 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: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

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



#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

**R638** 



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

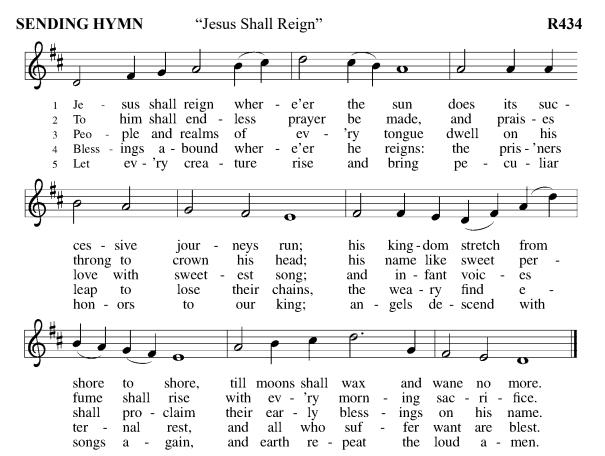
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908 This selection is in the public domain.

(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...Holy God,
- C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

- P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless us, keep us, and give us peace.
- C: Amen.



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793 This selection is in the public domain.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**P:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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

Bill Whitscell, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Tammy Furze, 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 -- 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.

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Feast of Victory Lutheran Church/Acme, Rev. Haley Vay Beaman, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

#### **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10**

Grace will be having our Semi-Annual Meeting following worship at 11AM on Sunday November 10. Adoption of budget for 2025 and election of Council members are the main items on the Agenda.

#### GRACE LUTHERAN THANKSGIVING DINNER!

#### Thursday, November 28, 2024 ~ 5 p.m.

Grace Lutheran will provide a church family Thanksgiving Day dinner at 5:00 pm. The turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to pass – your favorite side, dessert, rolls, salads, whatever you feel inclined to bring! We will offer delivery to our Loving Care Members at 4:00 pm to allow them to also partake in our Thanksgiving Dinner. For delivery, please call Peggy at 989-354-2640. Delivery will be made shortly after 4:00 p.m. so our delivery crew can make it back to eat as well. If you can help with delivery please contact Peggy so she can list the drivers we will have as well.

Please sign up and include the number attending and the dish you wish to bring and share. (Sign-up sheets are located in the Office Narthex.) There is also a sign-up sheet for Set-Up Committee and Clean-Up Committee for those who want to assist. Requests for delivered meals need to be called in to the church by Friday, November 22 so deliveries can be coordinated. All are welcome!

#### **BAKE SALE**

The Ruth Circle is planning a bake sale at Grace on December 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We would like everyone in the congregation to please donate to make this a success. We depend on the bake sale money to enable us to donate to 12 charities from Grace Lutheran through the Women of the ELCA at Grace. Bake sale items can be brought to the church on Friday, December 6 beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. We appreciate any baked goods, canned items and craft items also donated. Any questions, please call Darlene Freel at 989-354-8866. Please also let us know if you can help on Friday or Saturday.

#### THANKS FOR TREATS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Thanks to all who shared treats with the neighborhood on Halloween. Seemed like there were more kids and families out this year. We had quite the crew there, 13 in all. Especially thanks to the two *HOT DOGS and Pumpkin* who went down the block - both ways to let parents and kids know we had something for them. We saw lots of unique costumes and neat kids. We handed out information on Worship and Sunday School. Thanks to all who donated treats for the evening. Join us next year to have a good time too.

#### 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.



# November



November 9 Mary Bock

November 11 Jessica McKenzie Rodney Szymanski

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**Baptism** 

November 12 Nicholas Schillerstrom

November 13 Norman Schillerstrom

November 21 Elaine Hatch

November 23 Ashley Timmreck-Walker Madison Timmreck Melissa Timmreck Nicholas Timmreck Paige Timmreck



November 24 Chris Christopherson

November 25 Emmett Suszek

November 26 Bruno Hirzel

November 27 Beckett Granata

November 29 Scott Kuligowski Brian Schiller Ellie Walker



November 2 Olivia Haske Cindy Suszek

November 4 Britni Nowak

November 5 Raylynn Suszek

November 7 Phyllis Colagross

November 8 Edward Jahnke Melissa Timmreck

November 10 Hannah Matzke

November 11 Linda Gapske Gracie Gillard Brent Welch

November 12 Diane O'Connor

November 13 Doug Chroninger

## **Birthdays**

November 14 Mary Bock

November 17 Chloe Hayward Kassandra McInerney

November 18 Nancy Stachnik Karyn Vass

November 20 Kelli Liske Sherie McTaggart Chris Moors

November 25 Jeffrey Diemond Monica Jahnke Erin McCourt

November 26 Bruno Hirzel

November 28 Janie Hansen Lisa McIntosh Brody Yuchasz

November 30 Matthew Timrick



#### Wedding Anniversaries

4th Bill & Mary Bock

9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek 25th Anthony & Laura Thompson

27th Alex & Anna-Marie Struble

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

Average needed in September (5 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - September

\$ 23,680.00 14,447.17

We received:

109 envelopes, 51 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 9 Give+ payments made from our website

#### Grace Lutheran Council Briefs October 15, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence and Communication - With regret accepted resignation of Steve Hansen from Council immediately. Motion made by Dennis Werblow and seconded by Mary Lappan

Treasurer's/Finance Report - Report given by Dennis Werblow. Council accepted the August and September financial reports. Motion made by Mary Lappan and seconded by Sharon Engstrom

Pastors Report -

2 funerals conducted - for Gerald Lancaster and Bill Platt.

Adult CE series, Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year had good participation and discussion.

Attended a number of webinars for Continuing Education

Work Groups -

Discipleship -

REBOOT- Rummage sale, visit to Samaritas, Feeding Kids Ministry

Little Food Pantry - Mary Lappan reported many monetary donations this month. \$1000 in gift cards to Perch's from Hunters Harvest, \$3,000 grant from the Women's Giving Circle, \$6,000 from the dinner given by Donna Morgan and Jean Spaulding, and \$500 given by St. Paul's. Very blessed.

Little Free Library -used often

Education - Elsa Philips report that Sunday School is in session Christmas Program with kids will be December 15.

Fellowship - Two luncheons were given. One funeral luncheon for Bill Platt and one for Gerald Lancaster.

Finance and Stewardship - nothing to report

Property - Ed Czarnecki is doing a lot and we want to thank him for all his efforts.

Worship - Sharon Engstrom reported that we are in need of volunteers in different areas. Please consider.

Old Business -

AED training from Alpena Fire Department is being scheduled

Constitution Committee has a rough draft for viewing and commenting It can be viewed in the form of an email.

An Evening with Friends and Family Fundraiser was held on October 4. Donna Morgan and Jean Spaulding did a wonderful job.

New Business -

Proposed Budget adopted to be present at Semi-Annual Meeting on November 10, 2024.

Planning a Council Retreat in January.

Norwegian Meatball Dinner on November 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Next Council meeting December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –10th
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8:50 am Choir Practice 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Semi-Annual Meeting

#### Monday - 11th

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

#### Tuesday - 12th

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

#### Wednesday - 13th

8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

#### Thursday - 14th

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

#### Friday - 15th

8am-noon Church Office Open

#### Saturday - 16th

5:00 pm Worship

#### **SERVING NOVEMBER 9/10**

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Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
<b>Music Director</b>	Claire Witt
Recorded Accom	panimentKat Tomaszewski
	Anna Lewis
	Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis
	. Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel,
	Diane Prevost (Saturday)
Greeters	Dale & Pat Schultz
Altar Guild	. Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght
	nDawn Anderson, Jan
Charte	r, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
	yne & Chris Christopherson,
	rlene Freel
Coffee Hour	Jeff & Sandy Welch
<b>SERVING NOVEMBER 16/17</b>	
Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
	Claire Witt
Recorded Accom	panimentKat Tomaszewski
Lector	Bob Greene
Comm. Asst A	Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis
Ushers	. Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel,
	Diane Prevost (Saturday)
	Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Altar Guild	. Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght
Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters Wa	yne & Chris Christopherson,

Coffee Hour ...... Dale & Pat Schultz, Darlene Freel

Darlene Freel

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