Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

July 29 & 30, 2023



Season after Pentecost

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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

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.) (the assembly stands as you are able)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

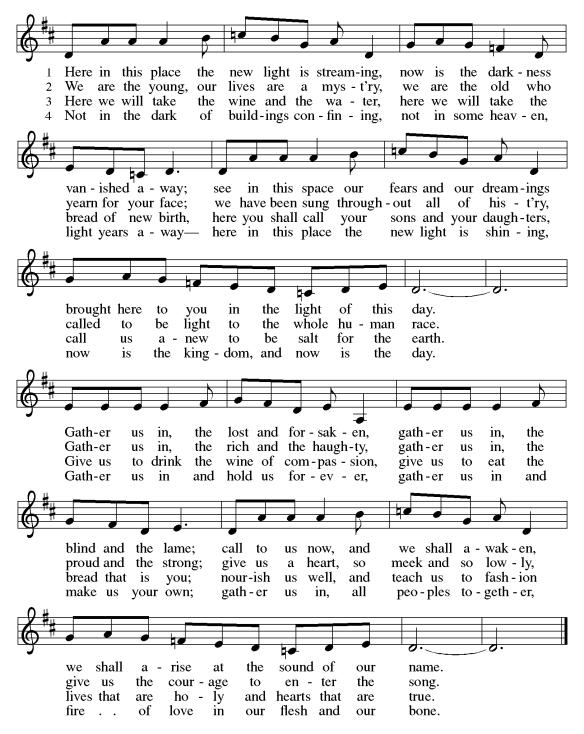
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Reconciling God,
- C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.
- P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

GATHERING HYMN "Gather Us In"

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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

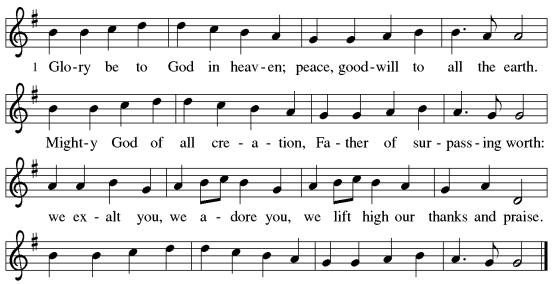


We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE



Saints and 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

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)

129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

- ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.
- 132Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.
- ¹³³Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.
- ¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.
- 136My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



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.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

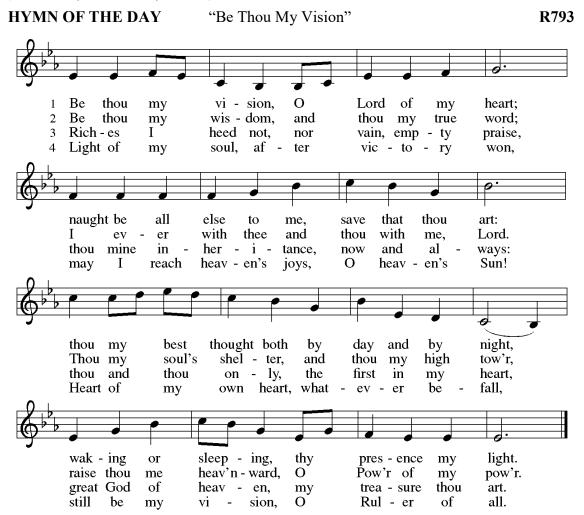
³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." 44"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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...God of goodness and growth,

C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

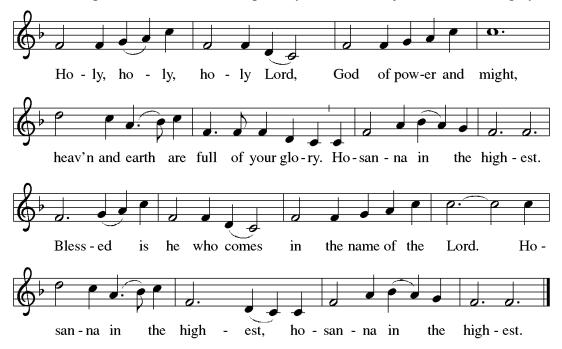
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory... *(concluding)*...to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

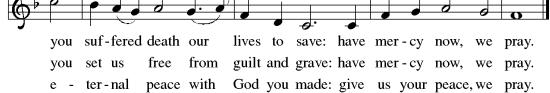
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.





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(the assembly stands as they are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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

Eleanor Coddington, Bob Stacey, Sandy Malaski, Tammy Furze, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jack Thompson, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Music Ministry/Prayer Groups at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Peace Lutheran Church/Gaylord, Rev. Megan Crouch and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Forgiveness

Our curriculum has several powerful stories of forgiveness. And the real work that it is. You are invited to join in a discussion of forgiveness from a faith perspective and any personal thoughts you care to share. We meet at 11 in the Lounge.

HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW THEIR FAITH!

Would you help our children grow their faith? Be part of the team that will teach our children about Jesus and have them hear Bible stories. You would work together with others as part of Grace's Education Work Group providing Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Lessons would come from a Lutheran curriculum package and often an arts/crafts project is part of the class. We are looking for a team of people to share doing the class together on a rotating basis. The team would be supported by Education Work Group Chair Elsa Phillips and Pastor Tom. If you are interested or have any questions please contact one of them.

STUFF THE BUS

Help United Way help youth. Stuff the Bus with school supplies. Let's have every child start off the school year with the supplies they need to participate in school. This effort is primarily for Junior High and High School. Pencils, pens, mechanical pencils, spiral notebooks, lined paper, folders, glue sticks, colored pencils, and markers are the basic items needed. You can take them to Walgreens on August 3, 4, & 5. Or bring them to Grace and we will take them all out there.

RUMMAGE SALE ~ AUGUST 25 ~ 8am-5pm/AUGUST 26 ~ 8am-12pm

Please do not drop off any items at this time. Your generosity in helping our mission is deeply appreciated. We ask that you hold items until two weeks prior to the sale when we will receive them directly into a designated area in the Fellowship Hall beginning August 14, rather than having to carry items up and down the stairs to the basement. Please, no large items such as tv's, sofas, tables, recliners, etc. All other items accepted. Thank you in advance for your support. -- Grace Quilters

GRACE CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY AUGUST 20 AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN'S CHURCH PICNIC GROUNDS ON THE THUNDER BAY

Save the date. Details will follow. St. Paul has graciously allowed us to use their picnic grounds in Ossineke. And we will have the afternoon to enjoy a fellowship meal together and the water. Watch for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer means parties by the pool. This summer at Grace, kids will learn what a difference Jesus can make in their lives, when they are willing to dive in with him.

Don't miss our second summer VBS date scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 15th from 1-2:30pm.

All kids of Grace are welcome. Invite your friends!

Sign up by emailing Tracie Granata @ Tracie@BayAthleticClub.com

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

The Quilters have <u>lots of yarn</u>. If you would like to start knitting/crocheting mittens or scarves for this year's Giving Tree, please come get some. The yarn is in a basket in the Office Lobby.

THANK YOU

At our church service on Sunday, July 16, we blessed all the donations that came in for The Little Food Pantry! We have many meals for those with food insecurities. Thank you for generosity.

GRACE LUTHERAN IS 150 YEARS OLD

We have some projects to celebrate this year. If you are interested in participating in the preparation for them, contact Pastor Tom.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

Devotionals for July, August & September have arrived and are on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

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.

NEW ADDRESS

Harry Kautz has moved to Turning Brook. His new address is Apt. 207, 300 Oxbow Dr, Alpena, MI 49707. He would welcome cards. Thank you.

COVID TEST KITS FOR AT-HOME USE

At-home COVID test kits 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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JUNE 2023

Average needed in June (4 weeks) to meet budget \$18,344.00 Monthly Giving - June \$16,636.70

We received:

101 envelopes, 62 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

Anniversaries of Baptism



August 1 Vicki Denstaedt Kiowa Kirchoff

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs Margaret O'Connor

August 5 Grace Hoeft Ryan Reynolds Anthony Thompson

August 6 Margaret Clemens Myra Cross Anna Lewis

August 10 Shelly Olsen

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik

August 13 Trey Garant James Malaski

August 14 Brett Werblow **August 17** Jakob Bauer

August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Corinne Fraley

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 21 William Matzke

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds

August 26 Fred Kindt

August 28
Debra Nitchman

August 29 Anne Gentry August

August 4 Alan Brilinski Dawn Gentry

August 5 Norman Schillerstrom

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fraley Aaron Nowak

August 7 Shirley Diemond Fred Kindt

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

August 9 Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth

August 11 Joann Smith



August 12 Carey Schiller Madison Szymanski

August 13 Jamie Gentry Grace Hoeft

August 18 Ed Czarnecki

August 19 Charity Corwin

August 20 Drew Gentry Wayne Lewis

August 21 Donna Morgan Brody Nowak

August 22 Rachel Engstrom Jeffrey Welch

August 23 Ruby Haske Travis Konarzewski

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 31 Jerry Timm

Wedding Anniversaries

3rd Jim & Sandy Malaski
4th Sean & Taylor Hayward
5th Allen & Judy Douglas
Gary & Kay Grove
7th Cody & Jessie Suszek
14th Larry & Connie Suszek
16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek

19th Phil & Pam Agius

21st Rick & Sharon Engstrom
22nd Jerry & Jan Charter
24th Randy & Kenda Yochum
26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki
27th Pat & June Daly
Jason & Jessica Slominski
28th Don LaBarre & Anne Gentry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

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Sunday – 30th 8:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 31st CHURCH OF 8am-3pm	FFICE CLOSED Kitchen Reserved
8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge
Wednesday - 2nd 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Thursday - 3rd 8am-noon 8am-3pm 4:00 pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Lounge Reserved
Friday - 4th 8am-noon 8am-3pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

Worship

Saturday - 5th 5:00 pm

SERVING JULY 29/30

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Ministers God's People	
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth	
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber	
Organist/PianistAmy Truth	
Lector Bob Greene	
Communion	
Assistants Sherie McTaggart/Jo Ann Smith	
Ushers Dale Schultz, Jo Ann Smith,	
June Daly; Diane Prevost (Sat	
Greeters Rick & Sharon Engstrom	
Altar GuildChris Christopherson,	
Jeanne Pankey	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre	
CountersClarence & Bonnie Cross	
Coffee Hour Roger & Jeanne Pankey	
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Cindy Domrase (Sat.)	
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Counters.....Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek **Coffee Hour**.. Wayne & Chris Christopherson

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