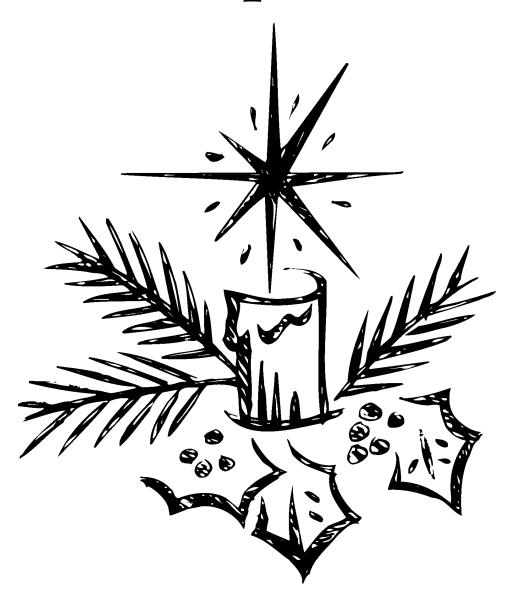
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Grace Lutheran Church November 27 & 28, 2021

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 you are able)

(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 alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God. *Silence is kept for reflection*.
- P: God for whom we wait.
- C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.
- P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + our sins are forgiven. We are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens us anew to follow the way of peace.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience their cross and suf f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be-night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh.

The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.

A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;

With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand. in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold. the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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ADVENT CANDLE "He Came Down" (two times through)



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;



he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

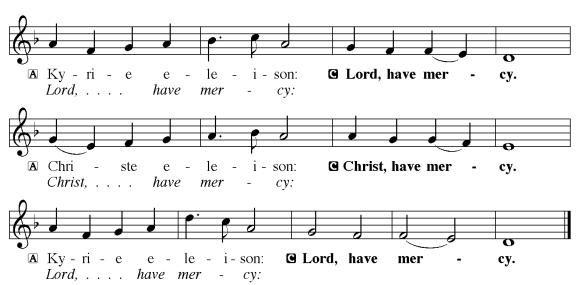
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GREETING

P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE







P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

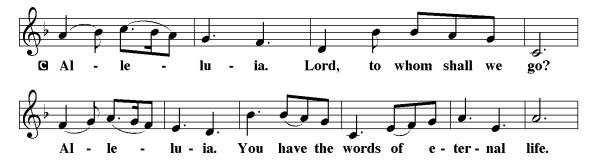
Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)





P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

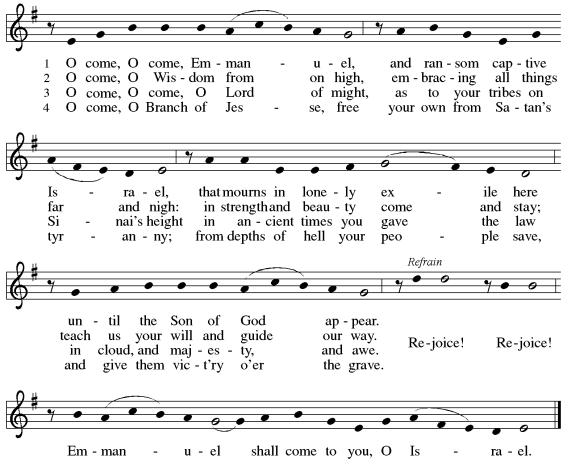
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



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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

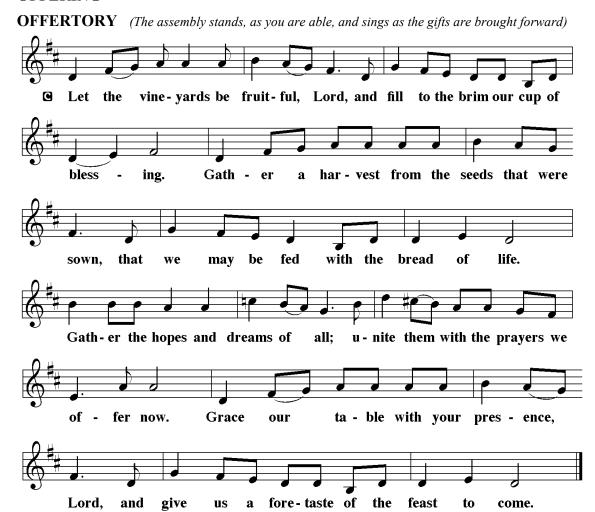
(Response after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING



P: Let us pray...God of our waiting and watching,

C: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

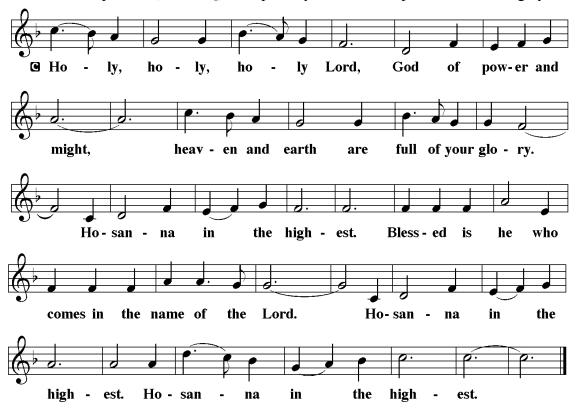
P: Lift up your hearts

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

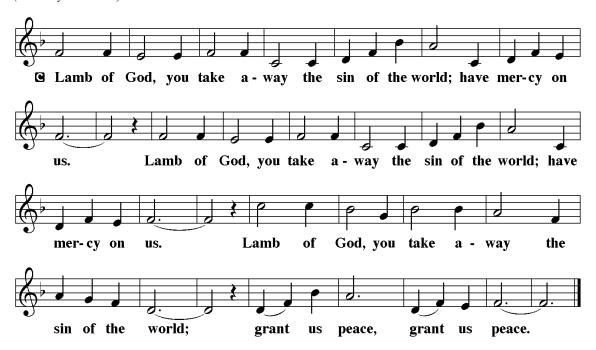
P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord...(concluding)...almighty Father, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

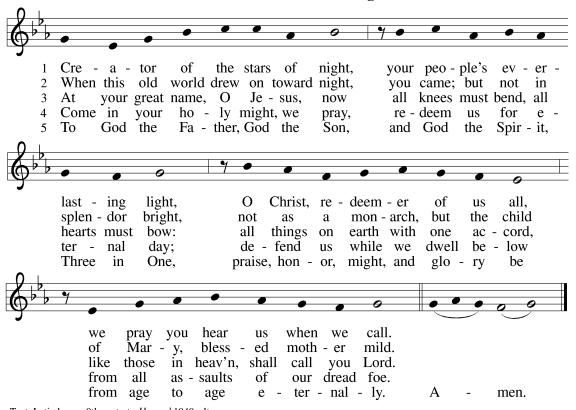
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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/juice are invited to participate in the Eucharist) (You may be seated)



COMMUNION HYMN "Creator of the Stars of Night"



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The assembly stands as you 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...Most High God,
- C: you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
- C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Fling Wide the Door" Fling wide the door, un bar the gate; the King of glo ry be - lief, cy's He is the rock of our the heart of mer hap - py towns Oh, and bless - ed lands that live by their true Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je sus Christ; our hearts are 0 pen of kings, comes in state; the Lord of lords and King the king gen tle self. His ly crown is ho li - ness; his he rules, king's com-mands. And bless ed be the hearts the love - ly grace, wide in trust. Oh, show us now your up -Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion scep - ter love - li - ness; he brings sor - rows is his our where he dwells. He hum - ble plac - es the right - ful is sor - rows shine your face, your Ho - ly on our and let the earth. So of ly mirth to raise a shout ho and to end. Now glad ly praise our king and friend, and an Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -- it guide our jour _ ney in wide. We your grace so praise our God Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word. and Lord, wor - ship him a - tor of from with song for say - ing wrong. us the world, our on - ly strength for good.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS

Cindy Domrase, Susan Stacey, Karen Slaght, Myra Cross, Roger Pankey, Mike & Donna, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Herb Schiller, Avril & Charlie Phillips and newborn son Spencer, Jay Nowak, Gus Gillard, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Harold Kissau, who passed away November 10th.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the justice and peace efforts at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Kalamazoo, Rev. Ken Johnson and Rev. Jacob Lehman.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rage in Our Society - Sunday, November 28

Do you feel there is rising rage in our society today? Are you angrier about things, issues, than before? How should our Christian faith respond to anger in society? Anger is often a response to other deeper issues for individuals or society. How do we as Christian church bring those issues out to be addressed by society? See you at 11 in the Lounge.

2021 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST - DEADLINE TODAY

The recipient tags are again placed on the giving tree.

Gifts will need to be wrapped (NO GIFT BAGS), with the gift tag securely taped to the package and returned to the church no later than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.

As you will recall, the Wish List is comprised of local families experiencing hardships. We have been assigned 12 children and with your generous assistance, we are confident of another successful outcome.

Thank you for making a difference in our community, Phran and Dawn, Discipleship Committee

CHRISTMAS DECORATING NEXT SUNDAY

December 5 after the worship service come and help make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We will be putting up and decorating our large Christmas tree again this year. With many helping it will be fun and not take long.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE COMMUNITY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

You are invited to join in Christmas caroling around the community! There will be lunch provided after church on Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 am and caroling will begin at 12:00pm. A sign up sheet is in the office lobby. We will be going to assisted living homes as well as homes of some of our members. As we will be singing and around those who are vulnerable, we ask those participating to wear a mask. Please join in the fun!

BAKE SALE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, FROM 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Ruth Circle is planning a bake sale at Grace again this year on December 4th. *Please check your recipes for all kinds of goodies. We depend on everyone to help us make this a success.*

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 3, from 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated.

Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 if you can help set up on Friday or help the day of the sale. Thanks!

Small boxes are needed for peoples' purchases.

This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

For the month of November the Little Food Pantry is collecting children's hats, gloves and mittens to be donated. Non-perishable food items are also needed.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone here at Grace for all your thoughts, prayers, and get well wishes I received for my surgery and therapy after. It was very much appreciated. Again, thank you and God bless each and every one of you. Sincerely, Dale Schultz.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN

With our weekly bulletin as our main communication to members and visitors, we ask that all announcements be turned in by 9 AM on Wednesday in a written form. As announcements are highlighted in the email blast that sends the bulletin link out, on our web page and Facebook as well as in the printed bulletin for weekend services and highlighted at the end of the livestream this gives multiple opportunities for people to see the information spreading the word. With as much as 1/3 of our worship attendance online, we need to offer these various ways for everyone to be aware of what is going on and have the info to refer to and then get involved. Thank you for helping to share God's Love and welcome *ALL* in some new ways.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM

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If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we welcome your doing so. Let us take care of each other and help end this pandemic.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

AMELIA BERLES AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

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

A list of November birthdays and anniversaries can be found on the "News" page of our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 28th 9:30 am Worship

Monday - 29th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 30th

All Day Kitchen Reserved -

Bake Sale

8am-noon Church Office Open

9:00 am Sewing/Quilting

Wednesday - 1st

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Thursday - 2nd

All Day Kitchen Reserved -

Bake Sale

8am-noon Church Office Open

Friday - 3rd

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

All Day Kitchen Reserved -

Bake Sale

All Day Fellowship Hall

Reserved - Bake Sale

Saturday - 4th

All Day Fellowship Hall

Reserved - Bake Sale

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING NOVEMBER 27/28

	God's People	
	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	Claire Schreiber	
Lector	Anna Lewis	
Communion		
Assistants	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis	
Ushers Wa	yne & Chris Christopherson	
	Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)	
Greeters	Steve & Janie Hansen	
Altar Guild	Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght	
Livestream Team Phran Ludington, Dawn		
Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard		
CountersClarence & Bonnie Cross		
Coffee Hour Wayne & Chris Christopherson		

SERVING DECEMBER 4/5

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Lector	Mike Urlaub
Communion	
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Counters......Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek **Coffee Hour**......Clarence & Bonnie Cross

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