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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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another..

(Silence is kept for reflection)

- P: Merciful and loving God,
- C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.
- P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, our sins are forgiven!
- C: Amen.

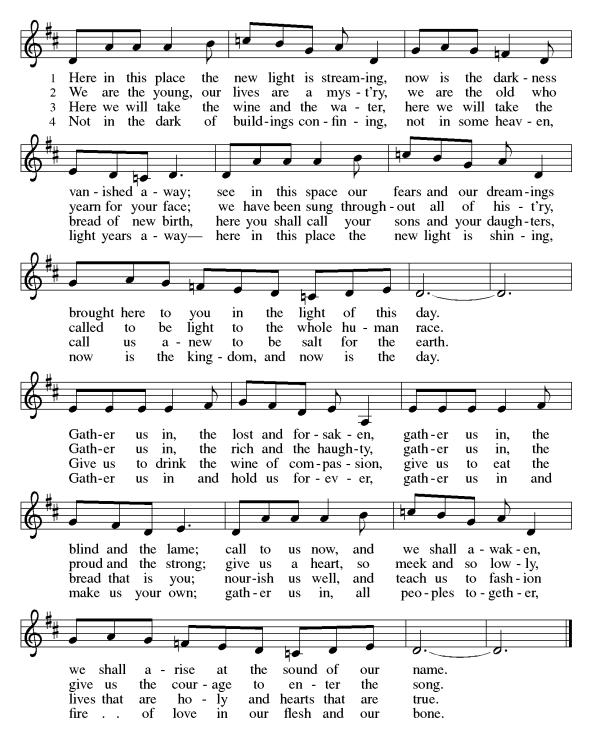
GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

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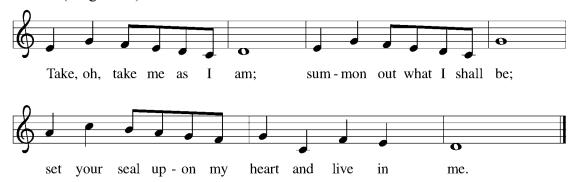


GREETING

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)



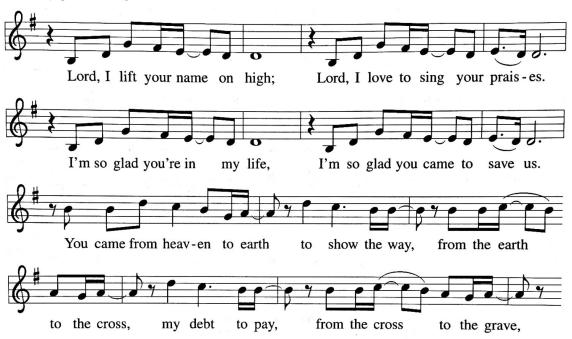
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Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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HYMN OF PRAISE





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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

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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

the LORD loves the righteous.

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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before

Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

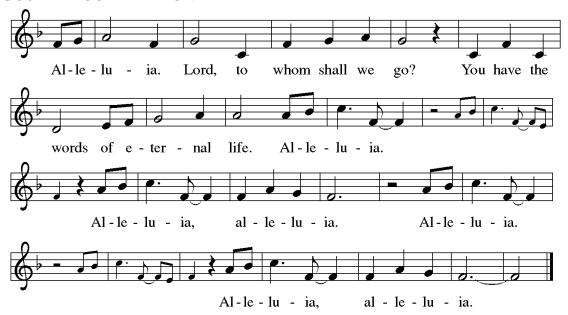
L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

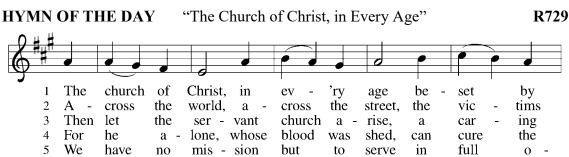
[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames. ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

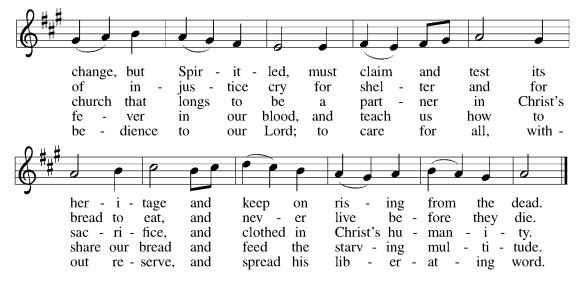
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)





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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: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

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



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P: Let us pray...Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

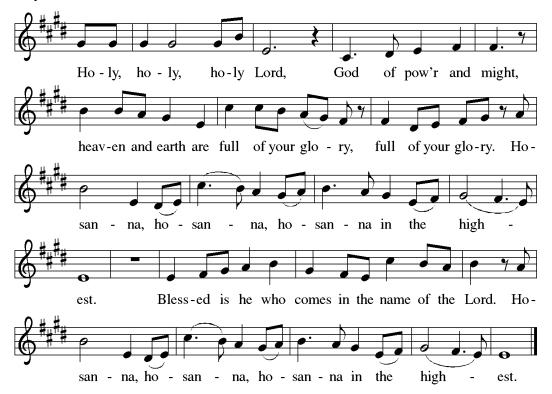
P: The Lord be with you.

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, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign...(concluding)...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

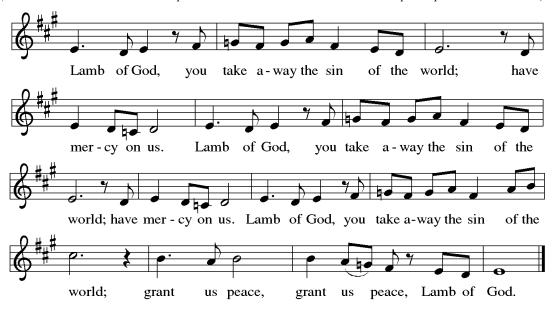
P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

HOLY COMMUNION

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





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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...O God.

C: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,+ bless us now and forever.

C: Amen.





My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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

In Memory of Katie Jane Welch Given by Jeff & Sandy Welch

IN OUR PRAYERS

Anna Lewis, Nancy Platt, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Joanne Kindt, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Harry & Aggie Jakubiak, Jerry McConnell, Lisa Creger, Lynsie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Daphne Flack, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas and Amelia Berles - pilot training. 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 PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Children's Worship Center at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Bethany Lutheran/Kaleva, Rev. Zac Nelson; 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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - SEPTEMBER 28

Is courtesy a dying virtue?

According to a Pew Survey, nearly half the country think that people are behaving more rudely. Do you think so? What constitutes rudeness in your mind? And how does behavior relate to our Christian living? Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we work on living out our Christian faith in our world today.

FALL CLEAN UP - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

It's that time of year. We can use a little help with the front of our church - raking, trimming, etc. Saturday, October 11 from 9-11 a.m. Please sign up in the Office Lobby.

HELP PACK FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY WEEKEND KITS - OCTOBER 20 Join us for a bit of work on Monday October 20 at 5:30 PM to pack up bags of food for kids. We meet at Sunset School for at most an hour of work. Sign up in the Office Lobby.

OUILTERS' GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 16

Make your reservations soon for our annual Game Night to be held on October 16. Cost is \$10/person. Doors open at 4:30 pm, serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. *Limited seating/reservations required. Contact Chris at 989.356.0430 for reservations* (if no answer, please leave a message). Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.

Help is needed for our Game Night fundraiser on October 16. If you can donate an item or two, it will be appreciated. A sheet with a list of items is located on the table in the Office Lobby. We can also use help with clean up in the kitchen around 6 p.m. that night.

Thanking you in advance,

Grace Quilters

NEW TIME & TALENT SCHEDULES

Time & Talent schedules starting in October are now online. Printed copies are available outside the Office window. Thanks everyone. If you will like to find out more on any of the activities, let the Office know.

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DEVOTIONALS

The next edition for October thru December are here, available on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

BALLOON NO. 3 IS DOWN

It has hit the table and is officially declared down. Nos. 2 & 5 are still up. Get your new best guesses in now.

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.



Annversaries of Baptism

October 4 Madelyn Boyd

October 10
Wayne Christopherson October 27

October 12 Kay Grove

October 15 Matthew Anderson Molly O'Connor

October 20 Shane Bullard



October 21 Thomas Bertrand Drew Gentry

October 27 Piper Slominski

October 29 Michael Pankey Mya Styma

October 30 Marcie Law Connie Suszek

Birthdays

October 2 Jim Berles Adam Kirchoff

October 3 Ellie Walker

October 5 Mike Morgan

October 6 Christopher Piontkowski

October 7
Ken Amlotte
Richard Carlson
Kimberly McCourt
Michael Pankey

October 10 Gary Grove

October 13 David Dekett

October 14
Tamar Furze

October 15 Kody Bertrand October 18 Brian Schiller Jim Timrick

October 20 Erika Nicholls

October 21 Jewel Lancaster

October 22 Jessica Slominski

October 23 Emma Nelson

October 25 Staci Chroninger

October 28 Cindy Domrase Andrea Matzke

October 29 Caileigh Nitchman

October 31 Jessica Konarzewski Sandra Welch

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Dawn & Brett Anderson 3rd Matt & Ruby Haske 6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave 17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 28th 8:50 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Choir Practice Sunday School Worship Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 29th 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - 30th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge
Wednesday - 1st 8am-noon 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Office Open Bell Choir Practice MLK Committee-Lounge
Thursday - 2nd 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Friday - 3rd 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Saturday - 4th 5:00 pm	Worship

SERVING SEPTEMBER 27/28

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded Accon	npanimentKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst	. Sherie McTaggart, Jo Ann Smith
Lector	Ruby Haske
Ushers	Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
	Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
Greeters	Rick & Sharon Engstrom
	Mary Rowader,
	Jewel Lancaster (Sat. Set Up)
Livestream Tear	nDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Sherie McTaggart,
	Cindy Suszek
	Adam & Sara Kamyszek
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