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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 able)

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

#### C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

- P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
- C: Amen.



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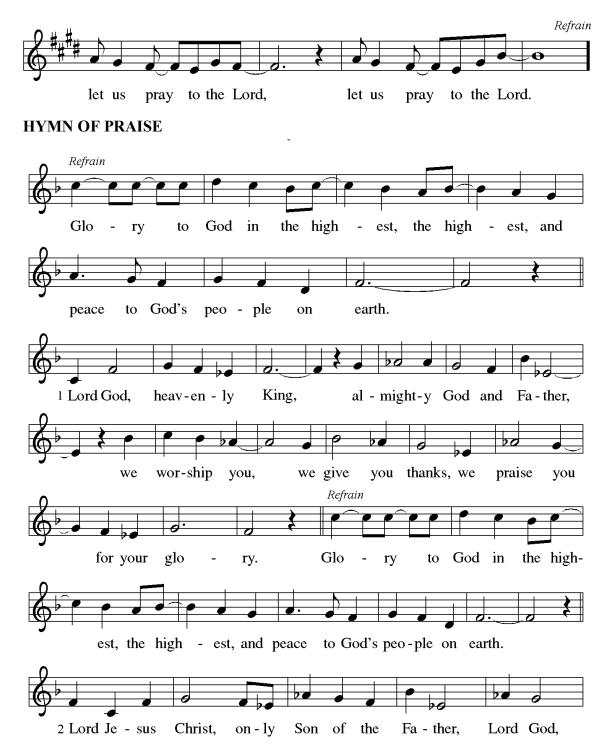
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#### GREETING

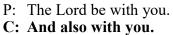
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

**KYRIE** (vs. 1 & 4)









#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 

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#### <u>WORD</u>

#### God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts: 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)
- <sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.
- <sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- <sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!
- <sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
- <sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

#### at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

# <sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

#### 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

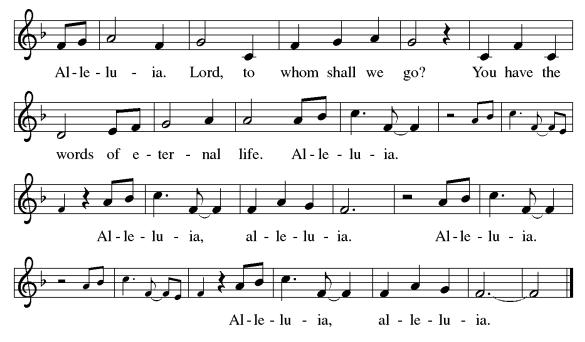
<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to John. C: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

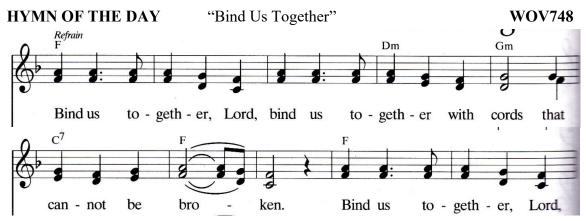
<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

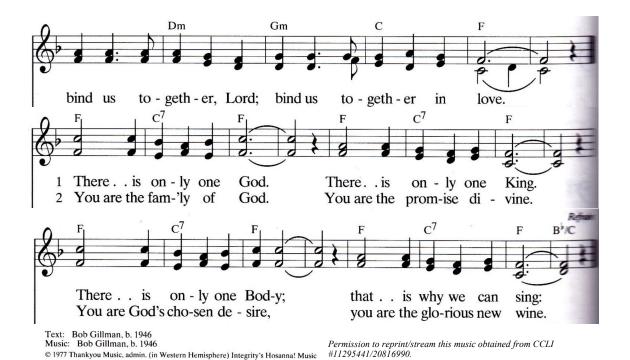
<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

- P: The Gospel of Our Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)





**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.

#### <u>MEAL</u> God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

#### OFFERING

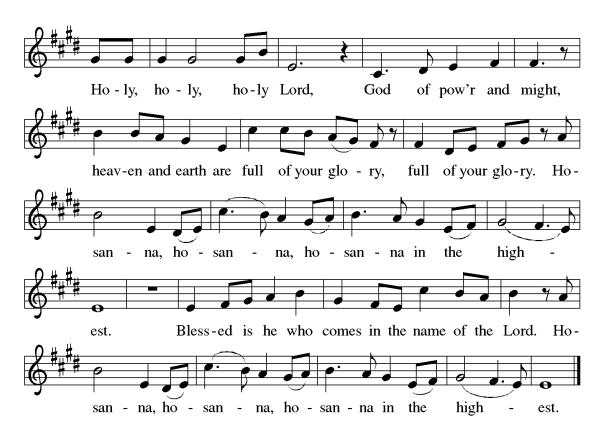


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- P: Let us pray...Generous God,
- C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through 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 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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- P: O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

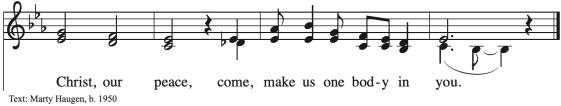
#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist) P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.





Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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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...Gracious God,
- C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### BLESSING

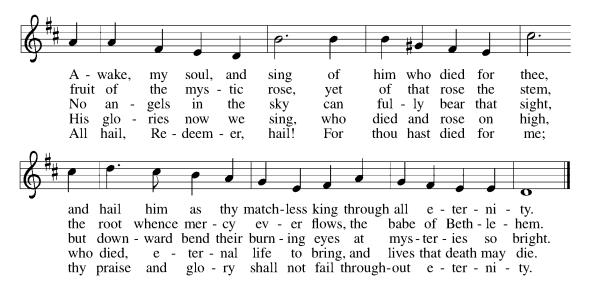
- P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" **R855** Crown him with man - y crowns. the Lamb up on his throne: 1 Crown him the 2 vir - gin's Son, the God in car - nate born.

Crown him the Lord love be hold side. 3 of his hands and Crown him the Lord of life. who tri - umphed o'er 4 the grave Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time, 5 hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow whose arm a - dorn:

rich wounds, vet vis - i - ble a bove, in beau - tv glo - ri - fied. vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save. and rose cre - a of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime. tor

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. 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**

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 -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Jack Thompson, Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, 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 Altar Servers/Ushers at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Messiah Lutheran Church/ Constantine, Rev. Thomas Pederson and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Jim Dekett, who passed away May 30, 2020, given by his family.

#### ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 21 Questions

As we prepare to start our series, Together by Grace, about Lutheran theology and tradition in June, we want to name the things we have questions about and what we are interested in learning more about. This is also in preparation for our upcoming series in later summer and fall about other Christian traditions and other faiths. What things do we want to compare and contrast from ELCA Lutheran tradition to others. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

What do swimming pool, sand, marbles, bare feet have to do with Sunday School?? Come to Sunday School on May 21st and see for yourself! We will have a regular class at 9:00 am and fun activities after our church service. This will be our last class for the season.

#### PENTECOST WEEKEND, MAY 27 & 28

We encourage everyone to wear red as we celebrate Pentecost next weekend, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church.

#### SWEETS & TREATS

If you make a special treat you would like to share at Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship, please sign up for a date in the Office Lobby.

#### LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

We would like to thank all who contributed the Little Food Pantry this past Sunday. The generosity was a blessing and will go a long way!

#### **GRADUATING?**

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 4.

#### **RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - THANK YOU ALL!!!**

Thanks to the 19 people who gathered to fill Feeding Kids Ministry packages on Monday evening. We were filling for the 3 day Memorial Day weekend, so more food than usual in each package. And we still got done in just over 30 minutes not the 1 to 1 ½ hours they said was usual. So a lot of fast people got the job done really quickly. THANKS.

#### 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 APRIL 2023**

Average needed in April (5 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - April \$ 22,930.00 20,431.84

We received:

164 envelopes, 60 Simply Giving recurring payments, 2 Give+ payments made from our website and 9 Thrivent Choice contributions



#### **Anniversaries of Baptism**

May 4 Jerry Charter

May 5 Kody Bertrand

May 6 Michael Lang

**May 7** Jeanne Pankey Ella Sandula Kady Sandula

**May 8** Phran Ludington

May 9 Sheri Smith

**May 10** Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

**May 11** Christopher Piontkowski Stacey Piontkowski

May 12 Monroe Garant Marjorie Weber May 13 Joshua Engstrom

**May 14** Logan Suszek Madi Szymanski

May 15 Raylynn Suszek

May 17 Wesley Garant Hannah Kamyszek Hope Kamyszek Savannah Kamyszek Kathryn Reynolds

May 19 Alexander Bauer

May 25 Lori Graham

**May 28** Darlene Dekett

May 29 Jeffrey Welch

May 30 Terry Bertrand



May 2 Grace Kuligowski Scott Lancaster Harper Suszek

May 3 Chad Lewis Beth Matzke Craig Weise

**May 4** Thomas (T.J.) Lappan Mya Styma

May 5 Vicki Piontkowski

**May 6** Dawn Anderson Oliviah Viegelahn

May 8 Matthew Anderson

May 11 Michele Amelotte

May 12 Rachel Chroninger Taylor Chroninger Nancy Platt Peggy Tomaszewski

May 15 Laurie Hansen

May 16 Jan Charter May 17 Audrey Garant

**May 18** Jacob Gapske Karen Suszek

May 19 Michael McCourt Rebecca Trelfa Brett Werblow

**May 22** Alexander Bauer Pamela Kirchoff Roger Pankey

May 23 Scott Coddington

May 24 Betty Bedford Joanne Kindt

May 25 Polly Cook

May 26 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Miriam Denstaedt

**May 30** Gary Graham Alexander Struble

May 31 Emily Szymanski

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# Wedding Anniversaries

2ndStephen & Janie Hansen3rdJeff & Sandy Welch6thGary & Janet Bettega8thJon & Mari Crow17thPaul & Vicki Denstaedt30thEric & Emma Barber

#### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### Sunday -21st

8:50 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Worship
	Outdoor Sunday School
	activities follow worship
11:00 am	Adult Ed - Lounge
4:00 pm	Friends of Animal Control

#### Monday - 22nd

8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-3pm	Kitchen Reserved

#### Tuesday - 23rd

8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am	Pastors Text Study -
	Lounge

#### Wednesday - 24th

8am-noonChurch Office Open6:00 pmBell Choir

#### Thursday - 25th

8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-3pm	Kitchen Reserved
4:00 pm	Lounge Reserved

#### Friday - 26th

8am-noon Church Office Open

#### Saturday - 27th

5:00 pm Worship

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

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#### SERVING MAY 20/21

MinistersGod's People PastorRev. Tom Orth		
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber		
Organist/PianistAmy Truth		
LectorNancy & Bill Platt		
Communion		
Assistants Dale Schultz		
Ushers		
Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)		
GreetersRich & Sherie McTaggart		
Altar Guild Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps		
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre		
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,		
Darlene Freel		
Coffee Hour Dale & Pat Schultz		

#### SERVING MAY 27/28

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	Claire Schreiber	
Organist/Pianist	Amy Truth	
Lector	Corinne Fraley	
Communion		
Assistants	Dale Schultz	
Ushers Wayne	& Chris Christopherson,	
Vicki F	iontkowski (Sat.)	
GreetersJo A	Ann Smith, Darlene Freel	
	Vancy Platt, Vicki Cripps	
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