Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

August 26 & 27, 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.



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

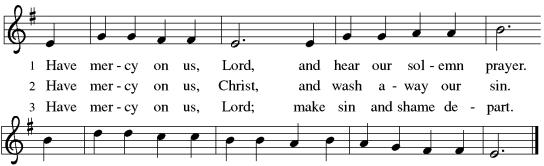
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GREETING

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



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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, Godpleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

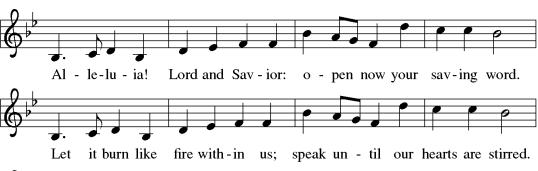
¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 16:13-20

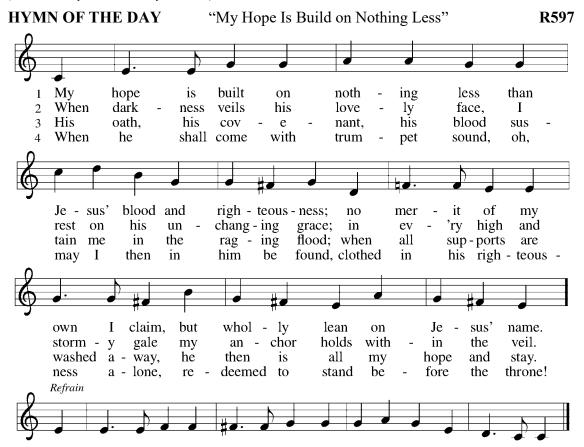
At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876 This selection is in the public domain.

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)

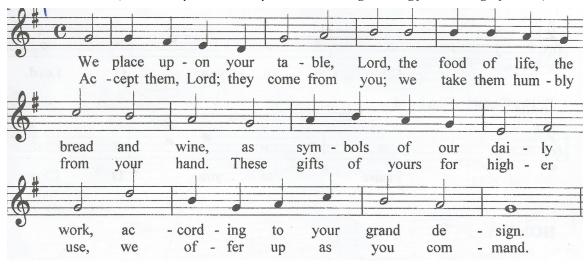
P: Hear us, O God.

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.

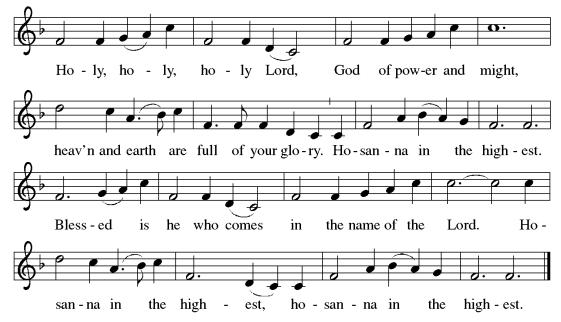
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

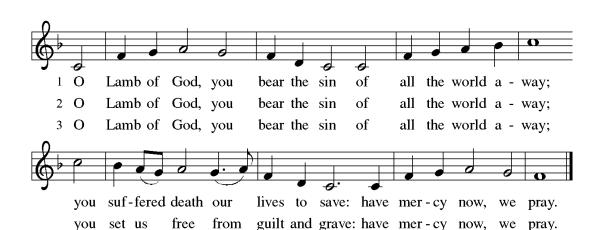
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

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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peace with

e - ter-nal

God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



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Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain This selection is in the public domain.

(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.

SENDING HYMN "We All Are One in Mission" R576

- 1 We all are one in mis sion; we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for ser vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 Now let us be u nit ed, and let our song be heard.



by Christ, the all. var-ied gifts u nit ed Lord of our dif - f'rent; our Our min - is - tries are pur - pose is the same: Now let us be a ves sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



Α sin - gle great com - mis sion com - pels us from a - bove touch the lives of oth ers with God's sur-pris-ing grace, to We all are one in mis sion; we all are one in call,



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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Pat & June Daly's 50th wedding anniversary.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Logan Suszek, 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, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, 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 Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Rev. Karsten Voskuil-RCA and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith - August 27th

The new Adult Ed series of exploring other Christian and faith traditions begins Sunday. We will begin with our book's description of the ELCA and then choose the traditions we wish to look at next. Join us at 11 in the Lounge for class.

COMMUNION AT THE RAIL

We will start serving communion at the rail on the weekend of the first Sunday of the month, beginning in September. As always, you may knee if you wish, or remain standing as you are comfortable. The entire table, group of people at the rail, are dismissed from the rail with words from the pastor at the same time after all have received the elements.

BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!

October 26 - Game Night hosted by the Quilters.

Watch upcoming bulletins for more details as we get closer the event.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

In celebration of God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Grace will be assisting Samaritas Senior Living on Wilson Street with a fall cleanup of individual residents' garden plots and raised flowerbeds in the facility patio area. After the cleanup, we will host a Sweets and Treats fellowship hour with the Samaritas residents. The cleanup will be done from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with the fellowship hour to follow. Signup sheets will be placed in the Office Lobby for the clean up - bring tools - and for the Fellowship Hour where you can list your Sweets & Treats . This is a wonderful opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in our community!

MUSIC SEASON POTLUCK - SEPTEMBER 13

We will be having our start of the music season potluck on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 pm at the church. Everyone interested in Choir and/or Bell Choir is welcome! Please sign your name/what dish you plan on bringing on the sign-up sheet in the Office Lobby if you plan on attending.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER 14 with Rabbi Howard Morrison and Pastor Tom Orth

The program "Unity and Diversity Within and Between Judaism and Christianity presented by Rabbi Morrison and Pastor Orth will meet September 14 from 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. at Grace Lutheran Church. From 6:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M. Rabbi Morrison and Pastor Orth with focus on prayer and worship traditions. After a short break with some hospitality, they will discuss the range of traditions within Judaism and Christianity.

JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 5:30 PM

Join with church members as we fill bags with meals for students to take home on the weekend, the Feeding Kids Ministry program. Meet at the old Sunset School on Hobbs Drive using the kitchen entrance on the left side of the building toward the back. We could use 15 - 20 people including children 5 and older to do this project for about 1 - 1 ½ hours. It involves gathering all the items together for the meals sent home with students on the weekend. Please sign up in the Office Lobby. Thanks.

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.

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.

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 JULY 2023

Average needed in July (5 weeks) to meet budget \$22,930.00 Monthly Giving - July \$16,491.70

We received:

102 envelopes, 69 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

Anniversories of Baptism



August



August 1 Vicki Denstaedt Kiowa Kirchoff

August 17 Jakob Bauer August 4 Alan Brilinski Dawn Gentry

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs

Margaret O'Connor

August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Carey Schiller

August 5 Grace Hoeft Rvan Revnolds Corinne Fraley

August 13 August 5 Norman Schillerstrom Grace Hoeft

Anthony Thompson

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fralev Aaron Nowak

August 6 Margaret Clemens Myra Cross Anna Lewis

August 21 William Matzke August 7 Shirley Diemond Fred Kindt

August 10 Shelly Olsen

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 26

Fred Kindt

August 29

Anne Gentry

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds

August 9 Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 13 Trev Garant

James Malaski

August 28 Debra Nitchman August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth

August 14 Brett Werblow

August 11 Joann Smith

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 Madison Szymanski

Jamie Gentry

August 12

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



HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

| Sunday – 27th 9:30 am 11:00 am | Worship Adult CE - Lounge |
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| Monday - 28th 8am-noon 8am-3pm | Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved |
| Tuesday - 29th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am | Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge |

Wednesday - 30th CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

| Saturday - 2nd 5:00 pm | Worship |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Friday - 1st 8am-noon 8am-3pm | Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved |
| 8am-noon 8am-3pm 4:00 pm | Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Lounge Reserved |

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

SERVING AUGUST 26/27

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| Ministers | God's People | |
| Pastor | Rev. Tom Orth | |
| Music Director | Claire Schreiber | |
| Organist/Pianist | Amy Truth | |
| Lector | Corinne Fraley | |
| Communion | | |
| | Roger & Jeanne Pankey | |
| | ay Grove, Rick Engstrom, | |
| Cindy Domrase (Sat.) | | |
| | Joe & Dawn Gentry | |
| Altar GuildKa | aren Suszek, Jo Ann Smith | |
| Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan | | |
| , | Oon Barnard, Don LaBarre | |
| | Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek | |
| Coffee Hour | . Rick & Sharon Engstrom | |
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SERVING SEPTEMBER 2/3

| MinistersGod's People |
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| Pastor Rev. Tom Orth |
| Music DirectorClaire Schreiber |
| Organist/PianistAmy Truth |
| LectorBill & Nancy Platt |
| Communion |
| Assistants Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis |
| UshersMatt, Everett & Olivia Haske, |
| Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.) |
| Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson |
| Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Bonnie Cross |
| Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan |
| Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre |
| Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson, |
| Darlene Freel |
| Coffee HourJoe & Dawn Gentry |

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