Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

April 15 & 16, 2023



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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, \pm 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.



"Thine Is the Glory"

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- 1 Thine is the glo ry, ris en, con-qu'ring Son; end less is the
- 2 Lo, Je sus meets thee, ris en from the tomb! Lov ing ly he
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glo rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom; out thee; aid us in our strife;

An - gels in bright rai - ment let his church with glad - ness make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, hymns of tri - umph sing, through thy death - less love; kept the fold - ed grave - clothes for the Lord now liv - eth; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



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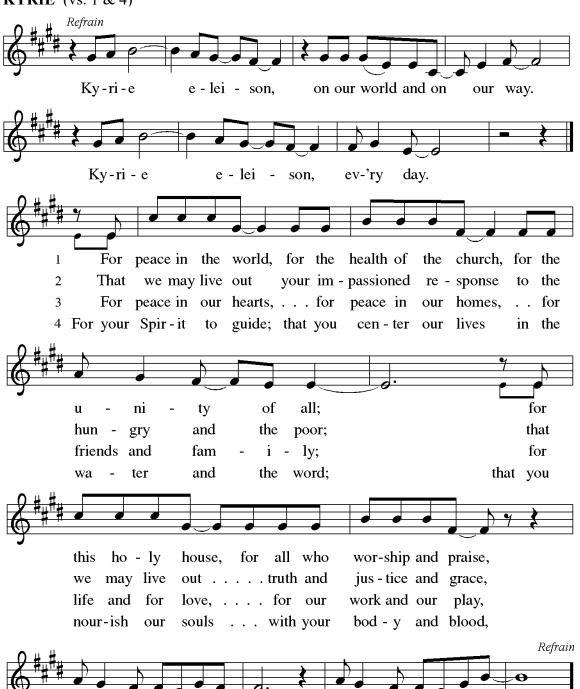
GREETING

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)

let us



pray to the Lord,

let us

pray

to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David savs concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

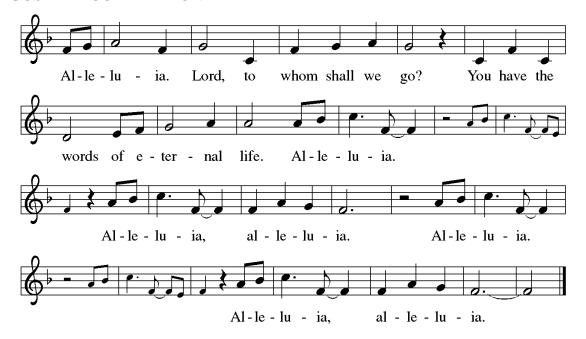
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my

hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

<u>MEAL</u>

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)



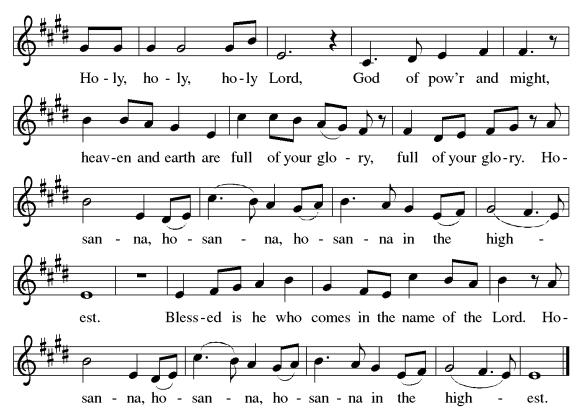
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P: Let us pray...Generous God,

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.

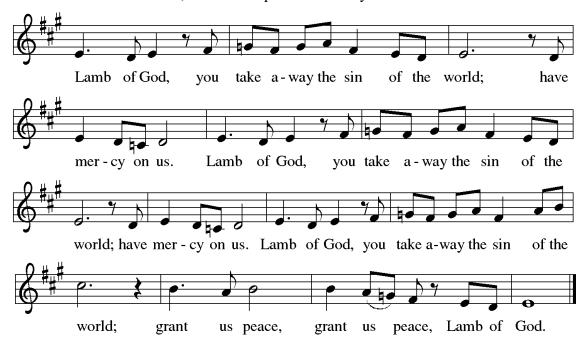
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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.





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(the assembly stands as they are able)

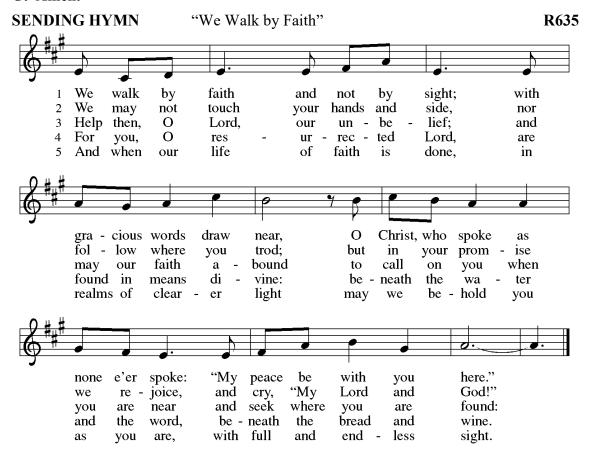
P: Let us pray...Gracious God,

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 \pm Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.



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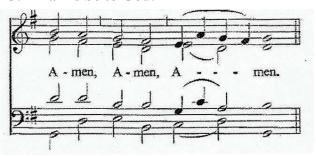
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Jeanne Pankey, Patti Tucker, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Kathy Rettell -- Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra

Beck, Daniel Spaulding, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Matthew & Rebecca, Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, and Joseph Hansen.

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 RCIA/Adult Ed at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Matthew Lutheran Church/Bridgeport, Rev. Rheanna Goodrich and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Joel & Corinne Fraley's 47th wedding anniversary

In honor of Pam Agius & Call Coddington In memory of Mildred Larsen Given by Eleanor Coddington

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - APRIL 16

Food Social Security

Several European cities had a trial of "Food Social Security," "the idea that quality, nutritious and organic food should be accessible to everyone -- regardless of income," Another person commented "you can't really talk to people about the Bread of Life, as we Christians say, if they don't have enough bread for life." So lets ask about the idea and what role church should play in caring for people. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be an Easter egg hunt, along with a lesson, on April 16.

IT'S COMING - HOLY HUMOR RETURNS ON APRIL 22 & 23

Be Prepared. Start thinking of your jokes to share. And get them to Pastor Tom so they can be put in the right spot at the services.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1 p.m. in the Lounge on Wednesday, April 19. All women are welcome!

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 19th.

NEW CARPET SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who gave input for the new carpet to go in the Sanctuary. The results are in and we will be having a broadloom carpet of a similar color to what is there now installed.

NEXT ADULT ED CLASS - SPECIAL SERIES - BEGINNING JUNE 4TH

Together by Grace is the book for our next ACE series class. From the editor's Introduction: "The articles in this book explore the rich and lasting legacy of Martin Luther and the Reformation. This legacy consists not only in the theology Luther articulated or the churches that resulted but also in the witness of many individuals who have been shaped by the Lutheran Christian tradition past and present, ..."

In forty some short articles by over 2 dozen authors, topics such as The Faith We Confess, From the Sixteenth Century to Today, Worship and the Arts, Faith Active in Love and more are explored. We will spend 6 weeks exploring the book and having conversations about the Lutheran foundations of our faith beginning Sunday June 4th.

If you are interested in the class, please let Pastor Tom or the office know by Sunday April 23 and we will order books for everyone. The Y are \$13 each.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE

Christ in Our Home devotionals for April through June are in. Pick one up 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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR MARCH 2023

Average needed in March (4 weeks) to meet budget \$18,344.00 Monthly Giving - March \$18,475.95

(Includes \$2,100 gross distribution/\$2,700 quarterly donations)

We received:

115 envelopes, 59 Simply Giving recurring payments, 4 Give+ payments made from our website and 5 Thrivent Choice contributions





Anniversaries of Baptism

April 22

April 24

April 25

April 26

April 27

April 28

April 29

Vicki Cripps

Donna Czarnecki

Denise Timrick

Reed Lappan

Patrick McCourt

Chloe Hayward

Michael Herrmann

Sophia Kamyszek

April 2 Kat Tomaszewski

April 3 Ruby Haske Dorene Schultz

April 4 Norm Timm

April 5 Larry Rettell

April 7 Tyler Suszek

April 8 Don Cross

April 9Janet Bettega
Patrick Daly

April 11 Shane Jaroch

April 14Jeanette Chroninger

April 15 Anna Greene

April 21 Taylor Agius



April 6 Janet Carlson

April 7 Robert Greene Everett Haske

April 8
June Daly
Tyler McKenzie

April 9 Phran Ludington

April 10 Nicholas Schillerstrom Logan Suszek

April 11 James Malaski

April 13 Jeanne Pankey Piper Slominski

April 14 Kendra McInerney

April 15 Wesley Garant Myles Granata **April 16** Pamela Agius

April 18 Alecia Lewis

April 19 Ryan Reynolds

April 20 Connor Freel

April 22 Stacey Piontkowski

April 23 Mike Schiller

April 24 Madison Timmreck

April 25Terry Bertrand
Jordyn Cieslik

April 26 Sharon Engstrom Lorah Lappan

April 27 Nancy Amelotte

April 30 Molly O'Connor Bethany Popour Anna-Marie Struble



Wedding Anniversaries

8th Donald & Myra Cross

12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart

17th Joel & Corinne Fraley
Michael & Donna Morgan

18th Richard & Janet Carlson

30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –16th	
8:50 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult Ed - Loung

Monday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Adult Ed - Lounge

Tuesday - 18th

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

Lounge

Wednesday - 19th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

1:00 pm Ruth Circle - Lounge 6:00 pm Bell Choir

Thursday - 20th

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

Friday - 21st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday - 22nd HOLY HUMOR WEEKEND

> 5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING APRIL 15/16

Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Organist/Pianis	stAmy Truth
Lector	Dawn Anderson
Communion	
	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers	.Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,
	Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
	Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry
	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
	ter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Joel & Cindy Suszek

SERVING APRIL 22/23

God's People		
Rev. Tom Orth		
Claire Schreiber		
tAmy Truth		
Sharon Engstrom		
Clarence & Bonnie Cross		
.Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,		
Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)		
Joel & Cindy Suszek		
Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps		
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre		
CountersCheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek		
Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant		

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