Grace Lutheran Worship Folder August 19 & 20, 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.



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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.





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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

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I

will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

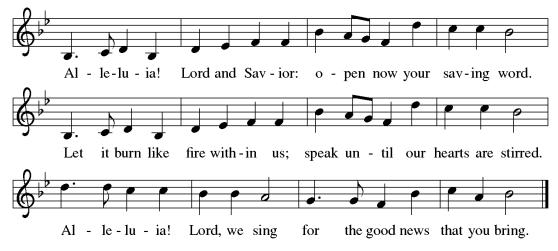
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

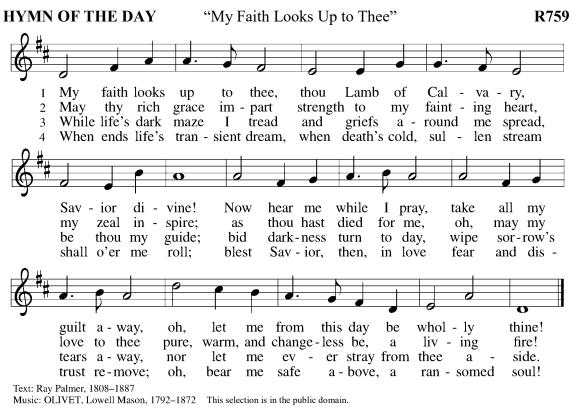
¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."] ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He

answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

- **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

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



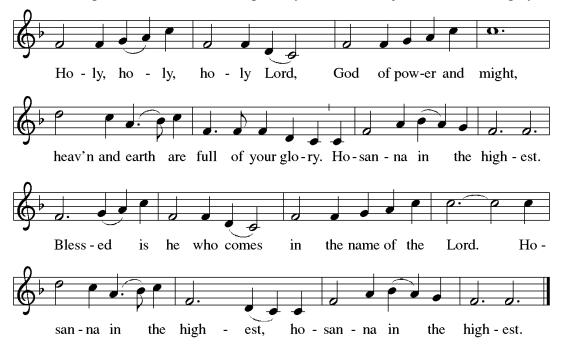
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- P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,
- C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim 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, 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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COMMUNION HYMN "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" **R684** Cre - at God, your fin trace the bold de 1 ing gers 2 Sus - tain - ing God. your hands up hold earth's mys t'ries Re - deem - ing em -3 God, your arms brace all now de -In - dwell - ing claims fam -God, your gos pel one 'ly signs of far - thest space; let and moon and stars and sun with known or yet un - told; let wa ter's frag - ile blend creed like spised for or race; let peace, de scend - ing а with bil - lion names; let life а ev -'ry be touched by 0 0 light and what lies hid den praise might. _ your air. en а bling life, pro claim your care. dove, make known earth your heal ing love. on grace un til we praise you face to face.

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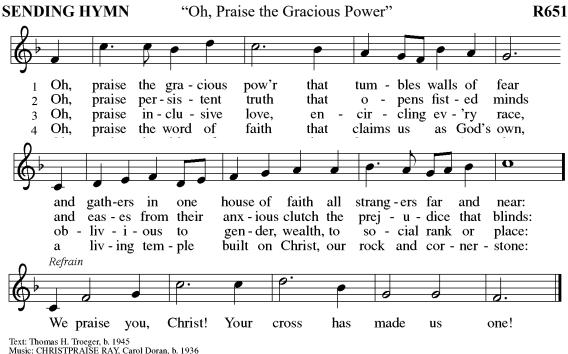
(the assembly stands as they are able)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- **P:** Let us pray...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.



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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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP ~ AUGUST 12 & 13

Please bring lawn chairs & join us!

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 Lynn Platt, given by Bill & Nancy Platt.

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. 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. We also remember the family of Joanne Nicholls, who passed away on August 14th.

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 Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Immanuel Lutheran Church/Grand Ledge, Rev. Charles Foerster and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Sunday, August 20 -

How do we address what we as society or country have done wrong in the past? New standards for teaching about slavery have generated much controversy. What did you learn about slavery in school? How do we deal with the history, horror and atrocity that was slavery in this country? And the after affects of it on our society today? How do we address it as Christians today? Join as we talk of an issue in the news and how we live out our faith today. We meet at 11 in the Lounge.

Honoring Our Neighbors Faith series - Sunday, August 27

We start our series on other Christian traditions and other faiths, comparing and contrasting with the Lutheranism of the ELCA. This week we'll look at what our book says on the ELCA, the questions we want to focus on across traditions and then decide on those traditions that we want to look at next. Even if you don't have the book, join us at 11 in the Lounge.

GRACE CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY AUGUST 20 AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN'S CHURCH PICNIC GROUNDS ON THE THUNDER BAY

We'll meet at 1 p.m. St. Paul's Picnic Grounds is at 8995 US 23 S in Ossineke. It is opposite the 4 gray brick apartment buildings. Look for the finish line banner along the side of the road to indicate the gate entrance. We'll have lunch about 1:30 p.m. with Grace providing hamburgs, hot dogs and brats. Then have some time for games or swimming or just sitting around. Please bring a dish to share.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE ~ AUGUST 25 ~ 8am-5pm/AUGUST 26 ~ 8am-12pm Items may be dropped off when the church is open for services, or during the week, Monday - Friday between the hours of 9am - 12pm. Your generosity in helping our mission is deeply appreciated. We will receive items directly into a designated area in the Fellowship Hall. Please, no large items such as tv's, sofas, tables, recliners, etc. All other items accepted. Thank you in advance for your support.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

In celebration of God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Grace will be assisting Samaritas senior living 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. We will need volunteers for both the cleanup and the fellowship hour. Signup sheets will be placed in the lobby in the next two weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in our community!

MUSIC SEASON POTLUCK

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.

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.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Little Food Pantry is in need of individual toothbrushes and small toothpaste containers, as well as toilet paper. Thanks in advance for your help with this!

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.

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.

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.

A list of birthdays/anniversaries can be found on the news page of our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2023-birthdays

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JULY 2023

Average needed in July (5 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - July

\$ 22,930.00 16,491.70

We received:

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 20th-Church Picnic Today!9:30 amWorship11:00 amAdult CE - Lounge1:00 pmChurch Picnic

Monday - 21st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 22nd

8am-noonChurch Office Open9:00 amSewing/Quilting11:00 amPastors Text Study -
Lounge

Wednesday - 23rd

8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 24th

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

Friday - 25th

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

<u>Saturday - 26th</u> 5:00 pm

Worship

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

SERVING AUGUST 19/20

Ministers
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber
Organist/PianistAmy Truth
Lector Cindy Domrase
Communion
Assistants Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)
GreetersClarence & Bonnie Cross
Altar GuildKaren Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
CountersCheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

SERVING AUGUST 26/27

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