Grace Lutheran Worship Folder September 21 & 22, 2024



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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

GATHERING

(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.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, our sins are forgiven.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"God Is Here!" (vs. 1-3)



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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



HYMN OF PRAISE



- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

P: 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 Mark.
- C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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: Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.

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

OFFERING

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



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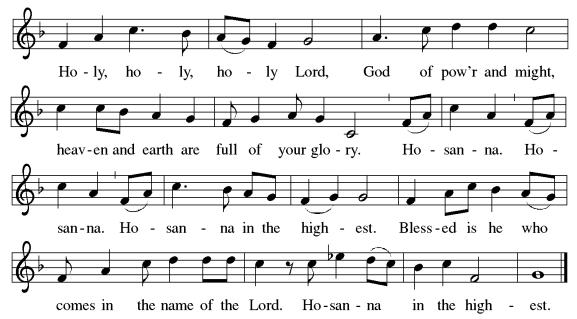
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P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

C: source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, you alone are holy, you alone are God... Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit... Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- C: Amen.

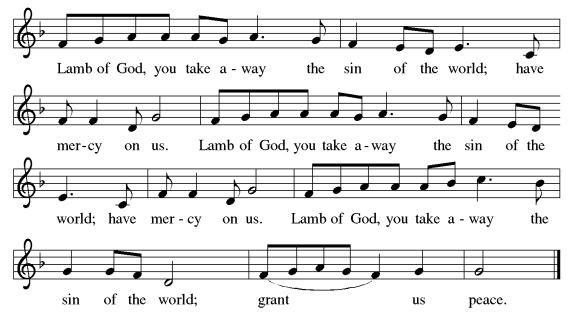
LORD'S PRAYER

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

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

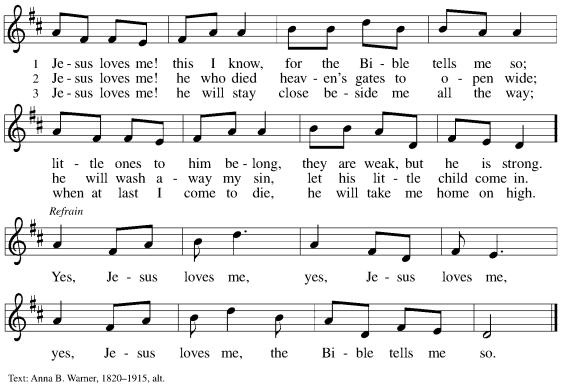
HOLY COMMUNION

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



COMMUNION HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me!"



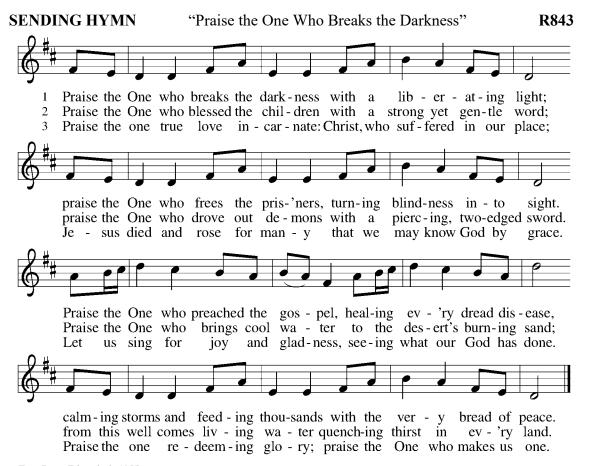
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(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...Holy God,
- C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless us, keep us, and give us peace.
- C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. 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 My Parents, Clayton & Luella Harden by Cheryl Ann

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Whitscell, Bill Platt, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Tammy Furze, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the families of Gerald Lancaster, who passed away on September 17th and Rev. Daniel Deutsch, who passed away September 16th.

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 environmental sensitivity through First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Traverse City, Rev. Paul Busekist and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!!

There are 3 big black balloons left flying in the Office Lobby from our 150th Celebration on April 28th. Amazing!!!!! Some good balloons Janet Bettega purchased. They are now numbered. Guess the last balloon still at the top of it's ribbon and win a surprise. Sign up sheet on the table with the balloons. Pastor Tom is the final judge of flying and the prize!

ADULT CE - 6 WEEK SERIES

Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year

The theme for Session 2 this week is: Addressing Polarization and Building Cohesion in Your Community. The recording of the Tuesday Synod session is available on the Synod's Youtube channel on Thursday afternoon. <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> @NorthWestLowerMichiganSynod. Join us Sunday at 11 for our class and discussion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

Sunday School starts Sunday, September 22. All children are welcome. We have a team of Grace members sharing in the teaching of class. Each week our kids will be learning a new Bible story with fun activities like arts and crafts or music or videos. Classes are every Sunday from 9:00-9:30 a.m. before our worship service.

GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 17

Make your reservations soon for our annual Game Night to be held on October 17. 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*. <u>Contact</u> <u>Chris at 989.356.0430 for reservations</u> (if no answer, leave message). Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.

NORWEGIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR 150TH - NOVEMBER 1

Save the date for Friday, November 1st for a Norwegian Meatball Dinner. Funds raised will contribute to our 150th anniversary fund. I am looking for extra help to assist with planning, creating the menu, and cooking the meal. Please text or call me at 989-464-9939 if you are able to help. Thank you. -- Anne Gentry

NEW SCHEDULES ARE OUT

New schedules have been completed and are available to be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall or viewed online on our web page under the "schedules" tab. Copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Please check the new schedules, which begin October 1, if you have volunteered to serve.

AN EVENING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 A Fundraiser Event for Friends Together & Grace Lutheran Church's Little Food Pantry In memory of Daniel Spaulding and Joseph & Laura Bleau

Tickets include a catered dinner by JJ's, hot cocoa bar, mocktails, live entertainment, live auction, Chinese raffle, 50/50 raffle, prayer tree, door prizes and a large *Lego* donation by Jean Spaulding presented to The Girls & Boys Club Director, Brad Somers. Also, raffle tickets are on sale now for a beautiful hand-built set of "Old Glory" corn hole boards with matching bean bags (donated by Jeff & Sandy Welch). In addition, a second place prize of \$100 cash will be given away. Winners drawn at the October 4 event. Need not be present to win.

For those interested in helping, there will be a tree placed in the Office Lobby containing tags with a "Fall item" written on each tag. Choose a tag, purchase the item, place it in the "Fall-themed" basket that will be auctioned. Or, you and a few friends could create your own "themed" Chinese raffle basket.

We are also looking for **volunteers to make a dessert for the event**. Some suggestions include cakes/cupcakes, cookies, pies and brownies.

This is an adult evening. Tickets are \$25 each. Bringing a non-perishable food item(s) to help our Little Food Pantry is appreciated.

Seats are limited. Tables of 8 can be reserved.

For tickets or more information contact Donna Morgan 989.590.3327 or Jean Spaulding 989.354.3796.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped with our annual rummage sale. Your help was greatly appreciated. We raised a total of \$1,560.52 for our quilting ministry.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Many times a week donations come to the Little Food Pantry but they go out just as fast. Statistics show a real need for our area. We so appreciate those donations. If you want to donate, the pantry could use little cups of fruit, cereal, or a box of pasta. Anything from a garden is always welcome too. Thank you.

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.



Anniversaries of Baptism



September 1 Britni Nowak

September 2 Joanne Kindt

September 5 Jon Crow Aaron Nowak

September 10 Dawn Gentry Jim Hansen Brian Nelson

September 13 Izzy Szymanski

September 14 Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 15 Scott Henning **September 20** Mark Freel Caileigh Nitchman

September 22 William Whitscell

September 27 Jonathan Lang Wayne Lewis Marco Wade Owen Wade

September 28 Rachel Engstrom

September 29 T. J. Lappan Chuck McKay

Birthdays

September 4 Kiowa Kirchoff Marcie Law

September 5 Bill Platt

September 10 Ryan Werblow

September 11 Donald Cross Steven Garant

September 12 Shane Bullard Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14 Izzy Denstaedt Nic Timmreck

September 15 Thomas Bertrand

September 17 William Bock



September 18 Maia Slominski

September 21 Lawrence Nelson

September 24 Judith Douglas

September 26 Joseph Gentry

September 27 Cheryl Lang

September 28 Darlene Freel Ann O'Connor

September 29 John Kuligowski Jessica McKenzie Dennis Werblow

September 30 Ella Sandula Kady Sandula Connie Suszek

Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross 11th Jim & Laurie Hansen 16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie 17th Gordon & Karen Suszek 19th Joel & Cindy Suszek20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey

30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -22nd

9:00 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 23rd

8am-noonChurch Office Open11 amGerald LancasterFuneral Service

Tuesday - 24th

8am-noonChurch Office Open9:00 amSewing/Quilting11:00 amPastor's Text Study

Wednesday - 25th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

<u>Thursday - 26th</u>

8am-noonChurch Office Open8am-2pmKitchen Reserved

Friday - 27th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 28th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING SEPTEMBER 21/22

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Ministers	
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth	
Music DirectorClaire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
LectorPat Daly	
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
UshersMatt, Everett & Olivia Haske	
Wayne Lewis (Saturday)	
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Mary Rowader	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
Darlene Freel	
Coffee Hour Joel & Cindy Suszek	
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