Grace Lutheran Worship Folder November 11 & 12, 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

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

(the assembly stands as you are comfortable)

- P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Steadfast and faithful God,
- C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, we are already and always forgiven.
- C: Amen.



Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual This selection is in the public domain.

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 (verses 1 & 4)



HYMN OF PRAISE





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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 Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

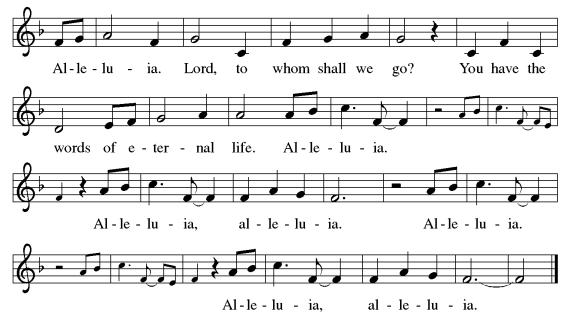
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

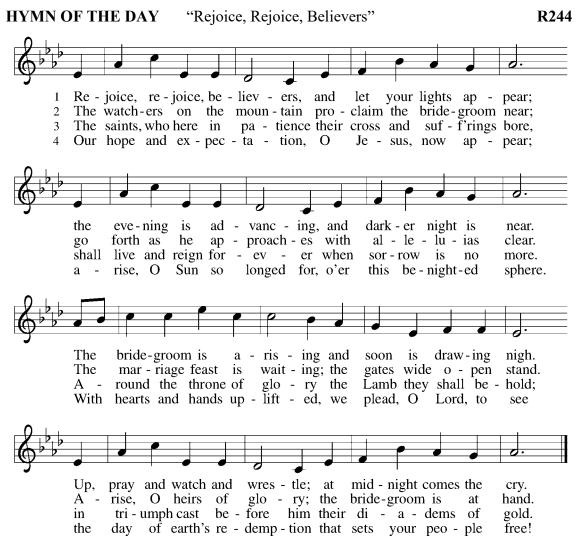
Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, [']Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

HOMILY



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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.

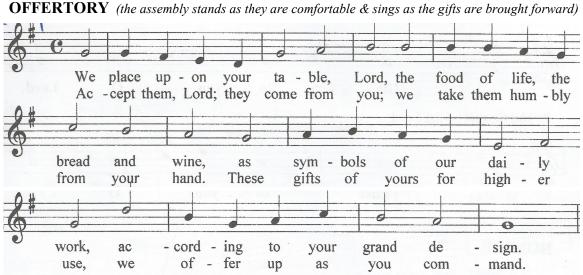
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

- P: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

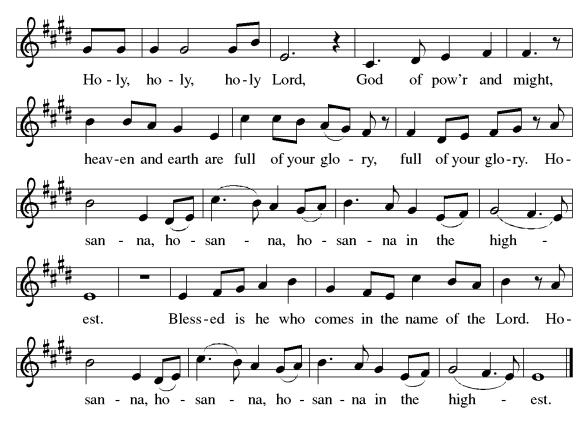


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- P: Let us pray...God of power, God of plenty,
- C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void,...*(concluding)*...Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

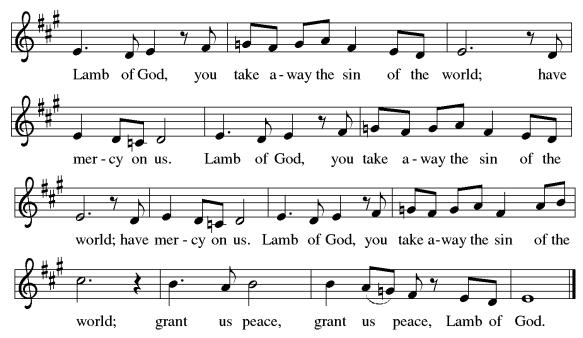
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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,

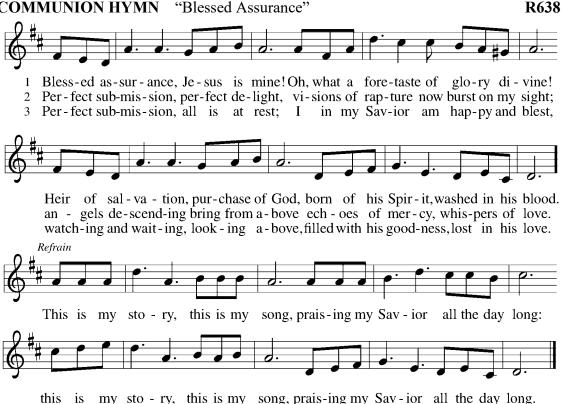
forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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



COMMUNION HYMN "Blessed Assurance"



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908 This selection is in the public domain.

(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...Blessed be your name, O God,
- C: for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon

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Soon and 1 ver - y soon 2 No cry - in' there, more goin' to see the King, we are 3 No more dy - in' there, 4 Soon and ver - y soon soon and ver - y soon cry - in' more there, no goin' to see the King, we are more dy - in' there, no soon and ver - y soon soon and ver - y soon more cry - in' there, no goin' to see the King. we are dy - in' more there, no soon and ver - y soon 1, 2, 3 hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King! Hal-le - lu - jah, Coda after stanza 4 Hal le _ lu jah, hal le lu _ _ _ _ _ 0 O jah, hal le lu jah, hal le lu jah. _ --_

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from CCLI #11295441/20816990. Text and music © 1976 Bud John Songs, Inc./Crouch Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

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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

Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, 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 -- Ann Suszek, Carl Smith, WMHRLD family, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, 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, 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 Music Ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Faith Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CE - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

Reformed Church in America

This class we will look at the RCA, a full communion ecumenical partner to the ELCA. Join us as we learn more about RCA and compare and contrast them with the ELCA. We meet at 11 in the Lounge.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 11 & 12

For this collection, we would like to concentrate on packets of baby food, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and sauce, and toilet paper. This weekend, please place the items at the altar and we will bless them along with our offering. Thank you.

GRACE LUTHERAN THANKSGIVING DINNER!

Thursday, November 23, 2023 ~ 5 p.m.

Grace Lutheran will provide a church family Thanksgiving Day dinner at 5:00 pm. The turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to pass – your favorite side, dessert, rolls, salads, whatever you feel inclined to bring! We will offer delivery to our Loving Care Members at 4:00 pm to allow them to also partake in our Thanksgiving Dinner. For delivery, please call Peggy at 989-354-2640. Delivery will be made shortly after 4:00 p.m. so our delivery crew can make it back to eat as well. If you can help with delivery please contact Peggy so she can list the drivers we will have as well.

Please sign up and include the number attending and the dish you wish to bring and share. (Sign-up sheets are located in the Office Narthex.) There is also a sign-up sheet for Set-Up Committee and Clean-Up Committee for those who want to assist. Requests for delivered meals need to be called in to the church by Monday, November 20 so deliveries can be coordinated. All are welcome!

2023 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

The Wish List is comprised of local families experiencing hardships. We have been assigned 14 children (a total of 41 wishes) from 3 families and with your generous assistance, we are confident of another successful outcome. *The recipient tags are available on the giving tree in the office lobby*. Gifts will need to be wrapped (NO GIFT BAGS), with the gift tag securely taped to the package and returned to the church no later than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26. Thank you for making a difference in our community. --The Discipleship Committee.

RUTH CIRCLE - NOVEMBER 15

Our monthly meeting will be November 15 at 1:00 pm in the lounge. All women are welcome! **<u>Ruth Circle will be hosting the Bake Sale, December 2</u>**. Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake and donate. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO

We have reposted the announcement on our Facebook page. Your specifically "sharing" the post, beyond just liking, will spread the word more online. Thank you.

PEACE VIGIL - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH AT 7 PM HERE AT GRACE

The Alpena Peace Community is inviting you to attend a **Peace Vigil on Sunday**, **November 19, 2023 from 7:00pm to 7:30pm, at Grace Lutheran Church located at 119 W. Dunbar in Alpena**. Meditations and prayers for peace are needed in all parts of our world, our country, our communities, and for our families and friends during these times of unrest. We hope that you will join us for a brief period of time on November 19th to focus meditatively on peaceful solutions to the many problems the human race is currently experiencing. ALL ARE WELCOME in this space!

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.





November

Anniversaries of Baptism



November 9 Mary Bock

November 11 Jessica McKenzie Rodney Szymanski

November 12 Nicholas Schillerstrom

November 13 Norman Schillerstrom

November 21 Elaine Hatch

November 23 Ashlev Timmreck-Walker Madison Timmreck Melissa Timmreck Nicholas Timmreck Paige Timmreck Dan VanEssen

November 24 Chris Christopherson

November 26 Bruno Hirzel

November 27 Beckett Granata

November 29 Scott Kuligowski Brian Schiller Ellie Walker



November 14 Mary Bock

November 2 Olivia Haske

Cindy Suszek

November 4 Britni Nowak

November 5

Lori Graham Ravlvnn Suszek

November 7

November 8

Edward Jahnke Melissa Timmreck

November 10

November 11

Linda Gapske

Gracie Gillard

November 12

November 13

Diane O'Connor

Doug Chroninger

Brent Welch

Hannah Matzke

Phyllis Colagross

Wedding Anniversaries

4th Bill & Marv Bock 9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek 25th Anthony & Laura Thompson 27th

Birthdays

November 17 Chloe Hayward Kassandra McInerney

November 18 Nancy Stachnik Karyn Vass

November 20 Kelli Liske Sherie McTaggart Chris Moors

November 21 Kevin Graham

November 24 Melissa Chabot

November 25 Jeffrey Diemond Monica Jahnke Erin McCourt

November 26 Bruno Hirzel

November 28 Janie Hansen Lisa McIntosh Brody Yuchasz

November 30 Matthew Timrick

Alex & Anna-Marie Struble

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - September

\$18,344.00 17,034.05

We received:

92 envelopes, 58 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 12th

9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Choir Practice
9:30 am	Worship
9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 13th

8am-noon

Church Office Open

Tuesday - 14th

8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am

Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study -Lounge

Wednesday - 15th

8am-noon 1:00 pm 6:00 pm

Church Office Open Ruth Circle - Lounge **Bell Choir Practice**

Thursday - 16th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Friday - 17th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday - 18th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING NOVEMBER 11/12

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Lector	
Communion	-
Assistants	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers	. Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel,
	Diane Prevost (Saturday)
Greeters	Bill & Nancy Platt
Altar Guild	. Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
	Charter, Don LaBarre
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Ruby Haske & Family

SERVING NOVEMBER 18/19

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Recorded Accom	panimentKat Tomaszewski
Lector	Cindy Domrase
Communion	
Assistants	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers	Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel,
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Greeters	Steve & Janie Hansen
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