Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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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.

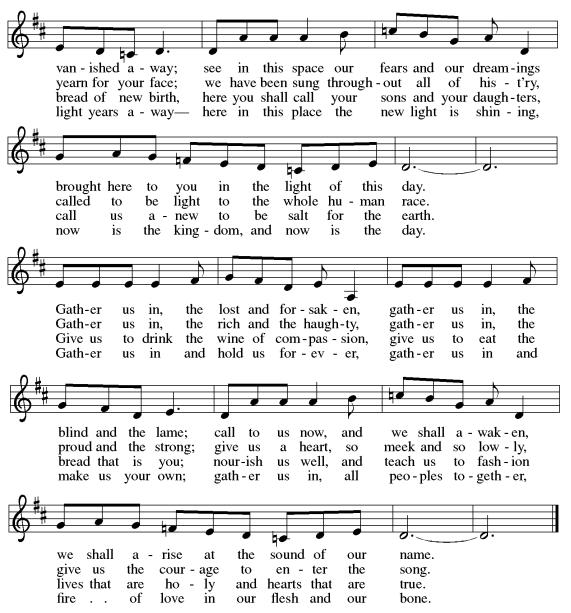
GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

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- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa ter, here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin ing, not in some heav en,



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10:17-31

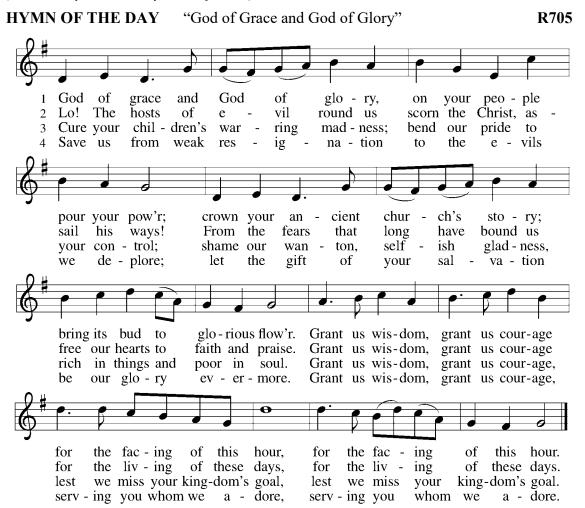
Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' "²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

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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

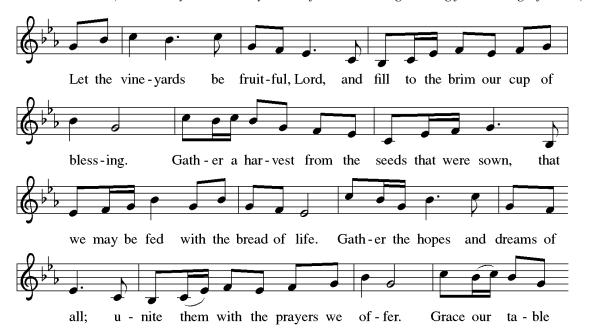
(Response after each petition)

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

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





with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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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.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

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.

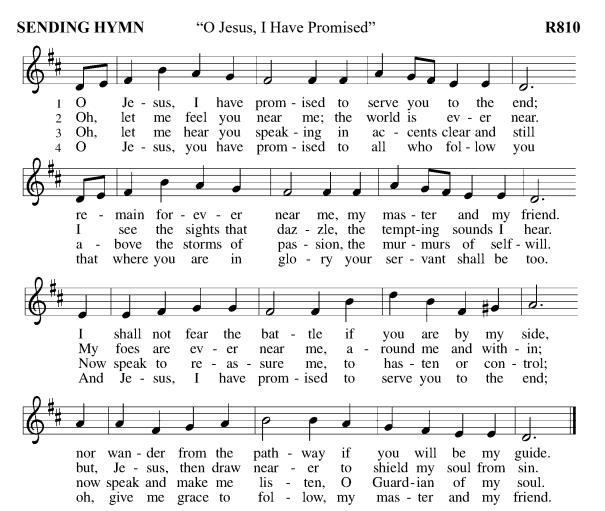
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.



Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

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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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Daniel Maxwell for preaching and leading worship this weekend. Rev. Dan is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church USA. Like Lutheran deacons, he is ordained to word and service, as compared to word and sacrament thus we are not having communion this weekend. We appreciate him being here this weekend.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Whitscell, 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, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Rosina Phillips, Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, 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, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Duane Morin, who passed away on October 5th.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Stephen Ministry Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Grace Lutheran Church/ Vassar, Supply Pastors and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CE - 6 WEEK SERIES

Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year
The final session of this series is on CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN AN ELECTION
YEAR. The focus will be on civic engagement models, best practices, election year
work pre and post election and addressing Christian Nationalism. Janice Charter has
agreed to lead the class at 11 in the Lounge.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE - HURRICANE HELENE ASSISTANCE

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and ravaged communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have receded, the extreme devastation - especially in North Carolina and Tennessee - has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away. If you would like to donate to help Lutheran Disaster Response provide care and support needed by the families and communities affected by Hurricane Helene, please place your donation in an envelope marked "hurricane" and place in the offering plate or drop at the church office.

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*. Contact Chris at 989.356.0430 for reservations (if no answer, leave message). Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.

We are also in need of card tables for our event. If you have one we could use, please sign the sheet located in the Office Lobby. We appreciate it!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - OCTOBER 19 & 20

For our next LFP collection, we want to focus on food for babies and the elderly. Baby food such as pouches, easily prepared food for elderly along with toilet paper and personal hygiene items such as tooth paste and shampoos along with the always needed cereal and shelf stable milk. Leave them at the altar that weekend and we will dedicate them during the worship services.

FALL CLEAN UP - OCTOBER 19 FROM 9-11 AM

Volunteers are needed for our annual Fall Clean Up. Outside: trimming shrubs, weeding, road sign cleaned up; inside: cobwebs removed, windows cleaned. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. Please sign up in the Office Lobby if you are able to help.

A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - OCTOBER 21

Filling Feeding Kids Ministry Packs with Weekend Meals for students of APS Meet at 5:30 PM on Monday October 21 at Sunset School. Sign up in Office Lobby.

RUTH CIRCLE - OCTOBER 23

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23 in the Lounge. (Please note the change in date for this month.) All women are welcome!

THANK YOU

What a wonderful well planned evening at Grace. Donna and Mike Morgan along with Jean Spaulding and many volunteers planned the Evening With Family & Friends event to honor Joseph and Laura Bleau, Donna's parents and Daniel Spaulding, Jean's son. It featured, music, food, entertainment, a raffle, and a live auction It was perfection and it will benefit two great causes - Friends Together and the Little Food Pantry. Thank you!

PEACE IN THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS

Join a presentation from Rabbi Howard Morrison of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto, Canada and Pastor Tom Orth of Grace Lutheran here in Alpena on peace within the two traditions and "How do we cultivate a world of peace?" They will look at Jewish and Christian overviews of peace and at Challenges in contemporary times. The program will take place at Grace Lutheran Church on **Sunday afternoon October 27 from 4 to 6** PM and will be in-person as well as Zoom. Contact Grace Lutheran (officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) for the Zoom link. This a joint presentation of the Alpena Peace Community, Temple Beth-El and Grace Lutheran Church. You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for Grace Lutheran's Little Food Pantry.

NORWEGIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR 150TH - NOVEMBER 1

Please join us for the Norwegian Dinner Fundraiser for our 150th Fund. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. All are welcome, bring a friend! To-go orders are available (must be picked up between 5-6 p.m.) Tickets are \$20 and need to be confirmed by Friday, October 25 (for both to-go and sit-down). **Tickets may be picked up at the church office beginning October 1.** On the menu: Norwegian meatballs, potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, with a side of lingonberry jam. Norwegian sweets for dessert.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Grace will be having our Semi-Annual Meeting following worship at 11AM on Sunday November 10. Adoption of budget for 2025 and election of Council members are the main items on the Agenda.

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 signed up to serve.

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!

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sun	dav	-13th

8:50 am Choir Practice 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 14th

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

Tuesday - 15th

All Day
8am-noon
9:00 am
11:00 am
6:00 pm
Kitchen Reserved
Church Office Open
Sewing/Quilting
Pastor's Text Study
Council

Wednesday - 16th

All Day Kitchen Reserved 8am-noon Church Office Open 1:00 pm Ruth Circle 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Thursday - 17th

All Day Kitchen Reserved 8am-noon Church Office Open 4:30 pm Game Night

Friday - 18th

8am-noon 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 9:00 am MLK Mtg w/APS

Saturday - 19th

9-11 am Fall Clean Up 5:00 pm Worship

SERVING OCTOBER 12/13

SERVING GOTGERRIE, 16			
Ministers	God's People		
	Rev. Dan Maxwell		
	Claire Witt		
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski			
Lector	Jan Charter		
	Joe Gentry, Dale Schultz		
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,			
	Shane Bullard (Saturday)		
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek		
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow			
	Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter, D	Oon LaBarre, Alex Struble		
	Gary & Kay Grove		
Coffee Hour	Ruby Haske & Family		

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Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski
LectorPat Daly
Comm. AsstJoe Gentry, Dale Schultz
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
June Daly; Shane Bullard (Saturday)
Greeters Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel,
Patti Tucker
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
CountersGary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Wayne & Chris Christopherson

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