

# *Worship Folder*



# *Pentecost*

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

*June 11 & 12, 2022*

**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)*

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King"

R408



- 1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
- 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
- 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
- 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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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

*Refrain*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



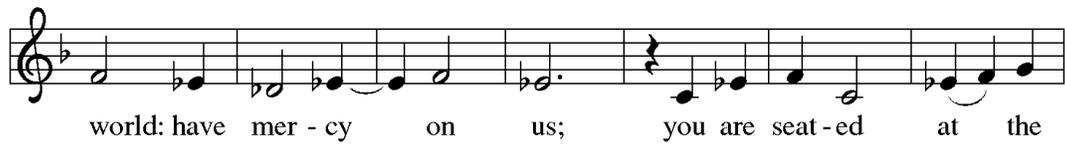
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

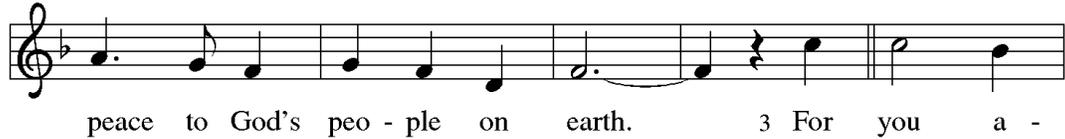


right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



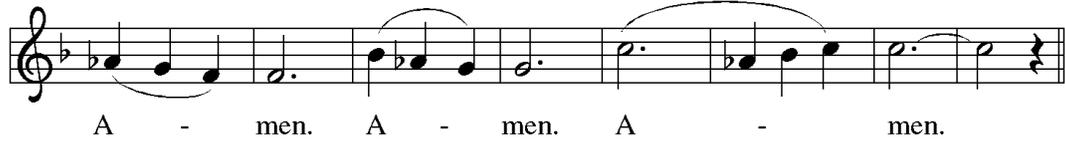
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

##### Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup>“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then

I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 8**

*Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Romans 5:1-5**

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly stands as they are able for the Gospel)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### John 16:12-15

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are able)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

R412



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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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:** God, in your mercy

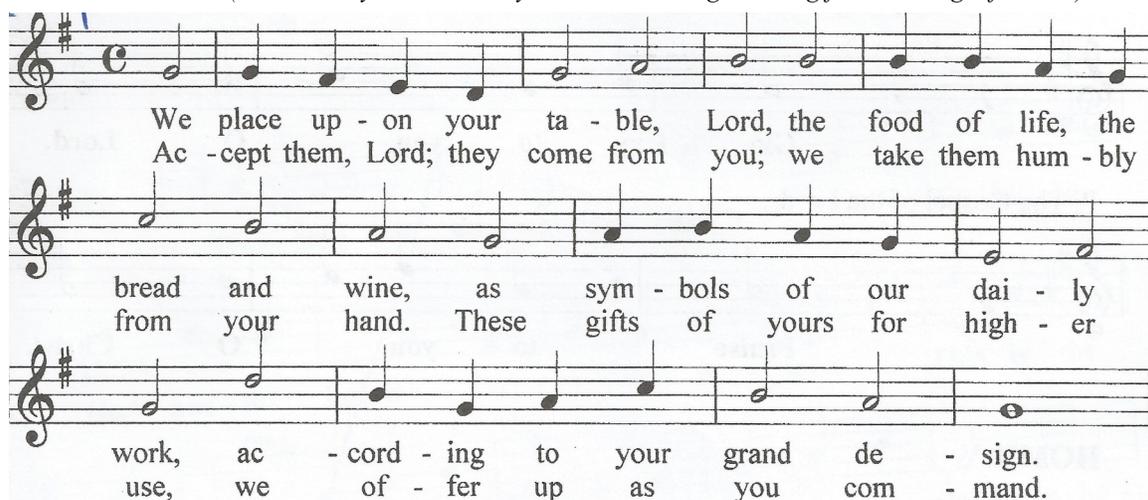
**C:** hear our prayer.

### **MEAL**

*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)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly  
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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**P:** Let us pray... God of abundance:

**C:** you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of  
all, in the name of Jesus. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

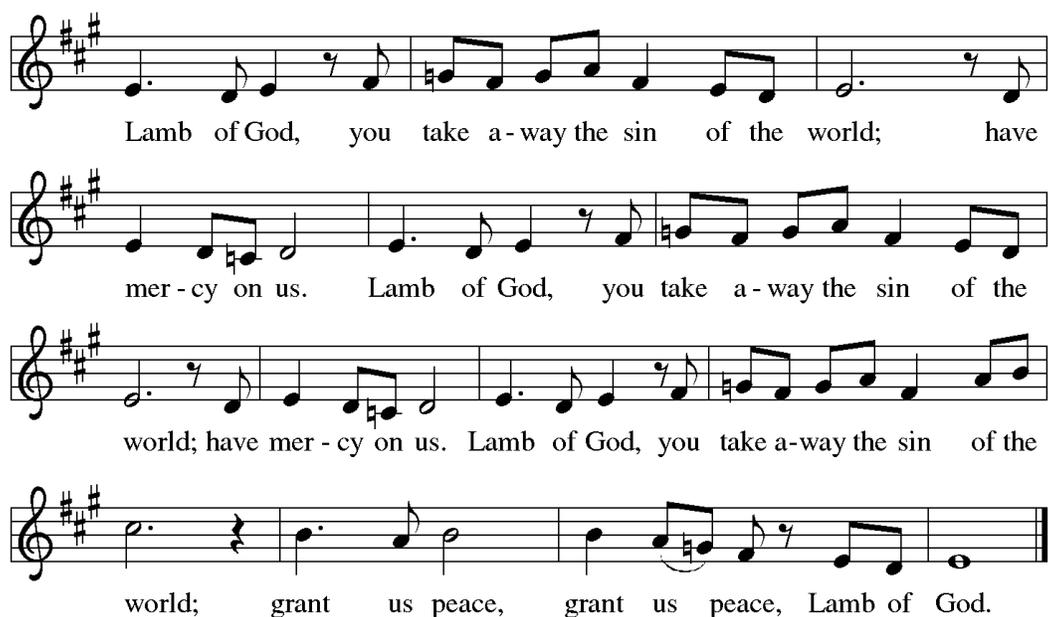
### LORD'S PRAYER

**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

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

R735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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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...Life-giving God,

C: **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

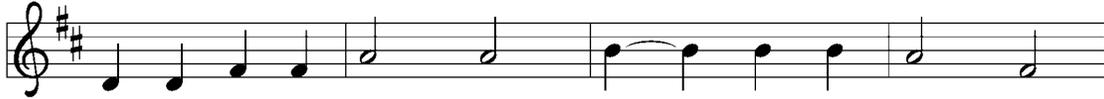
The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

R413



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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 and coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rev. Mark Rutenbar (Episcopal Priest) for leading worship and preaching this weekend.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Janet Chroninger, Robert Larsen, Joel Fraley, Alecia Lewis, Verna Furze, Patti Tucker, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Ryan Guisgand & Nora Grace Guisgand (Budd & Marlene Jobson's grandson and great-granddaughter), Al Smolinski, Carol Liske, Donna Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Tiffany Bailey, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it. *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).*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Jeanette Grove, given by her family.

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Children's Program at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Hope Lutheran Church/ Plainwell, Rev. Julie Winklepleck.

### **OUTDOOR WORSHIP - JUNE 18 & 19**

We are going to try to worship outdoors in our lot across the street, next to the parking lot on Saturday and Sunday June 18th and 19th at our usual times. Bring a lawn chair and join us.

If we have to change our plans, the announcement will be on the answering machine, our website and Facebook page as well as emailed to everyone that we will in the sanctuary. We have plans to do this one weekend each month during the summer.

### **RUTH CIRCLE**

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on June 15 at JJ's.

### **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

For the next 2 weeks, our special request for the LFP is:

**toweling paper and toilet paper.**

The LFP is experiencing lots of use, and it is no wonder with food prices.

If you are inclined, these items also go quickly:

canned sausage  
tuna packages  
pasta and sauces  
macaroni and cheese

Thank you for all you give to LFP supporting those who have food insecurities.

### **THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION - FROM PASTOR TOM**

What a surprise! And what a blessing! Thank you for the gift of the chalice and paten. I was surprised and overwhelmed. It is my joy to be here serving with you for what God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are calling us to in God's Kingdom. Thank you. See you next week.

### **GAYLORD DISASTER RESPONSE**

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod is sending funds to Gaylord to support the recovery and rebuilding in the community. If you would like to make a contribution, you may place it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Gaylord" or send it to the church office.

### **GAYLORD TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS**

If you are interested in assisting or donating to residents in Gaylord, after their community was devastated from an EF3 Tornado, please look into these donation options. The Otsego County United Way is looking for donations to be dropped off and used immediately. They are currently looking for; Chapstick, sunblock, cleaning supplies (household cleaners, wipes, paper towels, etc.), garbage bags, phone chargers and laundry detergent. The number one requested items are gift cards, for food or gas, of any denomination.

Donations can be dropped off locally to All Saints Parish Office at 817 Sable St., Grace Lutheran Church at 119 W Dunbar St., St. Paul Lutheran Church at 727 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., or Real Estate One at 215 W Chisholm St.

\*Please NO donations of shoes, clothes or household items yet.

If you would like to volunteer in person, please send an email to Courtney Holmes, at [holmescp@umich.edu](mailto:holmescp@umich.edu), to have your email added to the Tornado Relief volunteer list at the Otsego United Way. When volunteer opportunities are available, you will receive an email and will be able to accept or decline. There will be more opportunities to volunteer as the clean up process progresses.

### **EAST SIDE STORY - SHOWTUNES CONCERT - SUNDAY JUNE 26 AT 2 PM**

Mezzo-Soprano Nina Fine will perform a concert in tribute to Bernstein and Sondheim at Trinity Episcopal Church on that Sunday afternoon. Her visit has been arranged by Temple Beth-El where she will also cantor worship. The concert is free to the public and has been supported by Thunder Bay Arts Council, granting agencies and other organizations including Grace Lutheran.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JUNE 19**

**The Dangers of Thinking the Rules Don't Apply to Us** is our Wired Word lesson for this week. It is really is about how we apply our faith to our daily living, our Christian Ethics in our daily living. The lesson has a ridiculous example and a very serious example, neither situation likely to apply to us. How do we apply the scripture to our decision making? Join us after outdoor church for some discussion. See you at 11 or so in the Lounge.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JUNE 26**

#### **Children's Questions about Jesus. And our questions.**

How would you answer these questions about Jesus if you were asked by children?

What did people think about Jesus when he was alive? Did they think he was crazy?

Why was Jesus so nice when people were mean to him?

What made people like and follow him? What were the most important things he did?

What convinced people to believe him?

What questions would you ask? And then how would you get answers for children or yourself? See you at 11 in the Lounge for working on our faith together.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory/honor of someone or in celebration of special occasion, please sign the flower chart on the wall in the office lobby and fill out an Altar Flowers form (located on the table as you enter the building) with the information you would like printed in the bulletin and return it to the office.

### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN**

We ask that any announcement for the bulletin be to the office in a written form or by email by 9 am Wednesday. The information is sent out in multiple forms - printed bulletins, email blast, Facebook and on our webpage - so that it reaches everyone who participates at church or attends worship in person or online. We offer all these means for everyone to be aware of all that is going on and for the chance to be involved in our work for God's Kingdom. Thank you.

### **PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE OUR NEW SCHEDULES**

**Please complete the survey that was emailed** to everyone receiving our emails as soon as possible . It is very short and will only take a minute or two. This will help us get the new schedules in place this Fall. Thank you!! **(Paper copies are located in the Office Narthex if you would prefer to complete a written copy. Please return the paper copy to the church office or place in the offering plate.)**

**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.

**FROM OUR LIVESTREAM VIEWERS**

Being “over 60” years old and with a tendency to have asthma with respiratory infections, I felt such relief knowing that I could attend this church in the comfort of my home without fear when the number of covid infections were up locally. I am truly grateful that you offer these online services. Thank You! -- Alane Wills

**COVID TEST KITS FOR AT-HOME USE**

The United Way through Joe Gentry has left some at-home COVID test kits. They 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.

**PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS**

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary.

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SEMINARIAN**

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**GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR APRIL 2022**

Average needed in April (4 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 17,904.00
Monthly Giving - April	19,991.15 (includes \$5,500 in quarterly contributions)

We received:

99 envelopes, 62 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
2 Thrivent Choice Donations and 6 Give+ payments made from our website

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Hello friends at Grace Lutheran Church! This year Pastor Tom asked me to participate in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly as a voting member. Due to continuing COVID concerns the assembly was held virtually. No, sitting in a Zoom meeting for 8 hours on a Saturday is not the most fun you could ever imagine, but I'm glad that I agreed to be a voting member. I'd like to share with you a general overview of what went on at the Synod Assembly.

The agenda included voting on: adoption of compensation guidelines, adoption of the 2023-2024 Synod budget, voting for new members of Synod Council as well as members of the Consultation Committee. This year there was one resolution and one memorial statement to vote on. Two voters were invited to s from each church in the Synod, as well as all Synod clergy. According to the synod constitution the ratio of voters must be 60% lay voters and 40% clergy. In this way, congregants have a say in decisions being made in our Synod.

Resolution A was a decision on Living Waters Ministries becoming a designated RIC (Reconciling in Christ) organization. This means Living Waters Ministries publicly declares its intent to be supportive of the LGBTQIA+ community by providing a known safe space for that community and revising policies as appropriate. There was overwhelming approval of this resolution.

Memorial A was regarding green energy goals and was also overwhelmingly approved. The statement is entitled "Calling for a just transition to 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030". This memorial will now go on for consideration as a statement for the entire ELCA Lutheran church, at the churchwide assembly which occurs this August.

Attending the Synod Assembly was a sort of awakening for me; an illuminating experience. It brought about a greater awareness of what's going on in the ELCA and how things operate. Yes, there was a lot of reading material to review in preparation and it was a little overwhelming and time consuming. But overall, I did like being involved in this church event. I learned about how the Synod operates, what ministries they are performing, and how the budget is appropriated. I liked seeing and hearing from Pastors in our Synod and also seeing Bishop Satterlee in action. If you are ever asked to attend Synod Assembly, I would recommend it. It is a window into what is going on in our greater ELCA community and it makes one realize that we are part of something larger than just our local church. Being a voting member at the Assembly is one way to learn what's going on in our Synod and to participate in the greater faith community. You can also learn about what's going on in the Synod and in the ELCA by visiting their websites and I encourage you to do that. It is important for congregants to be aware of what your church is doing and how it operates. There are many good things that our Synod is doing!

Karen Slaght

# June



## *Anniversaries of Baptism*

**June 2**  
Matthew Gillard

**June 3**  
Nancy Amelotte

**June 6**  
June Daly

**June 7**  
Kendra McInerney

**June 8**  
Dawn Anderson  
Emma Barber  
Laurie Hansen

**June 11**  
James Clemens, Jr.

**June 12**  
Jan Charter  
Peggy Tomaszewski

**June 13**  
Amelia Berles

**June 14**  
Pamela Nowak

**June 15**  
Connor Freel  
Craig Weise

**June 16**  
Brianna Himes

**June 20**  
Pamela Agius  
Kayla Bertrand  
Everett Haske

**June 21**  
Tiffany Oliver  
Kimberly Poirier  
Kristin Rich  
Bryan Stafford

**June 24**  
Betty Bedford  
Dale Schultz

**June 25**  
Nicholas Fraley

**June 26**  
Alecia Lewis  
Tyler McKenzie

**June 27**  
Tracie Granata  
Roger Pankey

**June 29**  
Josie LeMonds  
Chad Lewis  
Erin Nowak  
Karen Suszek

**June 30**  
Lorah Lappan

## *Birthdays*



**June 1**  
Raymond Reynolds

**June 4**  
Hope Kamyszek

**June 5**  
Shelly Olsen  
Nicklas Schultz  
Valerie Slaght

**June 7**  
Whitney Barrow

**June 9**  
Thomas Brennan

**June 11**  
William Matzke

**June 13**  
Nicholas Fraley

**June 16**  
Beckett Granata  
Harry Kautz  
William Whitscell

**June 18**  
Jessica Gillard  
Erin Nowak

**June 19**  
Josie LeMonds

**June 20**  
Rhonda Anderson  
Angie Indish  
Sara Lappan

**June 21**  
Amelia Kamyszek

**June 22**  
Ava Lappan

**June 25**  
Kelly Pankey  
Vicki VanEssen

**June 26**  
Savannah Kamyszek

**June 27**  
Jo Ann Reinholz

**June 29**  
Nathan Engstrom  
Anne Gentry  
Isaac Matzke  
Gerri Moors

**June 30**  
Trey Garant  
Andrew Lappan  
Mary Lappan  
Lucas Palmer  
Marco Wade  
Owen Wade



## *Wedding Anniversaries*

*8th Peter & Pamela Nowak  
14th Mark & Rhonda Himes  
17th Jerry & Jacquelyn Timm*

*18th Bradley & Angela Indish  
23rd Mark & Tawny Freel  
30th Wayne & Chris Christopherson*



**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 12th**  
9:30 am      **Worship**

**Monday - 13th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
8am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Tuesday - 14th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
9:00 am      Sewing/Quilting  
11am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Wednesday - 15th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
1pm      Ruth Circle - JJ's

**Thursday - 16th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
8am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Friday - 17th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
8am-12pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Saturday - 18th**  
5:00 pm      **Worship**

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

**SERVING JUNE 11/12**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**..... Rev. Mark Rutenbar  
**Music Director**..... Claire Schreiber  
**Accompanist**..... Amy Truth  
**Lector** ..... Anne Gentry  
**Communion**  
**Assistants**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross,  
Wayne Lewis (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Rich & Sherie McTaggart  
**Altar Guild**..... Kathy Piontkowski  
**Livestream Team**..... Dawn Anderson,  
Jan Charter, Don Barnard  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Rich & Sherie McTaggart

**SERVING JUNE 18/19**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Schreiber  
**Accompanist**..... Amy Truth  
**Lector** ..... Mike Urlaub  
**Communion**  
**Assistants**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross,  
Wayne Lewis (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
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