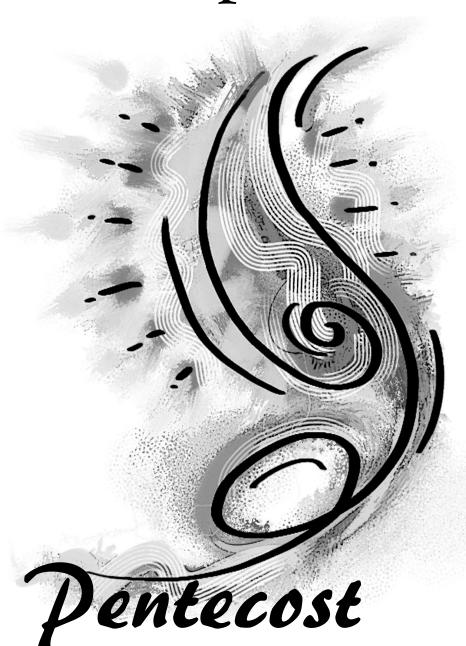
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Grace Lutheran Church July 31 & August 1, 2021

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 you 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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our provider.
- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"



- Be fore pour our Fa ther's throne we our ar - dent prayers; share our mu - tual bur - dens bear, woes, our mu tual
- From sor row, shall be toil, and pain, and sin we free;



u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove. our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, com-forts and our cares. our and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear. and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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GREETING

- P: The steadfast love of God never ceases.
- C: God's mercies never come to an end.
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to

the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "32Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

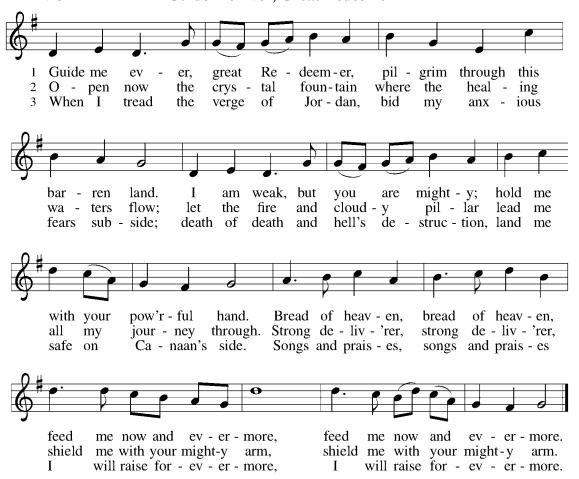
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"



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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: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (The assembly stands, as you are able, and sings as the gifts are brought forward)

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine, as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand. These gifts of yours for higher use, we offer up as you command.

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- P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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:
- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- 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: Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are invited to participate in the Eucharist) (You may be seated)

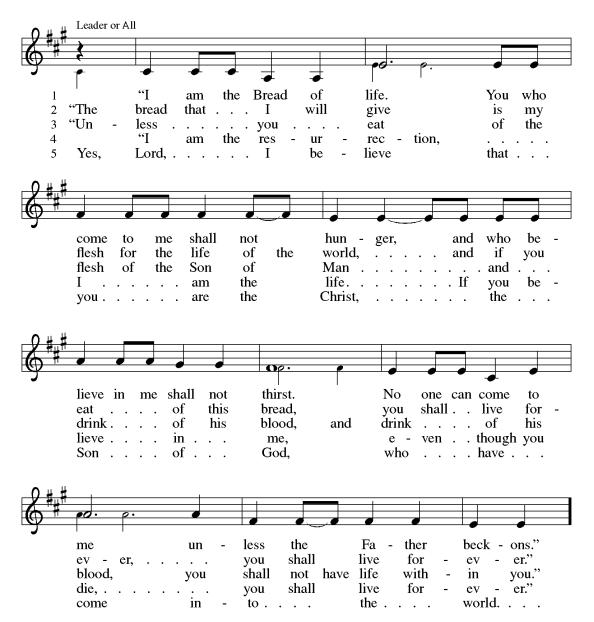
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

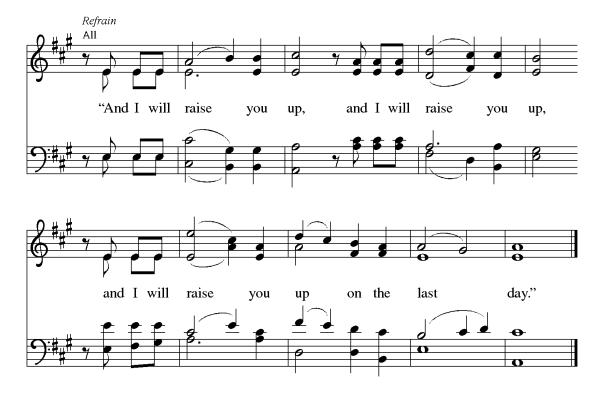
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN "I Am the Bread of Life"





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The assembly stands as you are able)

- P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er ho - ly glad - ly; man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek - er, be wel-come guest. a
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to -Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. geth - er,



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food. We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood. Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the Taste and see that God is good. grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Betty Dulebohn, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Ken & Carole Liske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Genie Diamond, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen.

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 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Music Ministry/Prayer Groups at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Settlement Lutheran Church/Gowen, Rev. Betsy Kamphuis.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Gary & Kay Grove's 54th wedding anniversary.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are having a new church directory done. The photography will be on August 19, 20 and 21. For having a family sitting done, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 and a new church directory, as well as the opportunity to purchase some photographs. Gary and Kay Grove are again organizing the work and can help you with signing up for a photography session, as well as answer questions about the process. Contact Gary and Kay at 989-727-2054. Universal Church Directories will now produce digital directories as well as printed ones that can be updated with new members.

VAL SLAGHT'S SENDING TO TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Join us on Sunday, August 15, as we wish God's Speed to Val as she heads down to Columbus Ohio to start seminary the following week. Beyond the time in the worship service, there will be a special Fellowship Time for Val and we have some gifts to present as she starts her classes. Thank you to all who contributed toward the gifts for Val. We more than meet the goal and so we have some more to give Val.

BOTTLE REFUNDS FOR MISSION TRIP

Thanks for bringing your returnable bottles to support the community mission trip that Grace acts as sponsor of. 987 bottles brought in \$98.70 for the next mission trip and work. *THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL FOR THIS SUPPORT*. Bottles are accepted all the time. Just leave them in the back hallway by the restrooms.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Now that we are back to weekly fellowship, we are in need of members to help set up, make coffee, and clean up for coffee hour. We are using frozen donuts and cookies from Gordon Food Service which will be thawed and ready to put out on Sunday morning. Please sign up on the schedule posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen if you are able to help with this. Please see Jeanne Pankey if you have questions.

COMMUNION - IN BOTH KINDS

We have returned to communion with wafer and the cup. Communion will be received by leaving your pew and coming forward in the circular flow as was done in the past to receive the wafer from Pastor Tom and the cup from a communion assistant across the front of the chancel rail.

We ask that you space yourselves out as you come forward giving others the room that allows them to feel comfortable. Communion will also be brought to the pews if you are unable to come forward or do not wish to come forward. Any questions, please call Pastor Tom at the church.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask for your circumstances, or if your wearing a mask helps other people be safer we welcome your doing so. Thank you for helping end this pandemic and take the steps that care for others.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS AND ENVELOPES

You can place your bulletin and communion wafer envelope in the labelled bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget

\$ 4,489.00

Weekly giving - July 25

1,720.00

We received:

15 envelopes, 11 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 1 Give+ payments made from our website

Anniversaries of Baptism



Kiowa Kirchoff

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs Margaret O'Connor

August 5 Grace Hoeft Ryan Reynolds Anthony Thompson

August 6 Margaret Clemens Myra Cross Anna Lewis

August 7 Sandra Weise-Maiuri

August 10 Shelly Olsen

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik

August 13 Trey Garant James Malaski

August 14 Brett Werblow



August 17 Jakob Bauer

August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Corinne Fraley

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 21 William Matzke

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds

August 26 Fred Kindt

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 29 Anne Gentry

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August 5
Norman Schillerstrom

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fraley Aaron Nowak

August 7 Shirley Diemond Fred Kindt

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

August 9 Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth Anne Wilson

August 11 Joann Smith



August 12 Carey Schiller Kristina Wilson

August 13 Jamie Gentry Grace Hoeft

August 15 Colt Gray

August 18 Ed Czarnecki

August 19 Charity Corwin

August 20 Drew Gentry Wayne Lewis

August 21 Donna Morgan Brody Nowak

August 22 Rachel Engstrom Jeffrey Welch

August 23 Ruby Haske Travis Konarzewski

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 29 Jade Gray

August 31 Jerry Timm

Wedding Anniversaries

3rd James & Sandra Malaski
5th Allen & Judith Douglas
Gary & Kay Grove
7th Jorden & Heather Seck
14th Larry & Connie Suszek
15th Randall & Gloria Moore
16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek
19th Phil & Pamela Agius

21st Richard & Sharon Engstrom
22nd Jerry & Jan Charter
24th Whitney & Pamela Barrow Randy & Kenda Yochum
26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki
27th Pat & June Daly Jason & Jessica Slominski
30th James & Margaret Clemens

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 1st 9:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday - 2nd 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - 3rd 8am-noon 9:00 a.m. 11am-3pm	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Kitchen Reserved
Wednesday - 4th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Thursday - 5th 8am-2pm	Church Office Closed Kitchen Reserved
Friday - 6th 8am-noon 10am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Saturday - 7th 5:00 p.m.	Worship

Large print worship folders are available from ushers

SERVING JULY 31/AUGUST 1

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Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	David Delano
Lector	Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assista	ant
Ushers (Sunday) Wayn	e & Chris Christopherson,
June 1	
(Saturday) Steve	& Janie Hansen
Altar GuildKa	aren Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Livestream Team	Phran Ludington
	Dawn Anderson
CountersC	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
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