

# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*April 20 & 21, 2024*



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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

*“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”*

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### **WELCOME/PRELUDE**

#### **GATHERING**

*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*(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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

*Refrain*



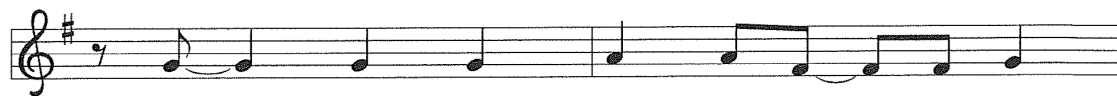
Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



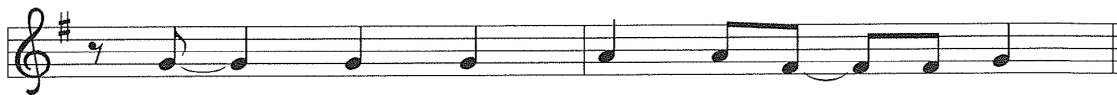
Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

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## GREETING

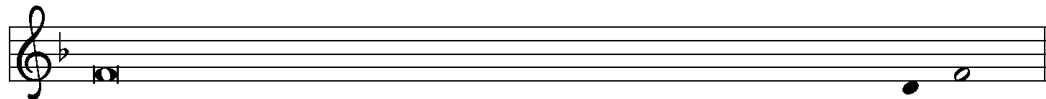
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

# KYRIE



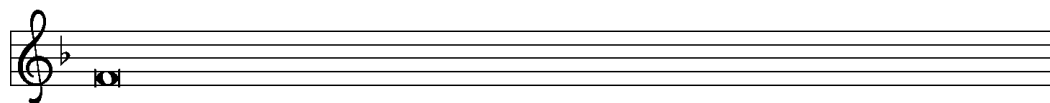
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



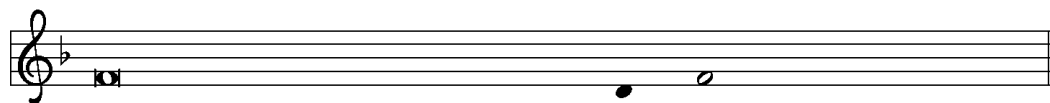
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



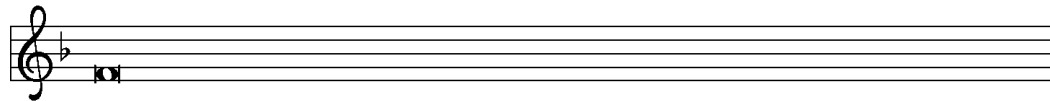
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



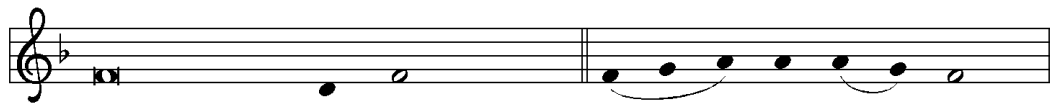
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



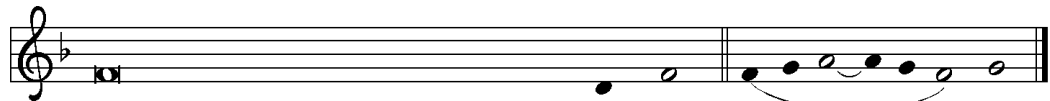
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.



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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Acts 4:5-12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **1 John 3:16-24**

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable 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.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

## John 10:11-18

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

### HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are able)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

R764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in





give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*(Response after each petition)*

P: ... let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



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: ruler of heaven and earth. Day after day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

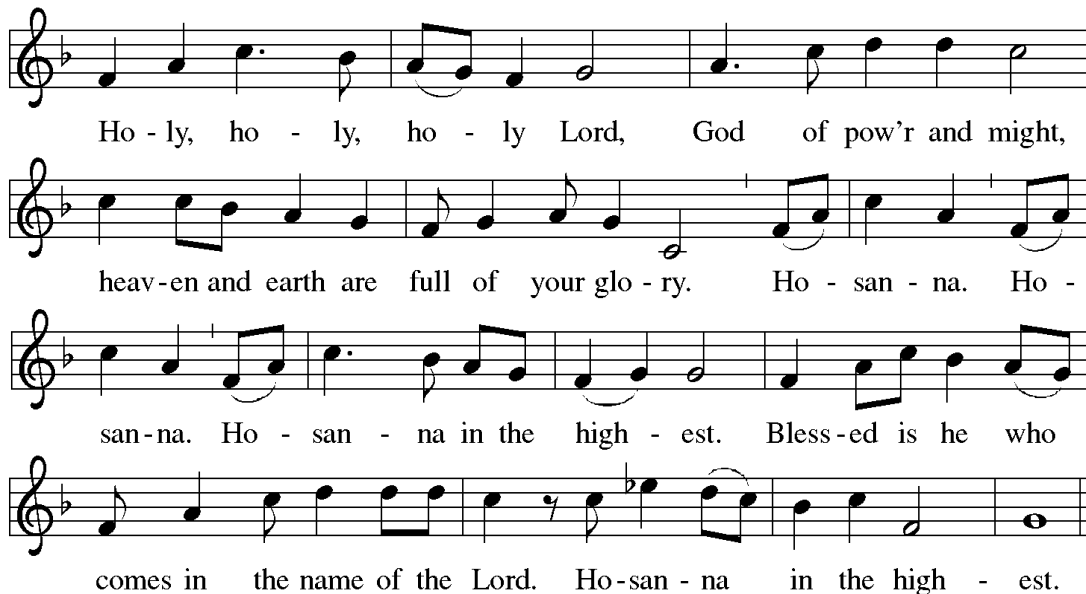
P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life ...  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### HOLY COMMUNION

*(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.



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

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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.

P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God,

**C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”****R536**

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896 This selection is in the public domain.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.**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 worshipping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

## **COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Memory  
of  
Steve Hodson  
by  
Karen & Joe Slaght

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Adam Kamyszek, Diane Prevost, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, 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 -- Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Taylor Agius, who passed away on April 13th.

*Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).*

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Music Ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/New Era, Rev. Sarah Samuelson and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Only two more classes, April 21 and April 28, before we conclude for summer break. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

## **PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA FROM GRACE'S HISTORY**

If you have any items about Grace Lutheran history, photos, bulletins or newsletters or just anything from the past, and not just the ancient past, but even things in the last 25 to 50 years, please bring them in for our 150th Anniversary and to be added to our history room, or we can make copies of items if you would like them back. Any questions please contact Don LaBarre or Pastor Tom.

## **SPECIAL CHOIR MUSIC FOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 28TH**

The Choir will be doing special music on Sunday, April 28th for the 150th Anniversary celebration. If you would like to join the choir for this event, please let Claire know. Choir will meet on Sunday mornings at 8:50 a.m.

## **LADIES AFTERNOON TEA**

Grace Lutheran is hosting an afternoon tea on May 18 from 2-3:30 p.m. All ladies, and young ladies, are invited. Come and enjoy the festivities steeped in old traditions and new traditions. Sandwiches, desserts and tea provided. Dress is casual. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Office Lobby. Cost: \$5 Suggested Donation. All proceeds will go to Grace Lutheran's Little Food Pantry.

## **BABY KITS COLLECTION FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Collection for these items will take place April through mid-May. Items that are not used in the Baby Kits may be donated elsewhere, as needed. A list of needed items may be found on the table in the Office Lobby.

## **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.



# April



## Anniversaries of Baptism

**April 2**  
Kat Tomaszewski

**April 3**  
Ruby Haske  
Dorene Schultz

**April 4**  
Norm Timm

**April 5**  
Larry Rettell

**April 7**  
Tyler Suszek

**April 8**  
Don Cross

**April 9**  
Janet Bettega  
Patrick Daly

**April 11**  
Shane Jaroch

**April 14**  
Jeanette Chroninger

**April 15**  
Anna Greene

**April 22**  
Vicki Cripps

**April 24**  
Donna Czarnecki

**April 25**  
Denise Timrick

**April 26**  
Reed Lappan

**April 27**  
Patrick McCourt

**April 28**  
Chloe Hayward

**April 29**  
Michael Herrmann  
Sophia Kamyszek



**April 1**  
Larry Suszek

**April 6**  
Janet Carlson

**April 7**  
Robert Greene  
Everett Haske

**April 8**  
June Daly  
Tyler McKenzie

**April 9**  
Phran Ludington

**April 10**  
Nicholas Schillerstrom  
Logan Suszek

**April 11**  
James Malaski

**April 13**  
Jeanne Pankey  
Piper Slominski

**April 14**  
Kendra McInerney

**April 15**  
Wesley Garant  
Myles Granata

**April 16**  
Pamela Agius

**April 18**  
Alecia Lewis

**April 19**  
Ryan Reynolds

**April 20**  
Connor Freel

**April 22**  
Stacey Piontkowski

**April 23**  
Mike Schiller

**April 24**  
Madison Timmreck

**April 25**  
Terry Bertrand  
Jordyn Cieslik

**April 26**  
Sharon Engstrom  
Lorah Lappan

**April 27**  
Nancy Amelotte

**April 30**  
Brody Engstrom  
Molly O'Connor  
Bethany Popour  
Anna-Marie Struble

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

8th *Donald & Myra Cross*  
12th *Rich & Sherie McTaggart*  
17th *Joel & Corinne Fraley*  
*Michael & Donna Morgan*  
18th *Richard & Janet Carlson*  
30th *Douglas & Staci Chroninger*

## **North/West Lower Michigan Synod ELCA**

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## **The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee. Ph.D., Bishop**

Bishop Satterlee finds visiting the congregations of our synod to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments a great joy and Bishop Satterlee and his wife Cathy are excited to be with us today for worship!



Ordained in 1987, Bishop Satterlee has served congregations in Upstate New York and Michigan. Prior to being elected Bishop, he served as Professor of Homiletics (preaching) at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Dean of the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program and adjunct professor in the Department of Theology at The University of Notre Dame. Learn more at <https://craigasatterlee.com>.

When they arrive, Bishop Satterlee and Cathy will want to settle in and see the worship space. Since the bishop is focused on worship and concentrating on the sermon, conversations on other matters are best had after the service. Bishop Satterlee either holds a forum as part of his visit or is around after the service to meet people and answer questions informally. During worship, Cathy does her best to be available to the bishop if needed.

Bishop Satterlee is legally blind and generally leads worship from memory. Memorizing is a prayerful and time-consuming discipline for him. Bishop Satterlee invites the assembly to put down their bulletins and watch and listen to the service. When his words differ from what is printed, Bishop Satterlee's are the "right" words. In fact, since he has a reservoir of liturgical texts in his head and at his disposal, Bishop Satterlee has been known to spontaneously, yet intentionally, change the liturgy.

In keeping with *The Use of the Means of Grace*, Bishop Satterlee's default practice is to commune baptized children. Children and adults who receive a blessing can aid him by folding their arms across their chests when they come forward.

Bishop Satterlee genuinely desires to meet you. Please understand that he cannot recognize people by sight and sometimes by voice. When you greet Bishop Satterlee, it is best to remind him of your name. Although we call this "The Bishop's Visit," Bishop Satterlee is our synod's pastor and he and Cathy are among us as partners in the gospel and siblings in Christ. Please welcome them!

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday –21st**

8:50 am Choir Practice for 150th  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:30 am **Worship**

**Monday - 22nd**

8am-noon Church Office Open

**Tuesday - 23rd**

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am Pastors Text Study

**Wednesday - 24th**

8am-noon Church Office Open  
6:00 pm Bell Choir

**Thursday - 25th**

8am-noon Church Office Open

**Friday - 26th**

8am-noon Church Office Open

**Saturday - 27th**

**NO Worship Service Today**

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

**SERVING APRIL 20/21**

**Ministers** ..... God’s People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Cindy Domrase  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Jeanne Pankey, Brandi Stone  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom  
..... Cindy Domrase (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Cindy Domrase, Mary Rowader  
**Altar Guild**..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Joe & Dawn Gentry

**SERVING APRIL 28**

**Ministers** ..... God’s People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Corinne Fraley  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Jeanne Pankey, Brandi Stone  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom  
..... Cindy Domrase (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Joe & Dawn Gentry  
**Altar Guild**..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps  
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**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... 150th Anniversary Dinner

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