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 "It is Well With My Soul" Bell Choir

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.



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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 (vs. 1 & 4)





let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORDGod speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

19but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that,

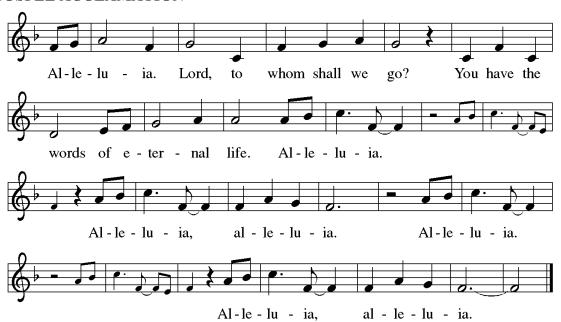
when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of Gentleness" **WOV684** Refrain Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness call-ing and free; Spir it, Spir-it of rest-less-ness, stir me from plac-id-ness, wind. wind on the You moved on the ters, you called to deep, wa You swept through the des ert, you stung with the sand, You sang you cried from a hill, 3 in sta ble, You call you break an-cient schemes. from to - mor row,



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still; From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



called and the to each thing: o - ver e ons you and when they were blind with i - dols and ed lies, and down in the called once cit you a gain. У our wom - en men clear their see vi sions, our eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings." then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes. when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind. With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

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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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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)



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P: Let us pray...Generous God,

C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

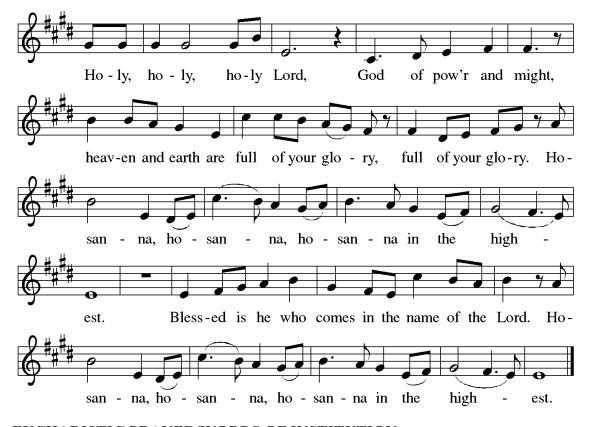
P: Lift up your hearts.

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



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: 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 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

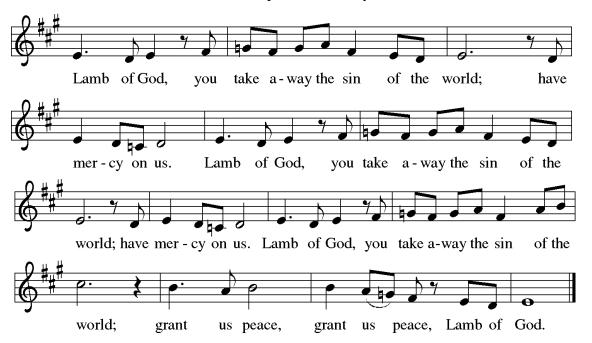
and deliver us from evil.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.



COMMUNION HYMN

"Bring Many Names"

ACS 1015



As a moth-er com-forts her child,

so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath-er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

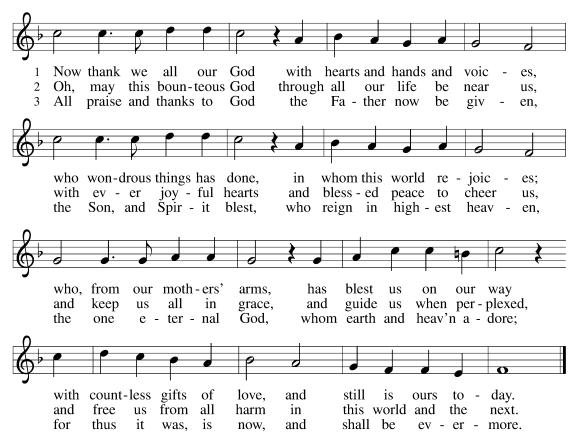
P: Let us pray...Gracious God,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised \pm Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

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.

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Christian Education Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Zion Lutheran Church/Comstock Park, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Jack Thompson, Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Gary & Janet Bettega's 28th wedding anniversary and in memory of Janet's mom, Jeannine Clayton, given by Gary & Janet Bettega.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 14

Church's Role in addressing societal issues

Rev. Dr. Peter Storey engaged in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa for over 30 years as a Christian leader. In the interview article, he speaks to the role of church in addressing society's problems and he challenges the church in the US to be prophetic. Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we talk of the purpose for churches in the world.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 21 Ouestions

As we prepare to start our series, Together by Grace, about Lutheran theology and tradition in June, we want to name the things we have questions about and what we are interested in learning more about. This is also in preparation for our upcoming series in later summer and fall about other Christian traditions and other faiths. What things do we want to compare and contrast from ELCA Lutheran tradition to others. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

SWEETS & TREATS

If you make a special treat you would like to share at Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship, please sign up for a date in the Office Lobby.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

What do swimming pool, sand, marbles, bare feet have to do with Sunday School?? Come to Sunday School on May 21st and see for yourself! We will have a regular class at 9:00 am and fun activities after our church service. This will be our last class for the season.

JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - MONDAY, MAY 15TH AT 5:30 PM Join with church members as we fill bags with meals for students to take home on the weekend, the Feeding Kids Ministry program. Meet at the old Sunset School on Hobbs Drive using the kitchen entrance on the left side of the building toward the back. We could use 15 - 20 people including children 5 and older to do this project for about 1 - 1 ½ hours. It involves gathering all the items together for the meals sent home with students on the weekend. Please sign up in the Office Lobby. Thanks.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

We would like to thank all who contributed the Little Food Pantry this past Sunday. The generosity was a blessing and will go a long way!

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Grace Lutheran is hosting an afternoon tea on May 20 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. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Office Lobby. Cost: by donation. All proceeds will go to the Little Food Pantry and the Huron Humane Society.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on May 17 in the lounge. Our Bible Study is "Serving with Zeal." All women are welcome to join us.

GRADUATING?

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 4.

THANK YOU

As we all know, there is power in prayer. I would like to thank all of my Grace family for the prayers, cards and love. All of these helped in my recovery. Also, Pastor Tom, thank you for all of your support. Thanks be to God. -- Jeanne Pankey

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE

Do you have an idea for a community service project that Grace members could do? Get the idea to Pastor Tom and the REBOOT Team will see if we can work it into our schedule. Thanks

RECEIVE UPDATES FROM GRACE LUTHERAN VIA TEXT MESSAGE

You can now receive updates from Grace via text message. Information was sent to those subscribed to our email list with instructions on how to sign up for text messages. Even though we have your email on file, we are required to obtain your permission before we are able to send you information via text messaging. Please complete the short form in your email if you would like to be included. If you did not receive an email and would like to receive information from Grace via text, you may access the link on our website home page at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org or call the office and a link will be emailed to you. Be sure to watch for the confirmation text that you will receive when signing up. You need to respond "yes" to be confirmed and begin receiving text messages. We anticipate using text messages for the latest updates after other communication has already gone out. We are limited to a maximum of 10 per month under that current program.

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR APRIL 2023

Average needed in April (5 weeks) to meet budget \$22,930.00 Monthly Giving - April 20,431.84

We received:

164 envelopes, 60 Simply Giving recurring payments, 2 Give+ payments made from our website and 9 Thrivent Choice contributions

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!		
Sunday –14th		
8:50 am	Choir Practice	
9:00 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Worship	
11:00 am	Adult Ed - Lounge	
Monday - 15th		
8am-noon	Church Office Open	
8am-3pm	Kitchen Reserved	
5:30 pm	Remembering Our	
	Children - Fellowship Hall	
Tuesday - 16th		
	OFFICE CLOSED	
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting	
11:00 am	Pastors Text Study -	
	Lounge	
4:30 pm	Worship Work Group	
6:00 pm	Council	
<u>Wednesday - 17th</u>		
8am-noon	Church Office Open	
1:00 pm	Ruth Circle	
6:00 pm	Bell Choir	
<u>Thursday - 18th</u>		
8am-noon	Church Office Open	
8am-3pm	Kitchen Reserved	
2:00 pm	ReBoot Meeting	
4:00 pm	Lounge Reserved	
<u>Friday - 19th</u>		
8am-noon	Church Office Open	
All Day	Kitchen Reserved - Tea	

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Worship

Saturday - 20th 2:00 pm

5:00 pm

SERVING MAY 13/14

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Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Dire	ectorClaire Schreiber
Organist/P	ianistAmy Truth
Lector	Mike Urlaub
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Assistants	Dale Schultz
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
	Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)
Greeters	Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Altar Guile	d Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
	Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
	Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour Roger & Jeanne Pankey	
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GreetersRich & Sherie McTaggart	
Altar Guild Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps	
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Darlene Freel	
Coffee Hour Dale & Pat Schultz	

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ladies Afternoon Tea

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