

# *Worship Folder*



## *All Saints Day*

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

*October 31 - November 1, 2020*

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## **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**

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

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Our sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **GATHERING HYMN** “In Heaven Above”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

### **GREETING**

**P:** The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**

**P:** Lord have mercy

**C:** **Christ have mercy**

**P:** Lord have mercy

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Unison*

**Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **WORD**

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

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Revelation 7:9-17**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today’s reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: “Who is able to stand?” The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God’s protection and a vision of victory.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that

knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

*Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

**1 John 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **HOMILY**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Gather Us In”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

### **APOSTLE'S 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.

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)*

**P:** Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

**C:** maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

**Prepare us for your earthly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

### **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,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)*

**C:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### **REFLECTION MUSIC**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

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

**C:** **that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

P: Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: **Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

**SENDING HYMN** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**



### **DURING THE PAST YEAR**

#### **Members who've joined the church triumphant:**

|                     |                   |                |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Jeanette Grove      | James Dekett      | Sally Okhuysen |
| Mary Ann Czarnecki  | Donald J. Johnson | Marsha Rossi   |
| John “Yoga” Carlson | Sandy Eastway     | Fran Lahtinen  |

#### **Baptized into the Body of Christ:**

Ava Francis Lappan



### **PRAYERS**

Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Deborah McClure, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.



### **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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of our Uncle Donald J. Johnson, who passed away 8/29/2020 at the age of 102 years old, given by Steve & Janie Hansen.

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RESTARTED IN-PERSON**

The children are meeting at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The appropriate social distancing, safety and cleaning procedures are being followed to make the SS as safe as we can.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Homebound Parishioners at First Congregational UCC. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partners: Augustana Lutheran Church/Tustin, Rev. David Doane.

### **WHEN PLACING FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR WORSHIP**

Please remember to either fill out an Altar Flowers Form (found on the table in the Office Narthex) or call (989.354.2640) or email the church office (officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) with the information you would like listed in the bulletin. Thanks!

### **SOCIAL - PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN WORSHIP SERVICES - A REMINDER**

The social - physical distancing set up in the sanctuary is for *people to be in the center of the center pews* and *along the wall in the side pews*. That spaces you about 6 feet from other family units/pods. Sitting with *your back against the tape* in the pews allows *people to pass up and down the aisles and be about 6 feet* from anyone in a pew. As you leave the sanctuary, please *allow the people in front of you to move out first and follow them with the appropriate distance between you.*

If you want to have a *conversation with someone* please *use the Fellowship Hall or outside* so that others may leave the Office Lobby and the building with space that allows them to be comfortable. *Thank you for observing these guidelines* and caring for others with your actions. As we continue to endure this pandemic and try to stay safe, I know we want everyone to be as comfortable and safe as possible in worship. THANK YOU. PASTOR TOM.

### **NO YULEFEST BAKE SALE THIS YEAR**

The Ruth Circle will not be holding a Yulefest Bake Sale this year. We thank everyone for your help and support in past years and look forward to holding a bake sale next year!

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **Sunday, November 8, Following Worship**

This will be a congregational meeting to receive the annual reports that is normally done in the spring at an annual meeting, along with the usual fall activities of adopting a budget and electing officers. The exact process and format of the meeting will be announced soon. Electronic copies of the annual report will be emailed to everyone on our email list. If you would like to receive a printed copy, please call the office and one will be mailed to you.

## **GRACE FAMILY THANKSGIVING TAKE OUT DINNER 2020**

### **Thursday, November 26, 2020 ~ Turkey & the Fixings**

Since we can't be together in person for a Thanksgiving meal at the church, we will be in spirit.

Take Out Only (delivery service available to those in need of this service beginning at 3:15 p.m.)

Orders can be placed now through Monday, November 16 with the church office at 354-2640.

Name

Phone

Take out or delivery (address required for deliveries)

Number of meals

**Pick-up times will be assigned at the time you order** (beginning at 4:00 p.m.).

Your dinners will be brought to your car at the Office Lobby entrance to the church. **Please enter the drive from the east (toward 2nd Ave.) and exit the drive to the west (toward 3rd Ave.).**

In lieu of members donating food, monetary donations will be accepted help offset cost.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

We are very grateful for the all the food donations that have been given to the Little Food Pantry. Many times we don't know the donor but sure want you to know that it is being used! We have volunteers fill each pantry many times during the week and food is gone very quickly. THANK YOU for those donations. If you would like to donate food here is what we are in need of: baby foods which are individual, pasta and rice sides, juice boxes, tuna packets, small containers of quick and easy meals, or breakfast packets. Fresh things from a garden go quickly too. We have no refrigeration.

## **COLLECTING MITTENS, GLOVES AND HATS**

Collecting mittens, gloves and hats for youth this winter. If you would like to donate please put items in the little gray house inside the doors of the church and we will distribute them in November to infants, toddlers and young school age children.



## Birthdays

# November

### Anniversaries of Baptism



**November 1**  
Beverly Suszek

**November 9**  
Mary Bock

**November 11**  
Jessica McKenzie

**November 12**  
Nicholas Schillerstrom

**November 13**  
Norman Schillerstrom

**November 21**  
Elaine Hatch

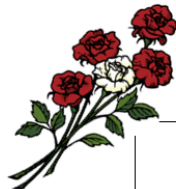
**November 23**  
Ashley Timmreck  
Madison Timmreck  
Melissa Timmreck  
Nicholas Timmreck  
Paige Timmreck  
Dan VanEssen

**November 24**  
Chris Christopherson

**November 26**  
Bruno Hirzel

**November 27**  
Beckett Granata

**November 29**  
Scott Kuligowski  
Brian Schiller  
Ellie Walker



**November 2**  
Olivia Haske  
Cindy Suszek

**November 4**  
Harold Kissau  
Britni Nowak

**November 5**  
Lori Graham

**November 7**  
Phyllis Colagross

**November 8**  
Edward Jahnke  
Melissa Timmreck

**November 10**  
Hannah Matzke

**November 11**  
Linda Gapske  
Gracie Gillard  
Brent Welch

**November 12**  
Diane O'Connor

**November 13**  
Doug Chroninger

**November 14**  
Mary Bock

**November 15**  
Betty Dulebohn

**November 17**  
Chloe Hayward  
Kassandra McInerney

**November 18**  
Nancy Stachnik  
Karyn Vass

**November 20**  
Kelli Liske  
Sherie McTaggart

**November 21**  
Kevin Graham

**November 24**  
Melissa Chabot

**November 25**  
Jeffrey Diemond  
Monica Jahnke  
Erin McCourt

**November 26**  
Davis Crittenden  
Bruno Hirzel

**November 28**  
Janie Hansen  
Lisa McIntosh  
Brody Yuchasz

**November 30**  
Matthew Timrick

### Wedding Anniversaries

4th William & Mary Bock  
9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek  
25th Anthony & Laura Thompson

## **QUILTS AND BLANKETS DONATED BY QUILTING/SEWING GROUP**

With Lutheran World Relief in Saginaw not being able to accept donations of quilts this year due to COVID, the Grace Lutheran Quilting/Sewing Group has donated 98 quilts and 17 fleece blankets to Orphan Grain Train-Michigan. Items were delivered to our local drop off at Immanuel Lutheran Church to be driven down to the Orphan Grain Train center in Sebawaing, Michigan. Orphan Grain Train distributes items to those in need in America and around the world. More information on this organization may be found at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org).

## **DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making face masks and some are available for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

### **Change in hours this week**

The Church Office will only be open Tuesday and Wednesday next week (November 3 & 4), from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

## **RECYCLING UPDATE**

Our recycling list of items has changed. Please recycle only the following: empty writing instruments, glue sticks, toothbrush/toothpaste, food storage containers (plastic or glass), vitamin/mineral/supplement bottles, cough/cold/flu bottles, all Hasbro toys and games. *Anything other than these items I will have to dispose of.* Thank you for your cooperation and help. -- Corinne Fraley

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,415.00 |
| Weekly giving - October 25              | 2,983.66    |

#### We received:

22 envelopes, 12 Simply Giving recurring payments and  
2 Give+ payment made from our website

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