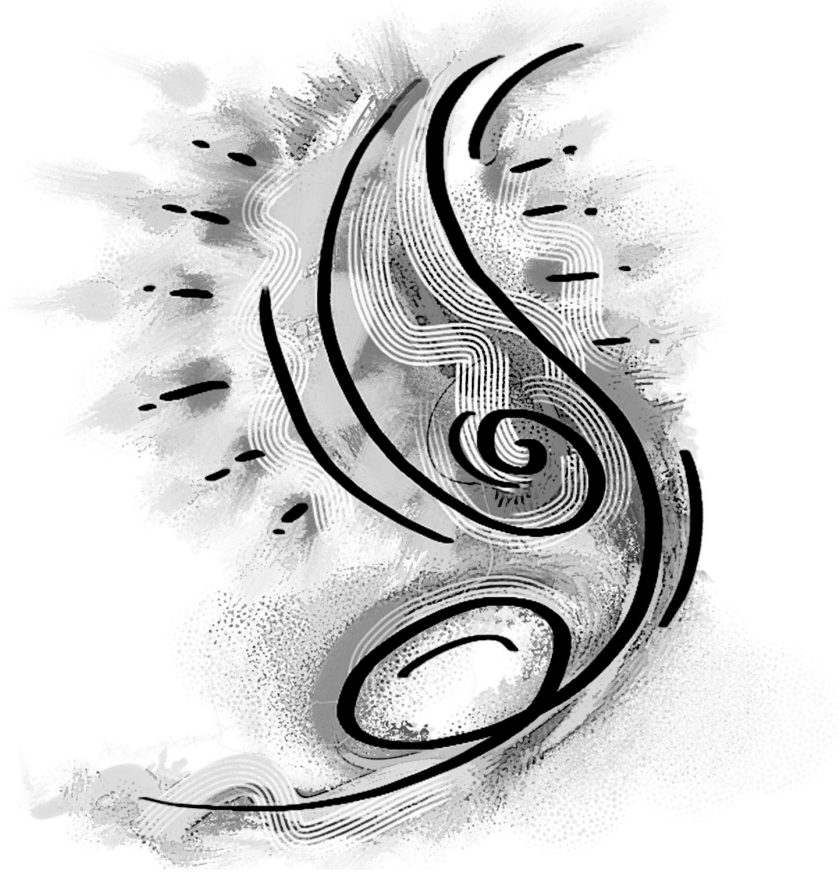


# *Worship Folder*



## *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

*October 10-11 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** “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

*(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*

**Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

**WORD**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*(Response after first and second reading)*

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 25:1-9**

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich

food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### Psalm 23

*You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)*

<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.**

### Philippians 4:1-9

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,

whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**Alleluia. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

### **Matthew 22:1-14**

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

*(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** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **PRAYERS**

Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth’s niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, 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, Deborah McClure, Elaine Camp, Marty Lee, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich’s partner), Rob VanCleave, 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.

### **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 Sunday Supper Program at Trinity Episcopal Church. We also pray for this week’s Synod Prayer Partner: Immanuel Lutheran Church/Traverse City, Rev. Paul Busekist and the Rocky Mountain Synod/Denver, CO, Bishop Jim Gonia.



## **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.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2000 Year Old Seeds produce**

Date seeds that are coaxed into producing fruit after 2000 years. A miracle? Or God's Kingdom's resilience? Or God's gifts of knowledge that nurtured that. What do we already have that will nurture our resilience in this pandemic time? What can we use to sustain us, and even more encourage us and give us that kind of strength in this time? Join us for a discussion at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning on Zoom. Contact Pastor Tom for any questions on using Zoom.

## **MAKING SENSE OF MARTIN LUTHER An upcoming Adult Christian Education Series.**

Want to learn more about Martin Luther, join this 7 week series. *Making Sense of Martin Luther* uses a conversational format to explore how Luther's dynamic understanding of God's life-changing gospel informs day-to-day faith and life in the world today. Each class will have readings, a video and discussion as part of it. Order books through the office at \$14 each, with a deadline of October 11. It is also available as an e-book through your vendor. Classes will start on Sunday November 1. Contact Pastor Tom with any questions.

## **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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Craig & Rachel Weise on the birth of their son, Evan Alexander Weise on August 17th. Evan joins big brother Carter. Pictures may be seen by email by contacting the church office.

### **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 house inside the doors of the church and we will distribute them in November to infants, toddlers and young school age children.

Blessings. -- Mary Lappan

### **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!

### **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY - THANK YOU!**

Our Little Food Pantry is seeing a lot of use. Things that are moving quickly are small boxes of cereal, mac and cheese, canned stews, pasta meals, peanut butter, ramen noodles, pan cake mixes, Star Kiss packets along with fresh fruits and vegetables .It's harvest time so if you have an abundance please think of the pantry. We also have a need for baby food. If you would like to donate any of these items please leave them between the entry doors at Grace Lutheran. Thank you so much in helping those in need --- Blessings, Mary Lappan

### **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.

### **CHRIST IN OUR HOMES**

Devotionals for the next quarter of October - December are available in the office lobby. If you are not venturing out yet, phone the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, 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.

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget \$ 4,415.00

Weekly giving - October 4 3,640.10

We received:

33 envelopes and 21 Simply Giving recurring payments and  
2 Give+ payment made from our website

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