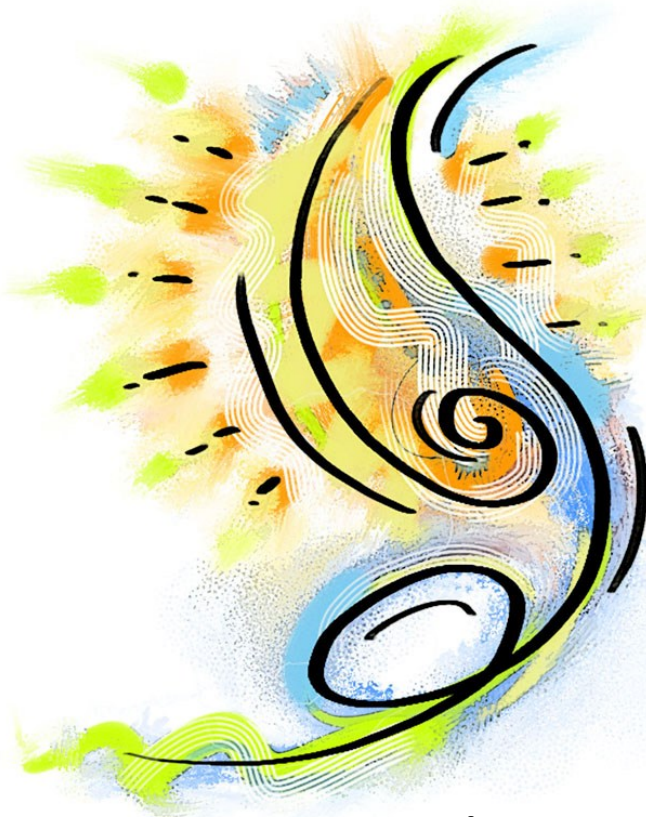


# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*September 23 & 24, 2023*



## **Season after Pentecost**

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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

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)  
(the assembly stands as you are comfortable)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### GATHERING HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

R583

*Refrain/Estrillo*

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



- 1 Take my hands and let them move
- 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing,
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;



at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



*Refrain/Estrillo*

beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

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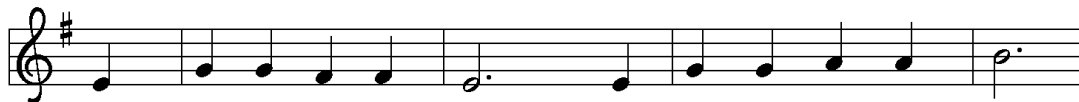
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## GREETING

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **WORD**

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

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Jonah 3:10–4:11**

*After Jonah’s short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn’t I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty

thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 145:1-8**

*The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!  
There is no end to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **Philippians 1:21-30**

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of

suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

### Matthew 20:1-16

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also

received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

**HOMILY**

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

**R765**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.



## 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 comfortable & sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly  
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

C: **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory...  
(concluding)...to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

R587



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
 God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
 owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
 in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
 ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
 through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
 of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
 by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
 let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings      have such kind - ly judg - ment      giv'n.  
fresh cre - a - tions      in that up - per home of bliss.  
fy its strict - ness      with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks-giv - ing      for the good - ness of the Lord.

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*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

**C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

R669



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**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.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Kay Grove, Logan Suszek, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, 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, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Dewayne Nail, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, 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.

### **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.



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of my parents, Clayton & Luella Harden, given by Cheryl Ann  
and

In memory of Mel Irwin, given by his mother, Dorene Schultz

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Children's Worship Center at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Paul Lutheran Church/Greenville, Rev. Betsy Kamphuis, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **COMMUNION AT THE RAIL**

The weekend of the first Sunday of each month we will serve communion at the rail. By no means is it necessary to kneel. Everyone at the rail, the table as it is called, remains until all have received communion and then the pastor dismisses everyone at once with a blessing.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - SEPTEMBER 24**

### **Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith**

We will continue our exploration of the wide range that is the Baptist tradition, comparing and contrasting to ELCA Lutheran theology and practice. Everyone is invited to join us at 11 in the Lounge.

## **QUILT DEDICATION – THIS WEEKEND**

### **September 23 & 24**

This weekend we bless the quilts that have so lovingly been made by the very dedicated team that works every Tuesday morning. Quilts have been given for local needs, to our graduates and now some are being sent out to those in need elsewhere, making a Christ-like difference in our world. Come be part of the dedication this weekend of the longest running ministry and mission project of Grace Lutheran.

## **NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO**

We have placed an ad for a new accompanist in the Alpena News and posted it on our Facebook page. If you would share that post, it will be spread to all your friends and get the word out even more. That will immensely help us find someone. Thank you.

## **GAME NIGHT AT GRACE**

### **Thursday, October 26 ~ \$10.00/person**

Doors open at 4:30 pm. Serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato bar and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. Limited seating/reservations required. Please call Chris (989.356.0430), if no answer leave message. *Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.*

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

It is harvest time in our gardens and we have received various donations of cucumbers, squash, and other nutritious items. Thank you and we appreciate those donations.



## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 5**

You are invited to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting for Grace Lutheran on Sunday November 5 at 11 AM following worship and a bit of Fellowship Time. The Budget for 2024 and election of Officers are on the Agenda.

## **NEW SCHEDULES ARE OUT**

New schedules have been completed and are available to be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall or viewed online on our web page under the “schedules” tab. Copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Please check the new schedules, which begin October 1, if you have volunteered to serve

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for remembering me with all of your wonderful cards and notes. They were very much appreciated. -- Eleanor Coddington

## **ALPENA PEACE COMMUNITY CONCERT**

**Sunday, October 1**

Join the revitalized Alpena Peace Community for a free Concert on Sunday October 1 from 3 – 5 PM at the First United Methodist Church on Ripley St. Bruce Michaud is master of ceremony with music selections from Alpena High School Chorus, the Besser Male Chorus, Alpena High School jazz group, MaryAnn Hubbard, Charles Madison, Sharon Koperwas and Dr. Tom. Free will offering will be taken to support future programs of APC.

## **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 AUGUST 2023**

Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 18,344.00
Monthly Giving - August	36,478.77
	(Includes one-time gift of \$20,090.00)

#### We received:

96 envelopes, 63 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 6 Give+ payments made from our website



## Anniversaries of Baptism



**September 1**  
Britni Nowak

**September 2**  
Joanne Kindt

**September 5**  
Jon Crow  
Aaron Nowak

**September 10**  
Dawn Gentry  
Jim Hansen  
Brian Nelson

**September 14**  
Astrid Fitzpatrick

**September 15**  
Scott Henning

**September 20**  
Mark Freel  
Caileigh Nitchman

**September 22**  
William Whitscell

**September 27**  
Jonathan Lang  
Wayne Lewis  
Marco Wade  
Owen Wade

**September 28**  
Rachel Engstrom

**September 29**  
T. J. Lappan  
Chuck McKay



2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
11th Jim & Laurie Hansen  
16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie  
17th Gordon & Karen Suszek

## Birthdays



**September 4**  
Kiowa Kirchoff  
Marcie Law

**September 5**  
Bill Platt

**September 10**  
Ryan Werblow

**September 11**  
Donald Cross  
Steven Garant

**September 12**  
Shane Bullard  
Jacquelyn R. Timm

**September 14**  
Izzy Denstaedt  
Nic Timmreck

**September 15**  
Thomas Bertrand

**September 17**  
William Bock

**September 18**  
Maia Slominski

**September 21**  
Lawrence Nelson

**September 24**  
Judith Douglas

**September 26**  
Joseph Gentry

**September 27**  
Cheryl Lang

**September 28**  
Darlene Freel  
Ann O'Connor

**September 29**  
John Kuligowski  
Jessica McKenzie  
Dennis Werblow

**September 30**  
Ella Sandula  
Kady Sandula  
Connie Suszek

## Wedding Anniversaries

19th Joel & Cindy Suszek  
20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson  
29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski



## GRACE'S FALL CALENDAR

(As of September 16, 2023)

Sep 23/24 - Quilt Dedication Weekend

Oct 16 - Feeding Kids packing - 5:30 PM at Sunset School

Oct 26 - Quilters Game Night

Oct 31 - Neighborhood Trick or Treat

Nov 5 - Semi-Annual Mtg - after worship

Nov/Dec - Christmas Wish List - UW & Volunteer Center

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner at Church and delivered

Dec 2 - Ruth Circle Bake Sale

Dec 10 - Christmas Decorating of the Church  
after worship

Dec 17 - Caroling - after worship

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday – 24th Quilt Dedication Weekend

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:30 am **Worship**  
11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

### Monday - 25th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Tuesday - 26th

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

### Wednesday - 27th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Thursday - 28th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

### Friday - 29th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

### Saturday - 30th

5:00 pm **Worship**

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

## SERVING SEPTEMBER 23/24

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Lector** ..... Pat Daly  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers** ..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske, Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Altar Guild**.... Sherie McTaggart, Nancy Platt, Mary Rowader  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby Haske & Family

## SERVING SEPTEMBER 30/OCTOBER 1

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Lector** ..... Donna Czarnecki  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith  
**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, June Daly  
**Greeters**..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom  
**Altar Guild**.... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

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