

# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*October 5 & 6, 2024*



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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

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

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

### **GATHERING**

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

#### **WELCOME/PRELUDE**

#### **GATHERING**

*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, our sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

R835



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 thron: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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## GREETING

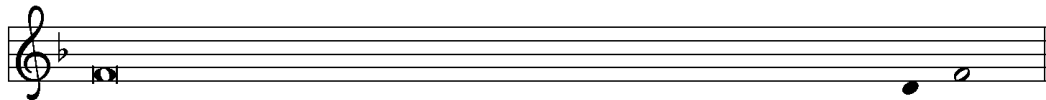
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

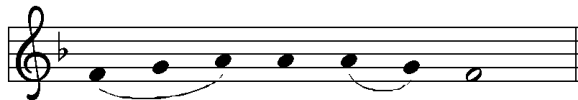
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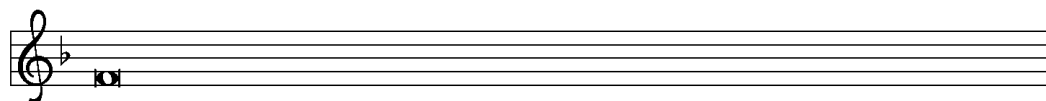
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



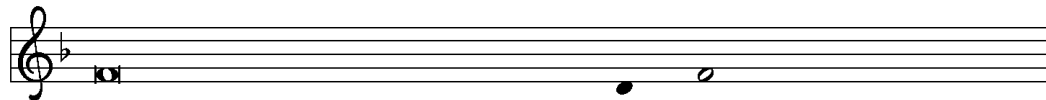
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



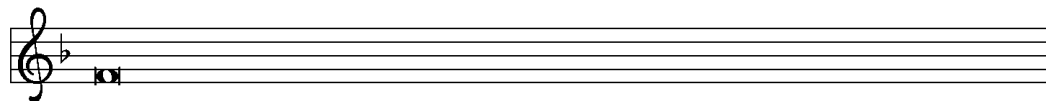
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



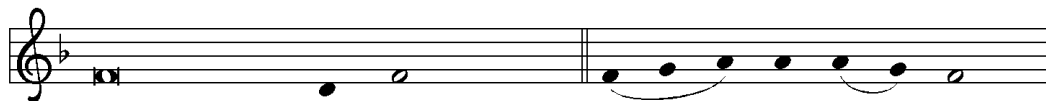
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



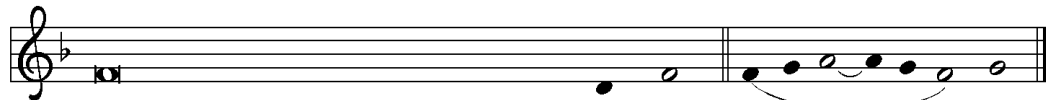
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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



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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,                      you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

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

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Genesis 2:18-24**

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalms 8**

*You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
<sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

## Mark 10:2-16

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

**R603**



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the  
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our  
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we  
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful  
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,  
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing  
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;  
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:  
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.  
all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
set us free and grant us peace.  
make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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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:** Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

## MEAL

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

## OFFERING

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



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



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



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



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



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

**C: source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

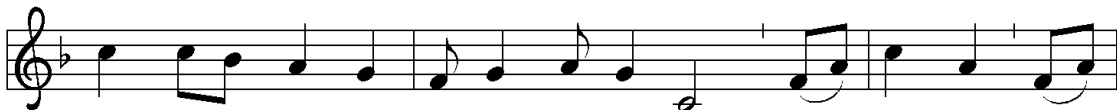
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit...

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

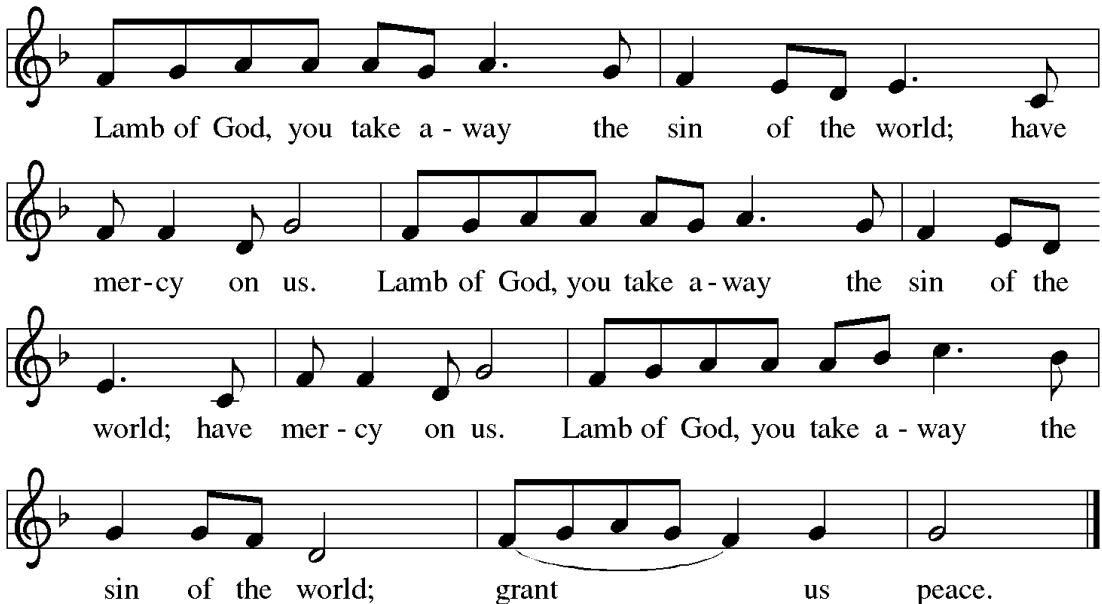
**Save us from the time of trial and  
deliver us from evil.**

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

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

## HOLY COMMUNION

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”

R644



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
 see: then we will see love face to face.  
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional

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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...Holy God,

**C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P:** God all mighty, God most merciful + bless us, keep us, and give us peace.

**C: Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

# “Now Thank We All Our God”

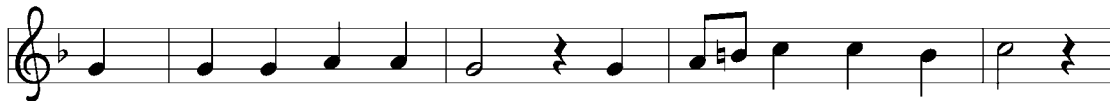
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit it blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

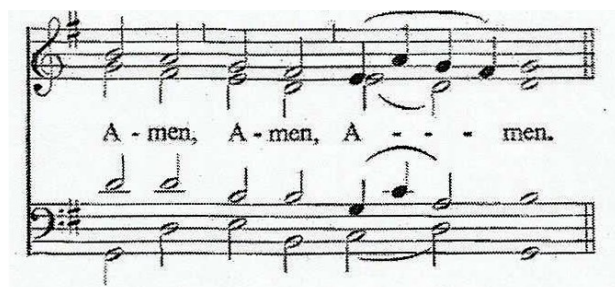
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**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.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Memory  
of

Bill Platt

Given by Nancy Platt

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Pastor Chrisy Bright, Assistant to the Bishop, for leading worship, preaching and celebrating communion for us this weekend.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Bill Whitscell, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Tammy Furze, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Rosina Phillips, Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen.

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

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Sunday Supper Program at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Peter Lutheran Church/Unionville, Rev. Jeffrey Bonn and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **ADULT CE - 6 WEEK SERIES**

### ***Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year***

The topic for today is **ACCOMPANIMENT AND ADVOCACY**. Accompaniment is a model for mission that rests on values of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment, and sustainability to inform relationships, service and work for justice. Videos are available on the Synod YouTube page. Pastor Chrisy has generously agreed to facilitate the class. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

## **CANDY COLLECTION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TRUNK OR TREAT**

Grace will again be participating in the annual Trunk or Treat for Halloween.

**Donations of treats to be given out are needed and can be placed in the basket on the pew by the church office.** We had many kids stop by last year!

## **GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 17**

Make your reservations soon for our annual Game Night to be held on October 17. Cost is \$10/person. Doors open at 4:30 pm, serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. ***Limited seating/reservations required. Contact Chris at 989.356.0430 for reservations*** (if no answer, leave message). Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.

WE SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY WELCOMING ALL . . . To be part of the quilting group's game night on October 17<sup>th</sup> by contributing an item or two for the meal that evening. Your donation would help us in our mission to help others throughout the world. A list of items is located in the office lobby if you so choose to help. Items can be brought through October 13 and put in a box that will be marked under the clothes rack. Also, help would be appreciated with the cleanup that evening around 6:30. It would be washing and drying dishes and silverware. We would love to see your smiling face and visit with you. Your donations will be GREATLY appreciated!!! --  
The Quilting Group

***We are also in need of card tables for our event. If you have one we could use, please sign the sheet located in the Office Lobby. We appreciate it!***

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - OCTOBER 19 & 20**

For our next LFP collection, we want to focus on food for babies and the elderly. Baby food such as pouches, easily prepared food for elderly along with toilet paper and personal hygiene items such as tooth paste and shampoos along with the always needed cereal and shelf stable milk. Leave them at the altar that weekend and we will dedicate them during the worship services.

### **FALL CLEAN UP - OCTOBER 19 FROM 9-11 AM**

Volunteers are needed for our annual Fall Clean Up. Outside: trimming shrubs, weeding, road sign cleaned up; inside: cobwebs removed, windows cleaned. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. Please sign up in the Office Lobby if you are able to help.

### **A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - OCTOBER 21**

**Filling Feeding Kids Ministry Packs** with Weekend Meals for students of APS

Meet at **5:30 PM** on **Monday October 21** at **Sunset School**. Sign up in Office Lobby.

### **PEACE IN THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS**

Join a presentation from Rabbi Howard Morrison of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto, Canada and Pastor Tom Orth of Grace Lutheran here in Alpena on peace within the two traditions and “How do we cultivate a world of peace?” They will look at Jewish and Christian overviews of peace and at Challenges in contemporary times. The program will take place at Grace Lutheran Church on **Sunday afternoon October 27 from 4 to 6 PM** and will be in-person as well as Zoom. Contact Grace Lutheran ([officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) for the Zoom link. This a joint presentation of the Alpena Peace Community, Temple Beth-El and Grace Lutheran Church. You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for Grace Lutheran’s Little Food Pantry.

### **NORWEGIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR 150TH - NOVEMBER 1**

Please join us for the Norwegian Dinner Fundraiser for our 150th Fund. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. All are welcome, bring a friend! To-go orders are available (must be picked up between 5-6 p.m.) Tickets are \$20 and need to be confirmed by Friday, October 25 (for both to-go and sit-down). **Tickets may be picked up at the church office beginning October 1.** On the menu: Norwegian meatballs, potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, with a side of lingonberry jam. Norwegian sweets for dessert.

### **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10**

Grace will be having our Semi-Annual Meeting following worship at 11AM on Sunday November 10. Adoption of budget for 2025 and election of Council members are the main items 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 signed up to serve.

**THANK YOU**

I want to thank all the members of Grace for your visits, food, and cards for Bill and me this past summer. Most of all, I want to thank you for the outpouring of love and support for both of us and the many donations in memory of Bill. Thank you. -- Nancy Platt

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A heartfelt thank you for the support, donations and help with set up and clean up this past week. A very special thank you to Brody, Ella, Harper and Hadleigh. All of you did a wonderful job. God bless -- Jeanne Pankey

**LET’S HAVE SOME FUN!!!!**

*There are 3 big black balloons left flying in the Office Lobby* from our 150th Celebration on April 28th. Amazing!!!! Some good balloons Janet Bettega purchased. They are now numbered. Guess the last balloon still at the top of it's ribbon and win a surprise. Sign up sheet on the table with the balloons. Pastor Tom is the final judge of flying and the prize!

**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 2024**

|                                                   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget | \$ 18,944.00 |
| Monthly Giving - August                           | 16,522.76    |

We received:

97 envelopes, 56 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 10 Give+ payments made from our website



OCTOBER

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**October 4**  
Madelyn Boyd

**October 10**  
Wayne Christopherson

**October 12**  
Kay Grove

**October 15**  
Matthew Anderson  
Molly O'Connor

**October 20**  
Shane Bullard

**October 21**  
Thomas Bertrand  
Drew Gentry

**October 27**  
Piper Slominski

**October 29**  
Michael Pankey  
Mya Styma

**October 30**  
Marcie Law  
Connie Suszek

## Birthdays

**October 2**  
Jim Berles  
Adam Kirchoff

**October 3**  
Ellie Walker

**October 5**  
Mike Morgan

**October 6**  
Christopher Piontkowski

**October 7**  
Ken Amlotte  
Kristin Berles  
Richard Carlson  
Kimberly McCourt  
Michael Pankey

**October 10**  
Gary Grove  
Steve Lappan

**October 13**  
David Dekett

**October 14**  
Tamar Furze

**October 15**  
Kody Bertrand

**October 18**  
Brian Schiller  
Jim Timrick

**October 20**  
Erika Nicholls

**October 21**  
Jewel Lancaster

**October 22**  
Jessica Slominski

**October 23**  
Emma Nelson

**October 25**  
Staci Chroninger

**October 26**  
Dan VanEssen

**October 27**  
Clayton Lee

**October 28**  
Cindy Domrase  
Andrea Matzke

**October 29**  
Caileigh Nitchman

**October 31**  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sandra Welch



## Wedding Anniversaries

1st Dawn & Brett Anderson  
3rd Matt & Ruby Haske  
6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave

17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith  
24th Dale & Patricia Schultz

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday –6th

8:50 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Worship**  
11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

### Monday - 7th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved  
6:00 pm Remembering Our Children - Lounge

### Tuesday - 8th

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

### Wednesday - 9th

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

### Thursday - 10th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

### Friday - 11th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

### Saturday - 12th

**5:00 pm Worship**

## SERVING OCTOBER 5/6

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Chrisy Bright  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Joe Gentry  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Joe Gentry, Dale Schultz  
**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
June Daly; Shane Bullard (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Dawn Anderson, Bruno Hirzel  
**Altar Guild**... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

## SERVING OCTOBER 12/13

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Dan Maxwell  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Jan Charter  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Joe Gentry, Dale Schultz  
**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
June Daly; Shane Bullard (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Joel & Cindy Suszek  
**Altar Guild**... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby Haske & Family

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

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