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Pentecost

# Grace Lutheran Church September 25 & 26, 2021

# **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

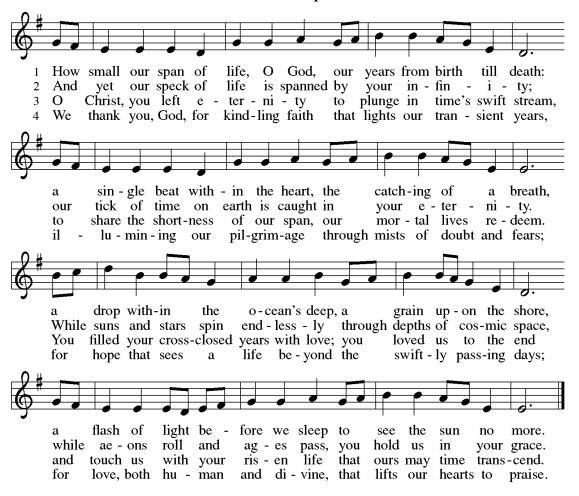
# **PRELUDE**

(The assembly stands as you are able)

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

- P: Trusting in the Word of life given in Baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
  - Silence for reflection and self-examination.
- P: We give you thanks, O God,
- C: For in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.

### **GATHERING HYMN** "How Small Our Span of Life"



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Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

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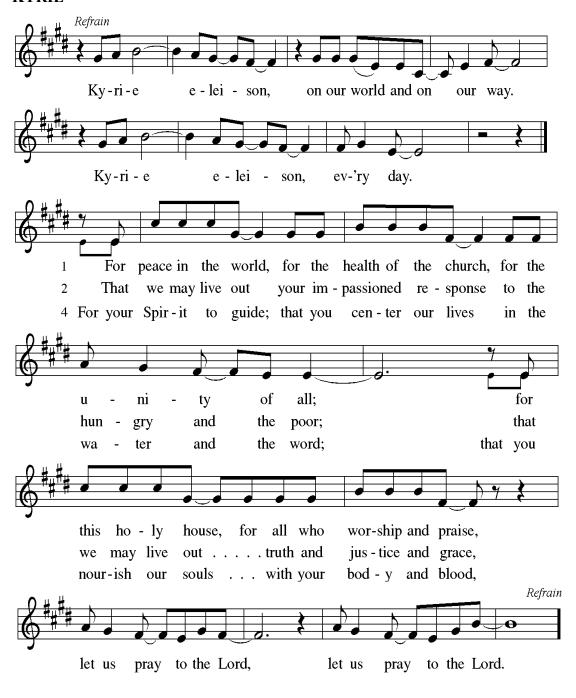
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# **GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

# **KYRIE**



# **HYMN OF PRAISE**





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

# **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

# Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! 5We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." <sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' 14I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." <sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

# James 5:13-20

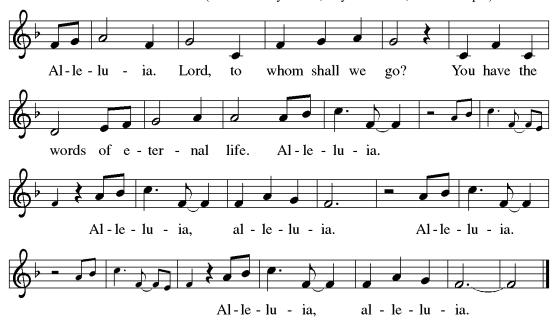
Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

# Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with

fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

# C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

# **HOMILY**

(The assembly stands as you are able)

# HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



- hum ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need, Lord, whose love in
- home-less; still the hun gry cry for bread; Still your chil-dren wan-der
- vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light wor - ship, grant us we
- Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we



the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: who up - on still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv-ing deeds to



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. stir-ring us to that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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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.

# **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** (The assembly stands, as you are able, and sings as the gifts are brought forward)

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine, as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.

Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life: Our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand.

These gifts of yours for higher use, we offer up as you command.

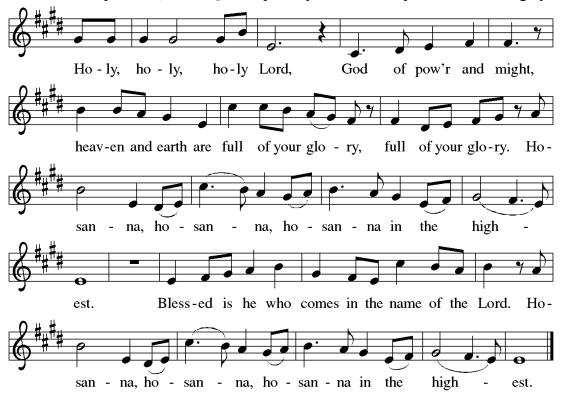
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- P: Let us pray...God of abundance,
- C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; 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 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:



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
  For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
- C: Amen, amen, amen.

# **LORD'S PRAYER**

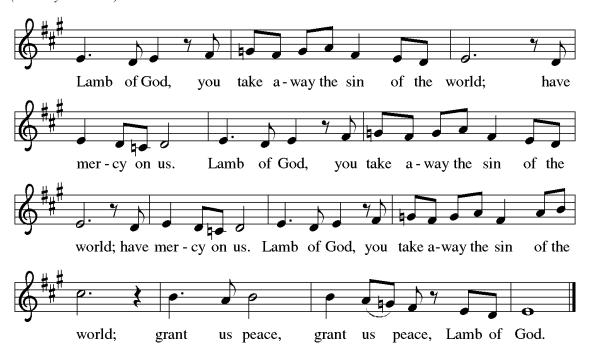
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

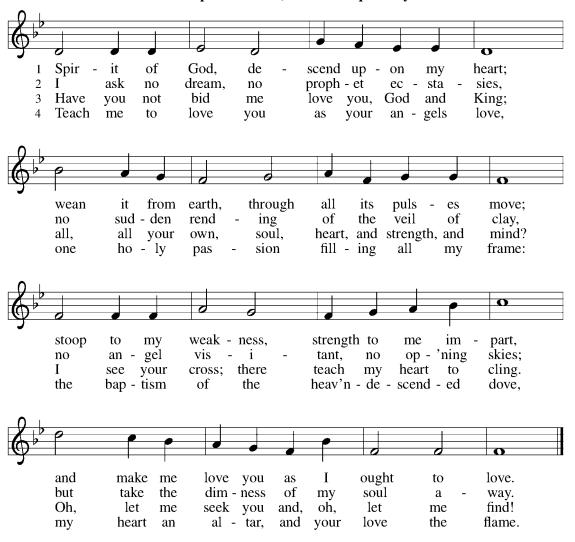
# **HOLY COMMUNION**

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine/juice are invited to participate in the Eucharist) (You may be seated)



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# COMMUNION HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"



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

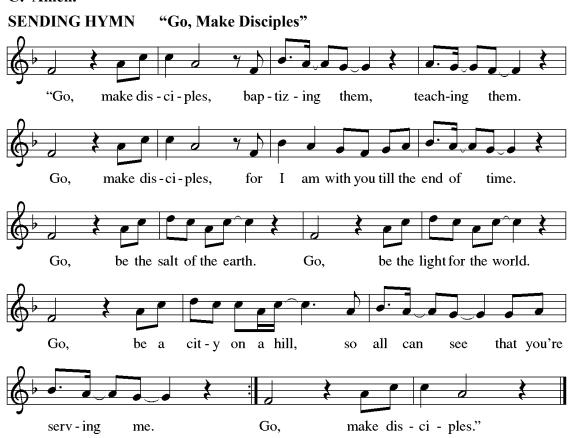
C: Amen.

- P: Let us pray...Lord of life,
- C: in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

# **SENDING**

# **BLESSING**

- P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.



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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

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# IN OUR PRAYERS

Dale Schultz, Mike & Donna, Ruby Haske, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Betty Dulebohn, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Gus Gillard, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Genie Diamond, Ann Haske, Ken & Carole Liske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, 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 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.

# 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: Grace Lutheran Church/ Hastings, Rev. Kenneth Scheck, II.

# **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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

# **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Would you like to serve the church and help share God's love and welcome. Talk to Council President Tom Lappan, Vice President Rick Engstrom or Pastor Tom about the tasks and joy of being a Council Member.

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

# Indian Residential Schools in the US and Canada

These schools which have a long and appalling history in both the US and Canada, have been in the news again with the tragic news of unmarked graves discovered in Canada. So how do we deal with our past, and what has tragically happened then today. Truth and Reconciliation Commissions that have occurred around the world offer one way to bring some acknowledgment of past wrongs and move forward with a shared goal for a better future. Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we discuss our faith in our world today.

# **DISASTER RESPONSE FUNDS**

The Lutheran Disaster Response has put out a request for funds to deal with all they are responding to currently - wildfires, Haiti earthquake and Hurricane Ida. We will collect contributions until Sunday September 26 and send them on along with some church funds too. Any contributions can be placed with your regular offering or use envelopes next to the collection plates marking them LDR or just disaster. Or you could mail a contribution in also. **THANKS** 

# DAVID DELANO IS RETURNING HOME TO MAINE

With great sadness, we announce that David will be returning home to Maine soon to be with and help his family.

We have truly appreciated David's gifts and he has added much to our worship and church life while he has been with us. In his nearly 4 years with us, he brought his musical gifts and enthusiasm to worshiping God and Jesus, helping to draw the most out of all of us to make a joyful noise to our Lord.

In these pandemic times, he took on the added responsibility of understanding the livestream system and then training others. He will be greatly missed.

We will wish him and Bri well with a special send off, to be announced soon, as his time here ends.

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN

With our weekly bulletin as our main communication to members and visitors, we ask that all announcements be turned in by 9 AM on Wednesday in a written form. As announcements are highlighted in the email blast that sends the bulletin link out, on our web page and Facebook as well as in the printed bulletin for weekend services and highlighted at the end of the livestream this gives multiple opportunities for people to see the information spreading the word. With as much as 1/3 of our worship attendance online, we need to offer these various ways for everyone to be aware of what is going and have the info to refer to and then get involved. Thank you for helping to share God's Love and welcome *ALL* in some new ways.

# GRANTS TO LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Grace's Little Food Pantry received 2 grants this week.

From our neighbor down the street, St. Paul Lutheran gave \$500 from their Community Outreach Funds. Thank you to St. Paul.

And the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan's Women's Giving Circle gave a grant of \$2000. Thank you.

Mary Lappan reports that we are spending \$150 - 200 per week on stocking the pantry. And we regularly receive donations of items from community members as well as church members. Thank you all who work on the Little Food Pantry in stocking and purchasing for it.

# LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Fresh eggs have been donated to our pantry and as long as they are not washed will last several weeks. They have been gone in days! Thank you. We are also receiving fresh tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and other garden items which quickly are taken. We appreciate such wonderful support from our community.

We are in need of small shampoo, soap, and other personal hygiene products. Any children's books are also in need and going quickly.

Thank you for your support to the Little Food Pantry!

# WEEKLY BULLETINS SENT OUT WEEKLY

Bulletins are mailed out weekly to those who wish a printed copy. For everyone we have an email address for, an email is sent out on Friday with highlights and a link to the full copy of the bulletin. If you are not receiving the bulletin or wish to change the way you receive the bulletin, to an email or to a printed copy. please contact the office. If you know of someone who would like to receive the bulletin, please have them contact the office or send us the info. Thanks.

# MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we welcome your doing so. Let us take care of each other and help end this pandemic.

# PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

# 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 or recording.

# KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SEMINARIAN

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# HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday - 26th 9:30 a.m. Worship Monday - 27th 8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved 8am-2pm Tuesday - 28th 8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting Wednesday - 29th 8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved 8am-2pm Thursday - 30th 8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved Friday - 1st Church Office Open 8am-noon Kitchen Reserved 10am-2pm Saturday - 2nd 5:00 p.m. Worship

# **SERVING SEPTEMBER 25/26**

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	David Delano
Lector	Bill & Nancy Platt
Communion	•
AssistantsCl	arence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers (Sunday)JoAnn	Smith, Rick Engstrom,
Gary Grove	
(Saturday)Steve & Janie Hansen	
Altar Guild Sh	erie McTaggart, Sandy
M	alaski, Bonnie Cross
Livestream Team Phran Ludington, Dawn	
Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard	
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom	

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