Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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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

(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.)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

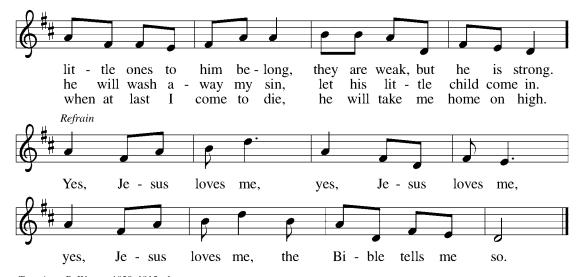
(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

- P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, our sins are forgiven!
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Loves Me!" R595 Je - sus loves me! this Bi - ble I know, for the tells me so; Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to 0 pen wide: 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stav close be - side me all the way;



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

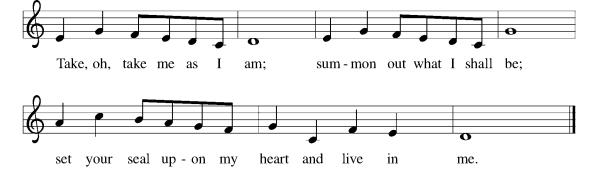
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GREETING

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 (Sing twice)



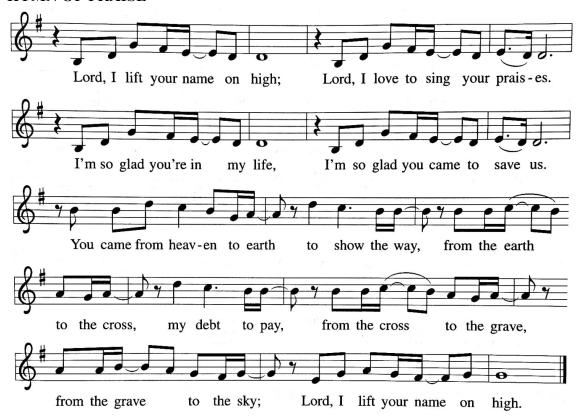
Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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HYMN OF PRAISE



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P: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Habakkuk 1:1-4: 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of selfdiscipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

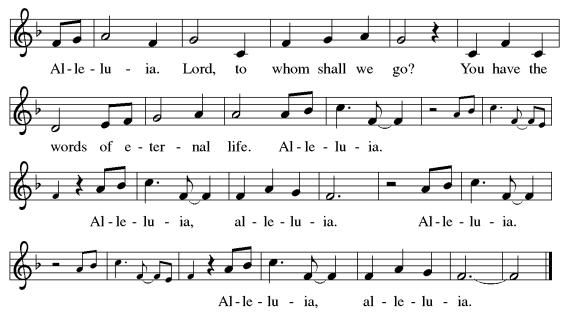
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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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: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

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



P: Let us pray...Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

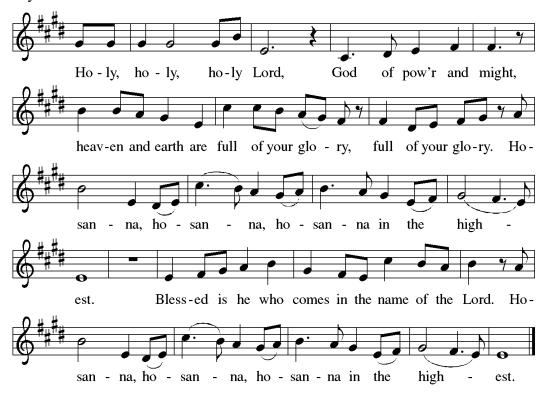
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign...(concluding)...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: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

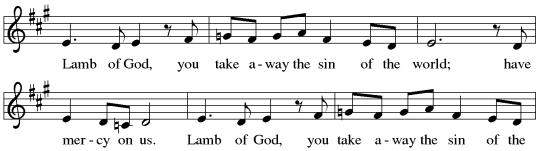
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

HOLY COMMUNION

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





Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 This selection is in the public domain.

(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...O God,

C: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,+ bless us now and forever.

C: Amen.



Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-708784.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Tom Downs for leading worship, preaching and presiding this weekend.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Anna Lewis, Nancy Platt, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Joanne Kindt, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Harry & Aggie Jakubiak, Jerry McConnell, Lisa Creger, Lynsie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Daphne Flack, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas and Amelia Berles - pilot training.

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 Youth and Family Ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Mamrelund Lutheran Church/Kent City, Rev. Rob Johnson; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and Synod Staff.

PRAYER LETTERS

Please sign the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

FALL CLEAN UP - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

It's that time of year. We can use a little help with the front of our church - raking, trimming, etc. Saturday, October 11 from 9-11 a.m. Please sign up in the Office Lobby.

HELP PACK FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY WEEKEND KITS - OCTOBER 20 Join us for a bit of work on Monday October 20 at 5:30 PM to pack up bags of food for kids. We meet at Sunset School for at most an hour of work. Sign up in the Office Lobby.

QUILTERS' GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 16

Make your reservations soon for our annual Game Night to be held on October 16. 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, please leave a message). Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.

Help is needed for our Game Night fundraiser on October 16. If you can donate an item or two, it will be appreciated. A sheet with a list of items is located on the table in the Office Lobby. We can also use help with clean up in the kitchen around 6 p.m. that night.

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!

Thanking you in advance,

Grace Quilters

CANDY COLLECTION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK OR TREAT

Grace will again be participating in the annual Trick or Treat for Halloween. **Donations of treats to be given out are needed and can be placed in the basket in the Office Lobby.** We had many kids stop by last year!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE OUILTERS

More than 147 quilts, along with over 1200 wash cloths, are being sent out. Thank you to all who work hard spreading God's love and grace to all the world. And you are invited to join them on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to trace out pieces, cut pieces, iron, tie yarn or sew.

NEW TIME & TALENT SCHEDULES

Time & Talent schedules starting in October are now online. Printed copies are available outside the Office window. Thanks everyone. If you will like to find out more on any of the activities, let the Office know.

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DEVOTIONALS

The next edition for October thru December is here, available on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

BALLOON NO. 3 IS DOWN

It has hit the table and is officially declared down. Nos. 2 & 5 are still up. Get your new best guesses in now.

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.



Annversaries of Baptism

October 4 Madelyn Boyd

October 10
Wayne Christopherson October 27

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
Richard Carlson
Kimberly McCourt
Michael Pankey

October 10 Gary Grove

October 13 David Dekett Sandra Welch

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 28 Cindy Domrase Andrea Matzke

October 29 Caileigh Nitchman

October 31 Jessica Konarzewski

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Dawn & Brett Anderson 3rd Matt & Ruby Haske 6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave 17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 5th 8:50 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	Choir Practice Sunday School Worship
Monday - 6th 8am-noon 6:00 pm	Church Office Open Remembering Our Children - Lounge
Tuesday - 7th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge
Wednesday - 8th 8am-noon 6:00 pm	Church Office Open Bell Choir Practice
Thursday - 9th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Friday - 10th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
<u>Saturday - 11th</u> 5:00 pm	Worship

SERVING OCTOBER 4/5	
Ministers	
PastorRev. Tom Downs	
Music DirectorClaire Witt	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Comm. Asst Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis	
Lector	
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
Mary Rowader, June Daly	
Greeters Rich & Sherie McTaggart	
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Chris Christopherson,	
Cheryl Werblow, Jewel Lancaster	
Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,	
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters Gary & Kay Grove	
Coffee HourJoel & Cindy Suszek	
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