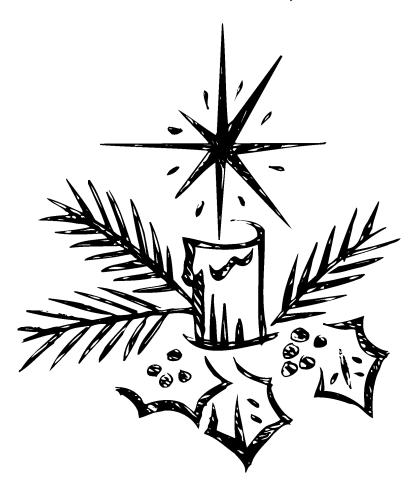
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November 26 & 27, 2022



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Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(the assembly stands as they are able)

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

- P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.
- P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

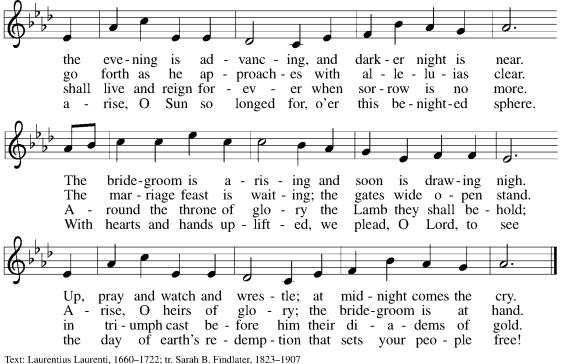
- P: God of new beginnings,
- C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.
- P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit, we are joined to this wonder. We have put on + Christ, and our sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

R244



- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience their cross and suf f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



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ADVENT CANDLE "He Came Down" (two times through)

R253

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2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;



he came down that we may have light;

hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

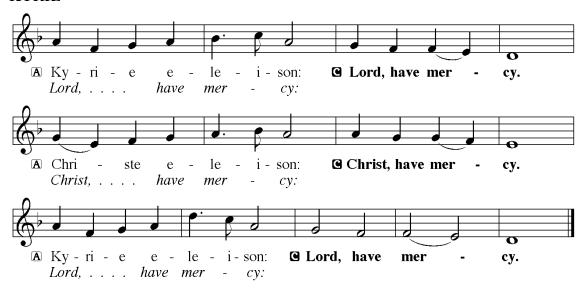
Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

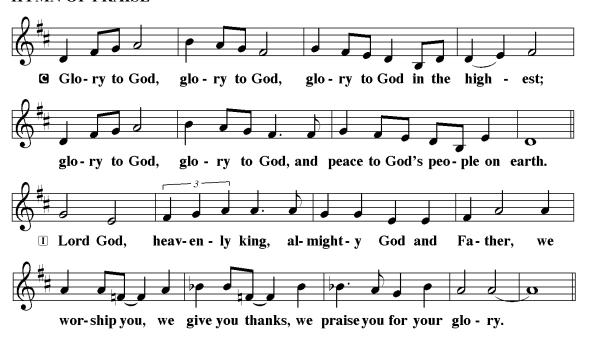
GREETING

- 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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

¹I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

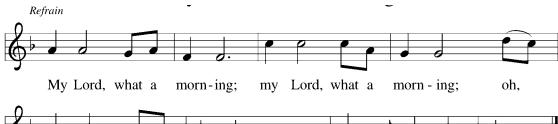
[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Lord, What a Morning" (The assembly stands as they are able)

R438





my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual This selection is in the public domain.

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: Lord in your mercy...

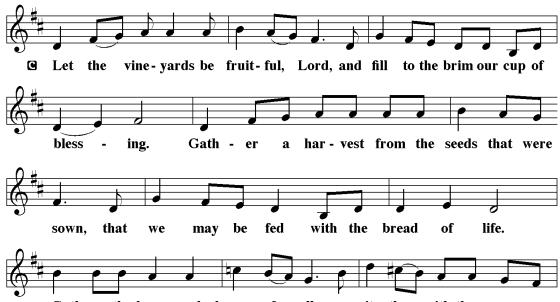
C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

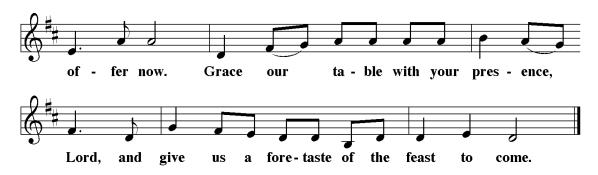
God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

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



Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



P: Let us pray... Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

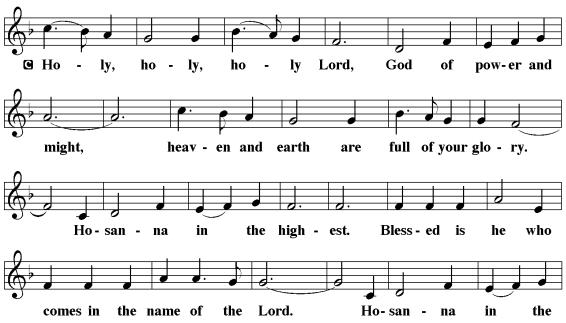
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

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:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is our God, who has come to save us.

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



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(the assembly stands as they are able)

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

C: Amen.

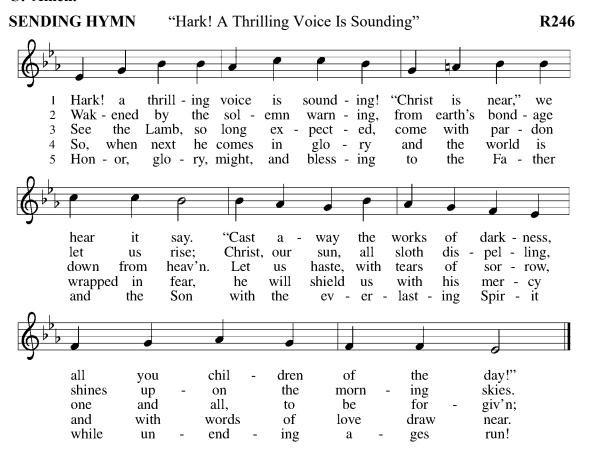
P: Let us pray... Faithful God,

in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 This selection is in the public domain.

Music: MERTON , William H. Monk, 1823–1889

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Kathy Rettell -- Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Candee and Neviah Fetty, Matthew & Rebecca, Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Al Smolinski, Donna Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Kevin Furze, who passed away on November 18th.

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).

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 27

We will not have Sunday School on November 27. Sunday School resumes December 4.

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.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Youth Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. John's Lutheran Church/Three Rivers, Rev. James Smith, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

November 27 - Apologies and Reconciliation

In July, Pope Francis offered apologies to Indigenous Peoples of Canada for the church-run boarding schools in that country. The U.S. also had Indian boarding schools, government run and church-run, that attempted to strip away native language and culture from Native children involuntarily removed from families. This gives us the opportunity to talk about apologizing, forgiveness and reconciliation in both our personal lives and in our society. Join us at 11 in the Lounge for the class. See Pastor Tom if you are not getting the materials prior to class.

<u>Special Adult CE in January & February</u> - Corinthian Correspondence: Conflict, Case Studies, Contemporary Congregations, and Christ

Our Synod is offering a special Adult Education Class early next year. On Tuesday evenings for 6 weeks starting January 10, a presentation by Rev. Dr. Walter Taylor, retired New Testament professor for Trinity Lutheran Seminary will be offered online. The following Sunday our ACE class (Adult Christian Education) will discuss the presentation. We will have a "watch party" here at church on Tuesday evenings where we can watch his presentation together. Or you could watch it at home by registering yourself with the Synod, you would be able to watch the recording at another time. See Pastor Tom for more details.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AFTER WORSHIP - SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

Plan to stay for fellowship and fun after the worship service on December 4. Come and help make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We will be putting up and decorating our large Christmas tree again this year along with many other decorations.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST - MORE TAGS AVAILABLE

We have received more tags from the Christmas Wish List of the United Way. They are on the tree in the Office Lobby and can be picked up anytime. There is a little extra time to get these in. Gifts will need to be wrapped (NO GIFT BAGS), with the gift tag securely taped to the package. Thank you for making a difference in our community.

The Discipleship Committee

OPERATION TOYS FOR KIDS/OPERATION HOLIDAYS DONATIONS

The Vietnam Vets of America 583 is continuing their 30 year tradition of providing help to children and families at this time of year. All their work is funded by donations. Any help you can give goes directly to the gifts for the kids. If you want to drop off money contributions that can be dropped off at their center in the Thunder Bay Shopping Center, down from Nieman's old location. They are there most days from 8 am to 8 pm. Or bring your contribution to church and we will get it to them. Their effort takes nearly \$100,000 each year. Thanks to these vets. Lets support them.

BAKE SALE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, FROM 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Ruth Circle is planning a bake sale at Grace again this year on December 3rd. *Please check your recipes for all kinds of goodies. We depend on everyone to help us make this a success.* Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 2, from 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated.

Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 if you can help set up on Friday or help the day of the sale. Thanks! This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.

FILL A PLATE WITH COOKIES FOR THE BAKE SALE – DECEMBER 3

Some Hummel plates have been donated for the Bake Sale. It would be great to fill them with cookies or treats and have them out for the sale. They're sure to go fast. See Chris Christopherson to let her know that you will have something for them.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

You are invited to join in Christmas caroling around the community! There will be lunch provided after church on **Sunday**, **December 11 at 11:00** am and caroling will begin at 12:00pm. A sign up sheet will be posted. We will be going to assisted living homes as well as homes of some of our members. Please join in the fun!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DECORATIONS

This year we are again asking for donations for Christmas flowers/decorations for the church in lieu of individual poinsettias. They can be made in honor or memory of someone. Several larger poinsettias will be ordered and greenery or other decorations needed will be purchased with the money. This will alleviate throwing away so many poinsettias. Forms are available in the Office Lobby and on our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org and may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office no later than December 16.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Thankfulness for our blessings this month and always! Most of us have enough to eat and shelter to keep us warm and we are so grateful. Our Little Food Pantry helps with those who don't. We see a lot going out and are thankful for all those who contribute! We need bread, boxed stuffing and nonperishable items that might go in a Thanksgiving meal. Also collecting hats, mittens and gloves.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP

Do you have some time to help stock the LFP? Mondays and Saturdays need someone to bring things up to fill the inside shelves and outside box. Takes just a bit of time. Interested? Call Mary Lappan for more info. 989.255.7511

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.

COVID TEST KITS FOR AT-HOME USE

COVID test kits continue to be available in the church office. Just stop by or give us a call.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

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

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







Anniversaries of Baptism

December 1

December 4

December 6

December 7

December 8Jewel Lancaster

Ryan Werblow

December 9

Cindy Suszek

December 11

David Dekett

December 12Janie Hansen

December 13Clarence Cross

December 14 Cheryl Lang

Gary Grove

Monica Jahnke

Levi Konarzewski

Kevin Graham

Andrea Matzke



December 17 Joel Gillard

December 21 Gracie Gillard

December 23 Melissa Chabot

December 24Riley Garant
Edward Jahnke

December 26 Erin Graham

December 28 Jessica Konarzewski Sherie McTaggart

December 30 Ethan McIntosh **December 1**Denise Timrick

December 2 Laurie Slater Ashley Timmreck-Walker

Birthdays

December 3 Ricky Slater Laura Thompson

December 5 Cody Suszek

December 7 Riley Garant Sophia Kamyszek

December 8 Hannah Kamyszek

December 9
Paul Denstaedt

December 16 Stephanie Adamski Jerry Mudge

Decemer 18 Stephen Hansen **December 19** Donna Czarnecki

December 20 Gracelyn Gohlke Reed Lappan

December 21 Charlotte Werth

December 22 Shane Jaroch Connie Stepanski

December 24Patricia Schultz

December 25 Matthew Freel

December 26 Taylor Agius

December 27 Jessica Timm

December 29 Verna Furze Kenda Yochum

December 30 Tom Lappan



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd	Joseph & Dawn Gentry	19th	George & Mary Rowader
	Dick & Barb Werle	21st	Matt & Jessica Gillard
4th	Mike & Tracey Urlaub	23rd	Tom & Joan Brennan
7th	Mike & Kim McCourt	29th	Bob & Susan Stacey
16th	Tom & Keri Bertrand	30th	Tom & Mary Lappan

December 16 Polly Cook

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK! **SERVING NOVEMBER 26/27** Ministers God's People Sunday - 27th Pastor Rev. Tom Orth NO Sunday School Today **Choir Practice** 8:50 am AccompanistAmy Truth 9:30 am Worship Lector Ruby Haske Adult Christian Ed 11:00 am Communion Monday - 28th AssistantsClarence & Bonnie Cross CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Ushers..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Kitchen Reserved Cindy Domrase (Sat.) 8am - 2pm Greeters......Clarence & Bonnie Cross Tuesday - 29th Altar Guild...... Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght Church Office Open 8am-noon Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre Wednesday - 30th Counters......Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek All Day Kitchen Reserved -Coffee Hour Joel & Cindy Suszek Bake Sale Baking 8am-noon Church Office Open **SERVING DECEMBER 3/4** Weekly Bulletin 9:00 am Announcements Due Pastor Rev. Tom Orth 6:00 pm **Bell Choir Practice** Music Director......Claire Schreiber Thursday - 1st AccompanistAmy Truth Church Office Open 8am-noon Lector Mike Urlaub Kitchen Reserved 8am-2pm Communion 4:00 pm Lounge Reserved **Assistants** Wayne & Chris Christopherson Ushers......Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske Friday - 2nd Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.) All Day Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Greeters...... Rick & Sharon Engstrom Reserved - Bake Sale Altar Guild...... Gentry Family Church Office Open 8am-noon Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan Saturday - 3rd Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre 9am-12:30pm Bake Sale Counters......Clarence & Bonnie Cross

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

5:00 pm

Worship

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