Grace Lutheran Worship Folder July 8, 2023



Season after Pentecost

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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(the assembly stands as they are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(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, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Righteous God,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Give Me Jesus" **R770** In the morn-ing when I the morn-ing when I rise, 1 in rise, Dark . . . mid-night was my dark . . . mid-night was my 2 cry, cry, a - bout the break of a - bout the break of 3 Just day, just day, . . . when I oh, . . . when I come to die, 4 Oh, come to die, . . . when I and . . . when I 5 And want to sing, want to sing, • 0 0 the morn-ing when I in rise, give Je me sus. dark. . . . mid - night was my Je give cry, me sus. a - bout the break of just day, Je give me sus. oh. . . . when I die. come to give Je me sus. _ and . . . when Ι want to sing, Je give me sus. Refrain Give me Je Je sus, give me sus. 0 You may have all the give me Je rest, sus.

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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.

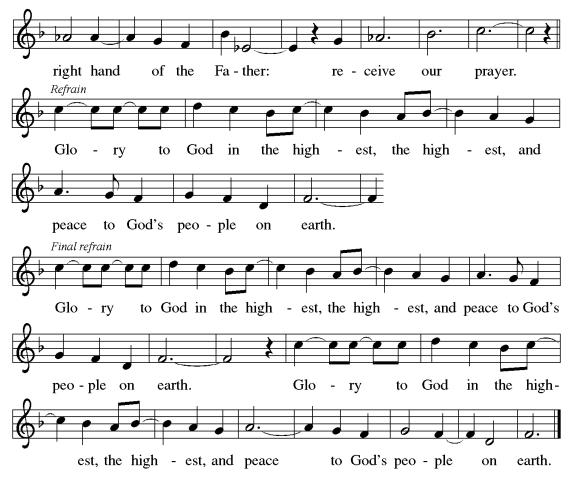
KYRIE (vs. 1 & 4)



HYMN OF PRAISE



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope." ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

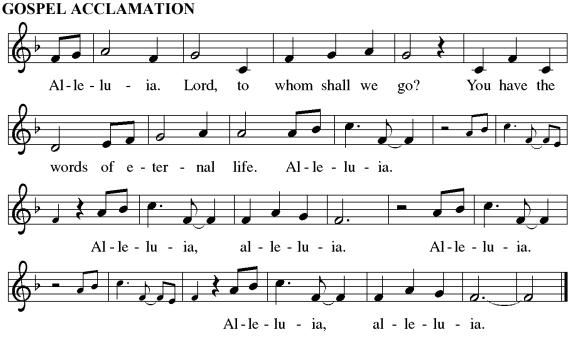
¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies

close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have

revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" **R608** and ten - der - ly Soft - ly Je - sus is call - ing. call - ing for 1 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus 2 is plead - ing. plead - ing for the won-der - ful 3 Oh, for love he has prom - ised. prom - ised for you and for See. the por - tals he's wait-ing and watch-ing, me. on you and for Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer-cies, me? have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don, you and for me! Though we Refrain watch-ing for you and for me. mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home. come home! par - don for you and for me. You who are wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call-ing. call - ing, "O sin - ner. come home!" Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

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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

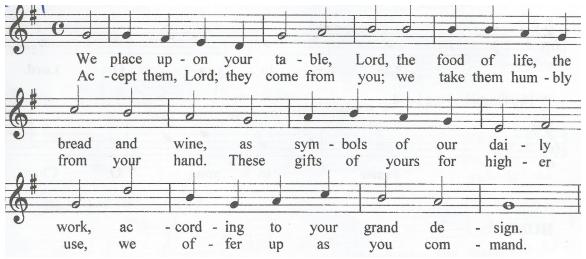
(Response after each petition)

- P: Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

<u>MEAL</u> 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)

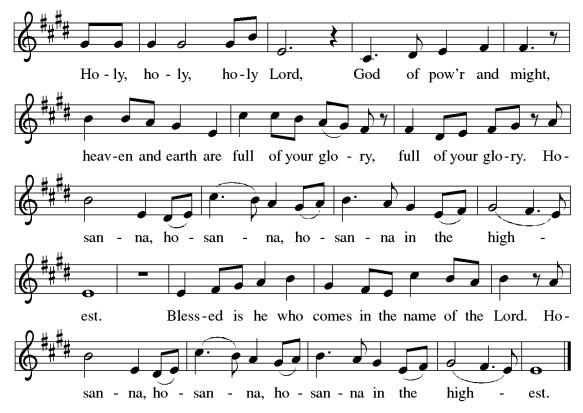


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- P: Let us pray...God of field and forest, sea and sky,
- C: you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, 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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

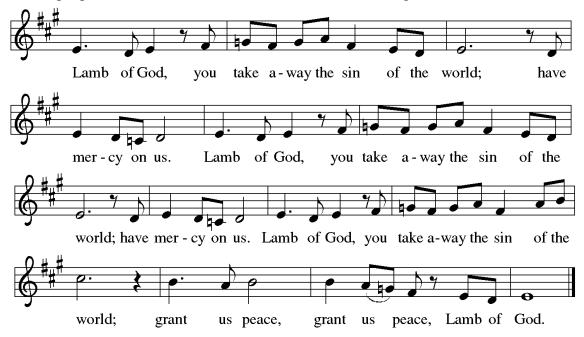
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.



COMMUNION HYMN "Day by Day"



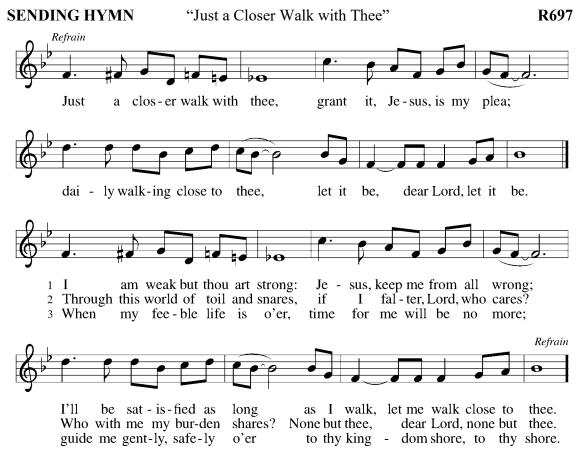
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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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...We thank you, generous God,
- C: for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **P:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

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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.

BRUNCH AT GRACE AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP - JULY 9TH AT 9:30 AM

Join us at 9:30 a.m. for brunch at Grace after our **<u>8:30 a.m.</u>** Sunday morning worship at the Bandshell with the First United Methodist Church congregation. (Please note the change in time and venue for our Sunday morning worship this week.) Pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs will be served. *Please bring a dish to share*.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Malaski, Tammy Furze, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jack Thompson, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Frankfort, Rev. Richard Stieve and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Together by Grace - Lutheran History, Tradition and Thinking

Our series continues this week with the final topic "Voices and Places: Stories from the Global Lutheran Family" at 11 in the Lounge. Everyone is welcome to join us for any session. We have wide ranging discussions that are lively and go where the conversation leads us at any one time.

NEXT ADULT CE SERIES LEARN ABOUT OTHER CHRISTIAN AND FAITH TRADITIONS

Our next Adult Christian Education series will be based on the book *Honoring My Neighbor's Faith: A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America.* The series will begin later in August and be held several times a month with the remaining Sunday classes each month on other topics. *The books are \$15. Sign up in the Office Lobby or can be ordered by letting Pastor Tom know or calling the office. Please order by July 23.*

WEDDING

We pray for God's blessings for Brady & Taylor (Chroninger) Loop, who were married on Saturday, July 8th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer means parties by the pool. This summer at Grace, kids will learn what a difference Jesus can make in their lives, when they are willing to dive in with him.

We've got some summer VBS dates scheduled for: Tuesday, July 11th from 1-2:30pm AND Tuesday, August 15th from 1-2:30pm.

Sign up for one session or both. All kids of Grace are welcome. Invite your friends!

Sign up by emailing Tracie Granata @ <u>Tracie@BayAthleticClub.com</u>

GIVE A MEAL - LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – JULY 15 & 16

How about giving a meal to the Little Food Pantry! Mary Lappan is suggesting these combinations.

Breakfast: cereal & non-perishable milk; **Lunch:** peanut butter, jam/jelly & bread; **Supper:** tomato sauces & pastas. **Always needed**: toilet paper & feminine hygiene products. Combine with others and give a meal to those who need food. Thanks!

PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE OUR NEW SCHEDULES

Please complete the survey that was emailed to everyone receiving our emails as soon as possible. It is very short and will only take a minute or two. This will help us get the new schedules in place this Fall. Thank you!! (**Paper copies are located in the Office Narthex if you would prefer to complete a written copy**. *Please return the paper copy* to the church office or place in the offering plate.)

HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW THEIR FAITH!

Would you help our children grow their faith? Be part of the team that will teach our children about Jesus and have them hear Bible stories. You would work together with others as part of Grace's Education Work Group providing Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Lessons would come from a Lutheran curriculum package and often an arts/ crafts project is part of the class. We are looking for a team of people to share doing the class together on a rotating basis. The team would be supported by Education Work Group Chair Elsa Phillips and Pastor Tom. If you are interested or have any questions please contact one of them.

RUMMAGE SALE AUGUST 25 & 26

<u>Please do not drop off any items at this time</u>. If you are planning to do Spring cleaning and have items you can no longer use, please keep us in mind. Your generosity in helping our mission is deeply appreciated. We ask that you hold items until the sale when we will receive them directly into the Fellowship Hall two weeks before, rather than having to carry items up and down the stairs to the basement. <u>No large furniture items, please</u>.

GRACE LUTHERAN IS 150 YEARS OLD

We have some projects to celebrate this year. If you are interested in participating in the preparation for them, contact Pastor Tom.

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

The Quilters have <u>lots of yarn</u>. If you would like to start knitting/crocheting mittens or scarves for this year's Giving Tree, please come get some. The yarn is in a basket in the Office Lobby.

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE MEETING - JULY 25 6:30 PM AT GRACE

What is regenerative agriculture and why should you care? Regenerative agriculture involves methods of farming that help the planet. The July 25th evening event, will show the informative film, "Kiss the Ground," and hear from some local farmers, an Alpena representative of the US Department of Agriculture, and a representative of the Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District. Jan Charter is putting the event together for the community.

NEW ADDRESS

Harry Kautz has moved to Turning Brook. His new address is Apt. 207, 300 Oxbow Dr, Alpena, MI 49707. He would welcome cards. Thank you.

THANK YOU

My girls, their families and I want to thank our Grace family for the tremendous support and love we felt from all of you during Gary's funeral. After a tough two year battle with brain cancer, he is finally at peace. Gary wanted to have his funeral at Grace and with Pastor Tom. Being at Grace and all of you was just what we all needed! The service was beautiful, the meal excellent and Pastor's message was very comforting. You all helped make a difficult day a beautiful memory for our family. My love and thanks to you all! -- Joelyn Rich

BRACELET FOUND

A bracelet was found during our Spring cleaning of the kitchen. Please call the office to identify and claim.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

Devotionals for July, August & September have arrived and are on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

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. Anniversaries of Baptism



July 4 Caitlin Wade

July 5 Myles Granata Ann O'Connor

July 6 Rachel Chroninger Taylor Chroninger

July 7 Grace Kuligowski Harper Suszek

July 8 Charity Corwin

July 11 Emily Szymanski



Wedding Anniversaries

6th	Ken & Nancy Amelotte
14th	Jim & Denise Timrick
	Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
15th	Jeff & Shirley Diemond
19th	Fred & Joanne Kindt
27th	Scott & Judy Black
29th	Greg & Ellie Walker
30th	Ray & Leslie Reynolds
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July 14 Richard Carlson

July 15 Scott Lancaster

July 17 Michele Amelotte

July 20 Rhonda Anderson Christopher Carlson Amelia Kamyszek

July 22 Mike Schiller

July 24 Vicki VanEssen

July 29 Kathy Piontkowski Oliviah Viegelahn **July 1** Christopher Carlson Dale Schultz

July 2 Jonathan Lang

July 4 Riley Gohlke

July 6 Wayne Christopherson Jon Crow Donald LaBarre

July 7 Elaine Hatch

July 9 Joanne Nicholls

July 10 Stephanie Suszek

July 12 Britni Nowak Hadleigh Suszek

July 15 Myra Cross Vicki Denstaedt

July 16 Clarence Cross



Birthdays

July 17 Leslie Reynolds

July 18 Scott Kuligowski

July 21 Margaret Clemens Dorothy Hansen Brian Nelson Patti Tucker

July 22 Joel Fraley Kay Grove

July 23 Scott Henning

July 24 Christena Christopherson Jim Hansen

July 27 Pam Gohlke Anthony Thompson

July 28 Paige Timmreck

July 31 Rodney Szymanski



HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 9th
8:30 am
11:00 amWorship at Bandshell
Adult CE - LoungeMonday - 10th
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8am-3pmKitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 11th

8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am	Pastors Text Study -
	Lounge
1-2:30 pm	VBS at Grace

Wednesday - 12th

8am-noon Church Office Open 10-11:30 am VBS at Grace

Thursday - 13th

8am-noon 8am-3pm 4:00 pm Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Lounge Reserved

<u>Friday - 14th</u>

8am-noon 8am-3pm Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

<u>Saturday - 15th</u> 5:00 pm

Worship

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

SERVING JULY 8/9

Pastor	God's People Rev. Tom Orth	
	Claire Schreiber	
	Amy Truth	
Lector	Joe Gentry	
Communion		
Assistants Sherie	McTaggart/Jo Ann Smith	
UshersDa	le Schultz, Jo Ann Smith,	
June	Daly; Diane Prevost (Sat.)	
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek	
Altar Guild	Chris Christopherson,	
	Jeanne Pankey	
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, D	Don Barnard, Don LaBarre	
Counters	Clarence & Bonnie Cross	
Coffee Hour Anne Gentry, Vicki Cripps,		
Jo	Ann Smith	

SERVING JULY 15/16

Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director .	Claire Schreiber
Organist/Pianis	tAmy Truth
Lector	Jan Charter
Communion	
	erie McTaggart/Jo Ann Smith
Ushers	Dale Schultz, Jo Ann Smith,
	June Daly; Diane Prevost (Sat.)
	Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Altar Guild	Chris Christopherson,
	Jeanne Pankey
Livestream Tea	m Dawn Anderson, Jan
	er, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour	Ruby Haske & Family

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