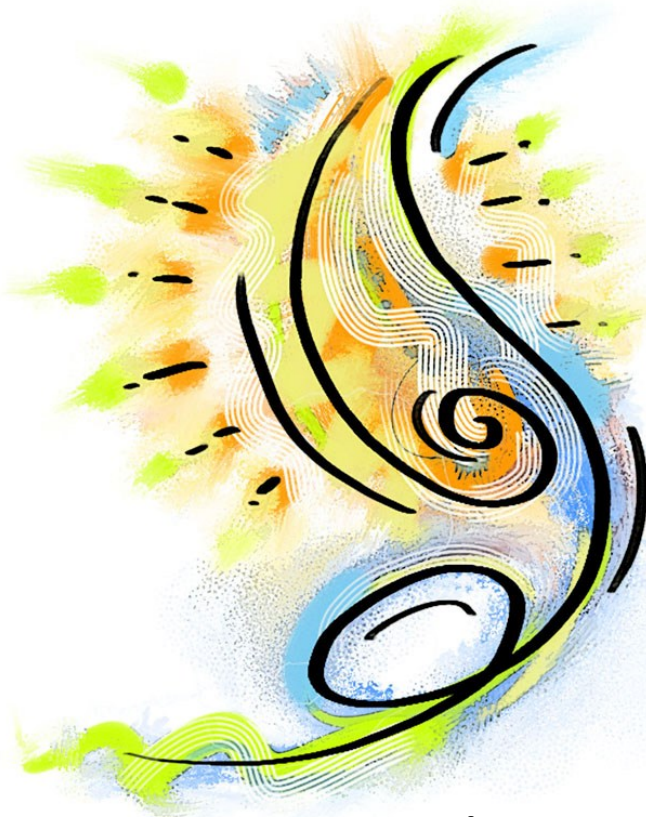


# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*September 9 & 10, 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**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)  
(the assembly stands as you are comfortable)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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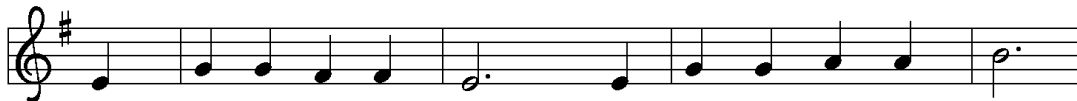
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## GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. <sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 119:33-40

*I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)*

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

### **Romans 13:8-14**

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides 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; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

### **Matthew 18:15-20**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“God’s Work, Our Hands”**

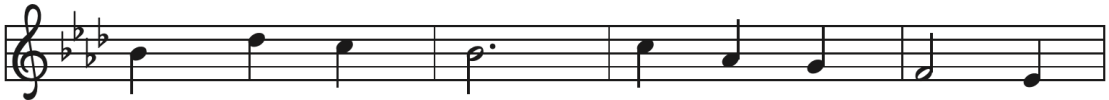
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1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,  
3 God’s work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread’s on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God’s love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God’s love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,





shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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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.

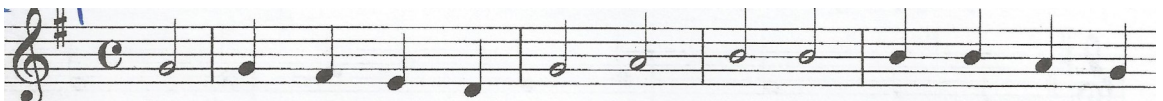
**C:** Your mercy is great.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## OFFERING

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



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly



bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
 from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er

work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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**P:** Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

**C:** **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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:** Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

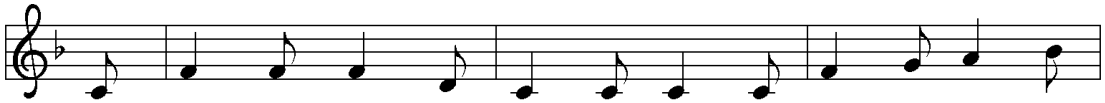


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN “I Come with Joy”

R482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

**C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### “Go My Children”

R543



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

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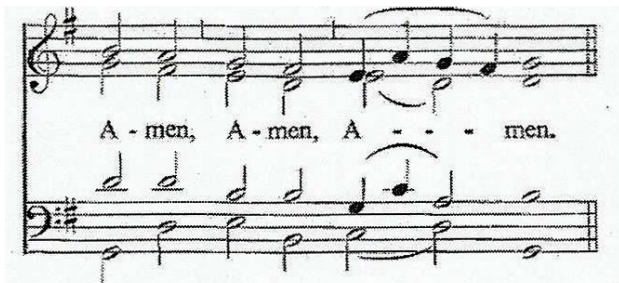
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



## POSTLUDE



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

### A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

## COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Clarence & Bonnie Cross's 51st wedding anniversary.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Kay Grove, Logan Suszek, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, 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, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Dewayne Nail, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, 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 all who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids - Rev. Robert Linstrom, Rev. Daniel Schewe, and Rev. Kari Fast and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - September 10**

### **Can We Disregard Any of Jesus' Teachings?**

That's the question our Wired Word curriculum asks. Their examples were "love your enemies" and "turn the other cheek." Do those still apply today? Could we think of other issues like divorce, anger, oath-making or profaning? It comes down to how we interpret the Bible and apply it to our lives today. Join us in the Lounge at 11 as we try to live out our faith today.

## **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10**

In celebration of God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Grace will be assisting Samaritas Senior Living on Wilson Street with a fall cleanup of individual residents' garden plots and raised flowerbeds in the facility patio area. After the cleanup, we will host a Sweets and Treats fellowship hour with the Samaritas residents. The cleanup will be done from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with the fellowship hour to follow. Please bring garden tools to help with the clean up. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in our community!

## **MUSIC SEASON POTLUCK - SEPTEMBER 13**

We will be having our start of the music season potluck on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 pm at the church. Everyone interested in Choir and/or Bell Choir is welcome! Please sign your name/what dish you plan on bringing on the sign-up sheet in the Office Lobby if you plan on attending.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER 14**

**with Rabbi Howard Morrison and Pastor Tom Orth**

The program “Unity and Diversity Within and Between Judaism and Christianity presented by Rabbi Morrison and Pastor Orth will meet September 14 from 6:00 P.M.– 8:00 P.M. at Grace Lutheran Church. From 6:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M. Rabbi Morrison and Pastor Orth with focus on prayer and worship traditions. After a short break with some hospitality, they will discuss the range of traditions within Judaism and Christianity.

## **JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 5:30 PM**

Join with church members as we fill bags with meals for students to take home on the weekend, the Feeding Kids Ministry program. Meet at the old Sunset School on Hobbs Drive using the kitchen entrance on the left side of the building toward the back. We could use 15 - 20 people including children 5 and older to do this project for about 1 - 1 ½ hours. It involves gathering all the items together for the meals sent home with students on the weekend. Please sign up in the Office Lobby. Thanks.

## **BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!**

**October 26 - Game Night hosted by the Quilters.**

Watch upcoming bulletins for more details as we get closer the event.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

The Little Food Pantry welcomes those wonderful items from your garden. Harvesting those fruits and vegetables are so healthy and delicious this time of year. Thank you for your donations! Last week a local farmer donated 20 dozens eggs and they went fast. Thank you!

## **THANK YOU**

THANK YOU to all who helped make our rummage sale a HUGE success. Whether it was in donating items, helping set up or take down, working the days of the sales, purchasing items, or in any other way, your time and effort to help was GREATLY APPRECIATED. We hope to have one next year, so please keep us in mind. With the \$1,385 profit, we will truly be able to help in our community and the world. -- GRACE QUILTERS

## **NEW LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINES ARE HERE**

Living Lutheran magazines for September/October 2023 have arrived. They are available 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.

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JULY 2023**

Average needed in July (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 22,930.00
Monthly Giving - July	16,491.70

#### We received:

102 envelopes, 69 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 5 Give+ payments made from our website



## Anniversaries of Baptism



**September 1**  
Britni Nowak

**September 2**  
Joanne Kindt

**September 5**  
Jon Crow  
Aaron Nowak

**September 10**  
Dawn Gentry  
Jim Hansen  
Brian Nelson

**September 14**  
Astrid Fitzpatrick

**September 15**  
Scott Henning

**September 20**  
Mark Freel  
Caileigh Nitchman

**September 22**  
William Whitscell

**September 27**  
Jonathan Lang  
Wayne Lewis  
Marco Wade  
Owen Wade

**September 28**  
Rachel Engstrom

**September 29**  
T. J. Lappan  
Chuck McKay



2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
11th Jim & Laurie Hansen  
16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie  
17th Gordon & Karen Suszek

## Birthdays



**September 4**  
Kiowa Kirchoff  
Marcie Law

**September 5**  
Bill Platt

**September 10**  
Ryan Werblow

**September 11**  
Donald Cross  
Steven Garant  
Marjorie Weber

**September 12**  
Shane Bullard  
Jacquelyn R. Timm

**September 14**  
Izzy Denstaedt  
Nic Timmreck

**September 15**  
Thomas Bertrand

**September 17**  
William Bock

**September 18**  
Maia Slominski

**September 21**  
Lawrence Nelson

**September 24**  
Judith Douglas

**September 26**  
Joseph Gentry

**September 27**  
Cheryl Lang

**September 28**  
Darlene Freel  
Ann O'Connor

**September 29**  
John Kuligowski  
Jessica McKenzie  
Dennis Werblow

**September 30**  
Ella Sandula  
Kady Sandula  
Connie Suszek

## Wedding Anniversaries

19th Joel & Cindy Suszek  
20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson  
29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski



## GRACE'S FALL CALENDAR

(As of September 9, 2023)

- Sept 10 - God's Work Our Hands - Samaritas Manor  
1PM Garden Cleanups - 3 PM Fellowship
- Sept 13 - Music Program Potluck - 6 PM
- Sept 14 - Community Outreach -  
Program with Temple Beth-El - 6 PM
- Sept 17 - Sunday School Kick Off
- Sep 18 - Feeding Kids packing - 5:30 PM at Sunset School
- Sep 23/24 - Quilt Dedication Weekend
- Oct 16 - Feeding Kids packing - 5:30 PM at Sunset School
- Oct 26 - Quilters Game Night
- Oct 31 - Neighborhood Trick or Treat
- Nov 5 - Semi-Annual Mtg - after worship
- Nov/Dec - Christmas Wish List - UW & Volunteer Center
- Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner at Church and delivered
- Dec 2 - Ruth Circle Bake Sale
- Dec 10 - Christmas Decorating Church - after worship
- Dec 17 - Caroling - after worship

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday – 10th - God’s Work, Our Hands**

**9:30 am**      **Worship**  
11:00 am      Adult CE - Lounge  
1:00 pm        Samaritas - Garden  
                    Clean Up  
3:00 pm        Fellowship with  
                    Samaritas Residents (at  
                    Samaritas)

**Monday - 11th**

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

**Tuesday - 12th**

8am-noon      Church Office Open  
9:00 am        Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am       Pastors Text Study -  
                    Lounge

**Wednesday - 13th**

8am-noon      Church Office Open  
6:00 pm        Music Season Potluck

**Thursday - 14th**

8am-noon      Church Office Open  
8am-3pm        Kitchen Reserved  
6:00 pm        Temple BethEl Program

**Friday - 15th**

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

**Saturday - 16th**

**5:00 pm**      **Worship**

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

**SERVING SEPTEMBER 9/10**

**Ministers** ..... God’s People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Lector** ..... Anne Gentry  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,  
                    Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry  
**Altar Guild**..... Sherie McTaggart,  
                    Arlis St. Charles  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
                    Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
                    Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Joel & Cindy Suszek

**SERVING SEPTEMBER 16/17**

**Ministers** ..... God’s People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Lector** ..... Jan Charter  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,  
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**Greeters**..... Joel & Cindy Suszek  
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**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
                    Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

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