Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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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.)

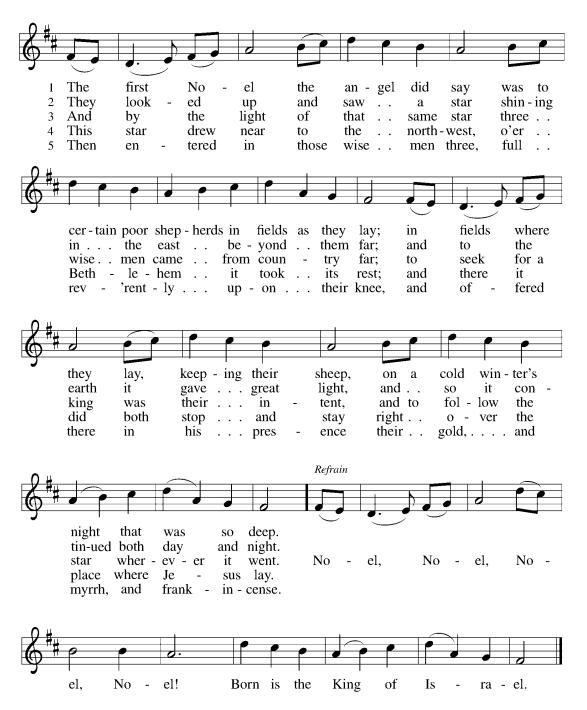
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of 中 Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "The First Noel"

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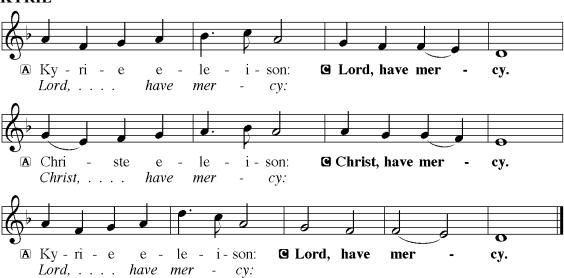
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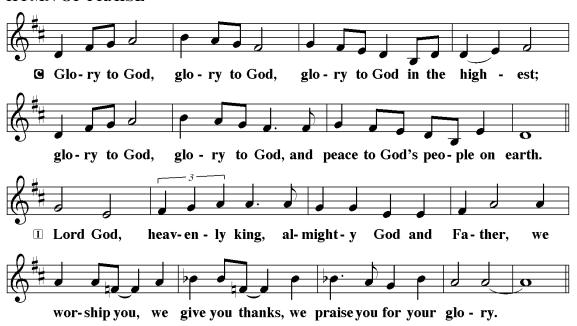
GREETING

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

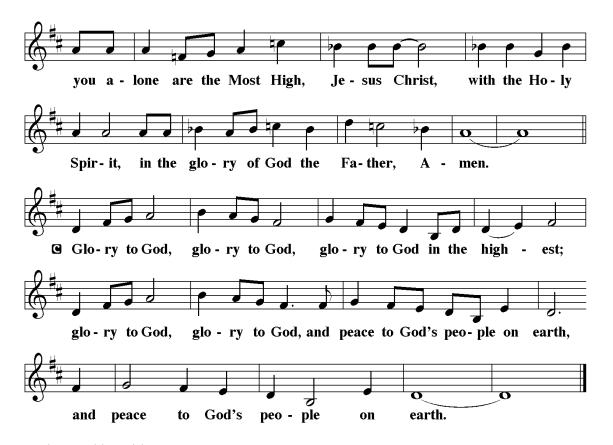
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HYMN OF PRAISE







P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of

international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

¹¹May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.

Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

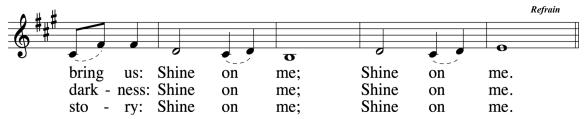
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)





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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: Lord in your mercy...

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

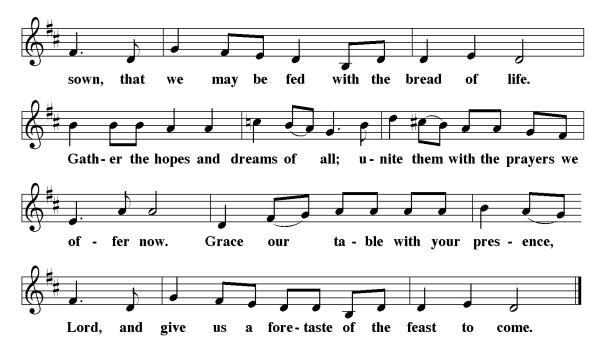
OFFERING

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



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P: Let us pray... Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

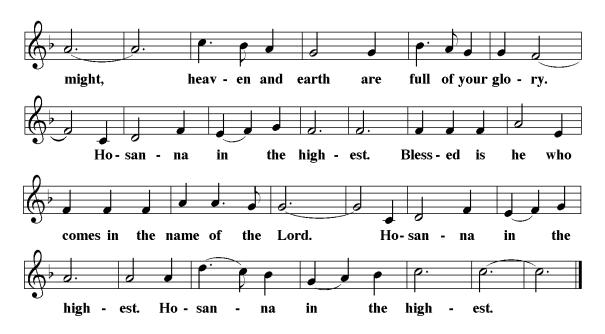
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:...

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.

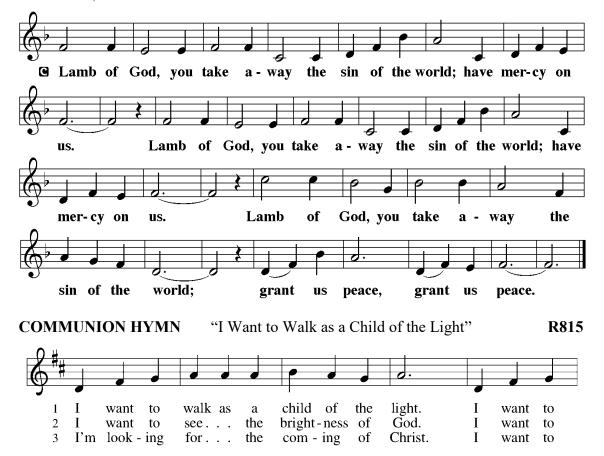
LORD'S PRAYER

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: Come and taste the joy of God!

(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... Holy One, We thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Budd Jobson, 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 -- Kevin Carlson, Nina, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), 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 Nena Shipman, whose mother, Shirley "Joy" Brooks, passed away this past week.

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).

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 Church Leadership at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Zion Lutheran Church/Woodland, Rev. Rebecca Ebb-Speese, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

Join us as we take down our Christmas Decorations after worship on Sunday, January 8th. There is something everyone can do. *Thanks*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - DECEMBER/JANUARY

NO Sunday School on the following dates: January 8 and 15, 2023. Sunday School resumes January 22, 2023

ALTAR GUILD HELP JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Helps is needed on Sundays during the next 2 months to clean up after the weekend worship services for the communion elements. If you can help for several of the weeks or a month, please let Peggy know in the office. *Thanks*

THE CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE - SPECIAL ADULT CE FOR THE NEXT 6 WEEKS

Our synod, the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, is doing a special Adult Class for 6 weeks entitled *The Corinthian Correspondence: Conflict, Case Studies, Contemporary Congregations and Christ*. On Tuesday evenings at 6 pm, retired seminary professor Rev. Dr. Walter Taylor will offer a Zoom presentation on the topic from Corinthians. Grace will offer a chance to view the Zoom here at church. The following Sunday we will discuss that week's presentation in our Sunday morning ACE (Adult Christian Education) class. Each class is structured by Dr. Taylor so that participants can join for a given class(es) as they can. You do not need to be at all of them to participate. See Pastor Tom for more info.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME devotionals are in for January through March. Pick them up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

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

COMING SOON - SAVE THE DATE

Game Night ~ Saturday, January 20th ~ More details to follow

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry has been busy over the holidays! We have volunteers stocking almost every day and it goes quickly. A note has been placed between the pantry doors reminding that it is a short term pantry and to take 3 or 4 items at a time so others can access too.

Thanks goes out to the beautiful hats and mittens that were handmade. So needed during this cold weather!

SOUP'S ON AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL! PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW!

A nice hot bowl of savory vegetable soup would taste good right about now, wouldn't it? It's a sound bet it will also taste good on Jan. 20-21, when Trinity Church is brewing up Maggie Michaud's Nearly Famous Vegetable Soup on sale at \$10 per quart. One must PRE-ORDER by calling Cheryl Bates at 989-657-2939 or emailing Sonya Titus at sonyagtitus@gmail.com. Once you've pre-ordered, pick up your soup at Trinity's Fellowship Hall (glass doors in front) on Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m., or on Jan. 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The soup comes in quart-size plastic containers ready-to-eat or, if you choose, frozen for later. (NOTE: The containers are not microwave-safe.) A list of ingredients is available upon request, but Maggie would prefer to keep her Nearly Famous recipe a secret!

BELIZE MISSION TRIP CORNHOLE & CHILI FEE FUNDRAISER

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ January 14, 2023 ~ 3-7:30 pm

Registration forms with complete details on table in Office Lobby.

CHRISTMAS CARD

We've received a Christmas card from Craig Weise. See the card on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE CHECK DOORS WHEN ENTERING/EXITING BUILDING

If you are the last one leaving the building, please check to make sure that doors are locked AND LATCHED behind you. If you are entering or exiting the building and doors are already locked, please be sure that the doors latch behind you. Just letting the door swing back as you enter or exit **DOES NOT** ensure that the door will completely close and latch. Thank you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY 2023

A list of January birthdays & anniversaries can be found on the "news" page of our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!		SERVING JANUARY 7/8
Sunday Qth		Ministers God's People
Sunday - 8th 8:50 am	Choir Practice	Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
6.30 alli	NO Sunday School	Music DirectorClaire Schreiber
9:30 am	Worship	AccompanistAmy Truth
7.50 am	Undecorate the Church Following Worship	Lector
		Communion
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Monday - 9th		Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson
8am-noon	Church Office Open	Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
		Greeters
Tuesday - 10th		Altar GuildArlis St. Charles (Set up) Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
8am-noon	Church Office Open	Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting	Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
6:00 pm	Adult CE - Lounge	Darlene Freel
		Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch
Wednesday - 11th		Corrections
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