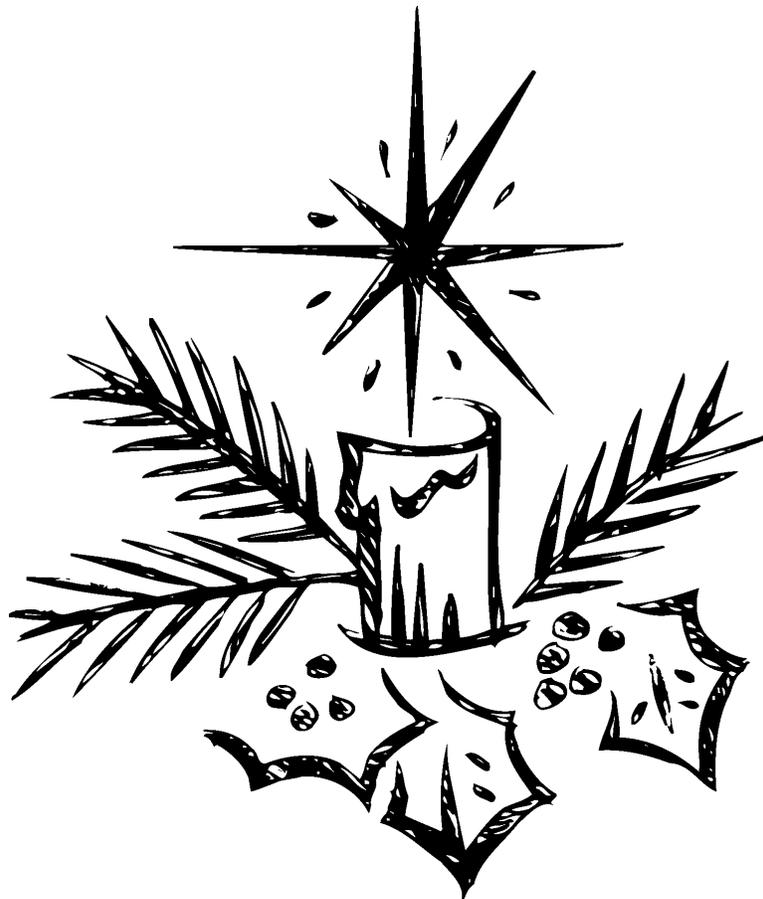


Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

December 3 & 4, 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 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

R249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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ADVENT CANDLE “He Came Down” (two times through)

R253



3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;



he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional
 Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional
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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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☒ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I
II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through 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 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

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

²**that 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.

⁴**Let 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.

⁶**Let 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.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Romans 5:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

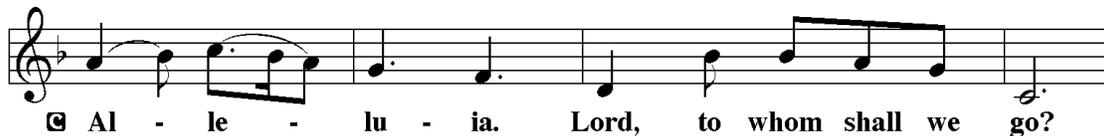
⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

R256

(The assembly stands as they are able)



1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
2 For the her-ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

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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)*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



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



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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



might, heav - en 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.

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)



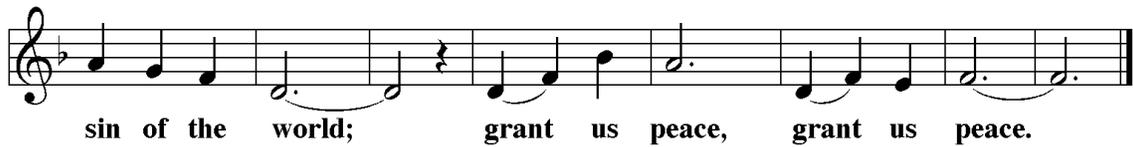
☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



COMMUNION HYMN “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” R247



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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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.

SENDING HYMN “All Earth Is Hopeful”

R266



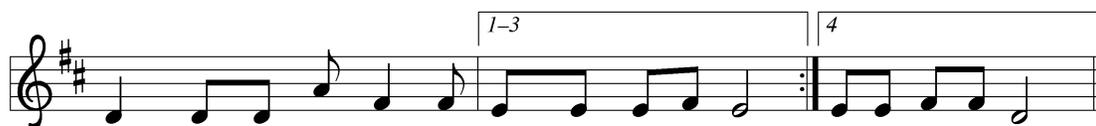
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 “A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el”; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, “God with us,” our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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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

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 -- 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.

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 all who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Traverse City, Rev. Paul Busekist, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Earle & Louisa Spencer, given by Elsa Phillips.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING - JOIN US SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH AFTER WORSHIP

We're putting up the tree and the greens and the candles on Sunday. Join in preparing the church for the season.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

We have just a few tags left on the tree. There is still time to shop if you would like to make someone's Christmas wish come true! Tags may be picked up during the week or on Sat/Sun. **All gifts need to be back to the church no later than Sunday, Dec. 11th.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP CRAFT NIGHT

Like to quilt or want to learn? Do you knit, crochet, do needlework or have another craft you like to do? The Reboot Committee and Grace Quilters invite you to a Fellowship Craft Night on **Thursday, December 8, from 6:30-9:00 pm**. The quilters will be happy to show you the many steps and different talents needed to make the quilts - it's not just sewing. Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlework projects or other crafting that you enjoy doing to share your tips and skills with others. See you there!

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!

ADULT CE SUNDAY MORNINGS IS ON HIATUS UNTIL DECEMBER 18TH

This week we are decorating the church. And on Sunday December 11, we are going caroling. So Sunday class returns on December 18th for the last time this year. January the special series on the Corinthian Correspondence starts.

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.**

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.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Christmas season is upon us and we have so many blessings. Our donations for the Little Food Pantry have been generous and we are so thankful for all of our community generosity. A special thanks goes out to Besser School families who donated this week 2077 items to our pantry which was delivered on Monday via school bus. Collection was for the month of November from Besser families and with the leadership of Tracie Granata, PAC President, and Tracey Urlaub, Dean of Students, we filled the pantry for several weeks. It is used often and we have received lots of “thankfulness” from those who need a little extra short term help.

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

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers</p>
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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.



Birthdays

Anniversaries of Baptism



December 1
Andrea Matzke

December 4
Kevin Graham

December 6
Monica Jahnke
Levi Konarzewski

December 7
Gary Grove

December 8
Jewel Lancaster
Ryan Werblow

December 9
Cindy Suszek

December 11
David Dekett

December 12
Janie Hansen

December 13
Clarence Cross

December 14
Cheryl Lang

December 16
Polly Cook

December 17
Joel Gillard

December 21
Gracie Gillard

December 23
Melissa Chabot

December 24
Riley 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

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

December 18
Stephen Hansen

December 19
Donna Czarnecki

December 20
Gracelyn Gohlke
Reed Lappan

December 21
Charlotte Werth

December 22
Shane Jaroch
Connie Stepanski

December 24
Patricia 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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 4th

8:50 am Choir Practice
9:00 am Sunday School
9:30 am **Worship**
Decorate the Church
Following Worship

Monday - 5th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8am - 2pm Kitchen Reserved
6:00 pm Hall Reserved - ROC

Tuesday - 6th

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting

Wednesday - 7th

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Weekly Bulletin
Announcements Due
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Thursday - 8th

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
4:00 pm Lounge Reserved
6:30 pm Craft Night - Hall

Friday - 9th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 10th

9am-4pm Alpena Co Search &
Rescue - Hall
5:00 pm **Worship**

SERVING DECEMBER 3/4

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... Claire Schreiber
Accompanist Amy Truth
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion
Assistants Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
Greeters..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Altar Guild..... Gentry Family
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

SERVING DECEMBER 10/11

Ministers God's People
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Accompanist Amy Truth
Lector Corinne Fraley
Communion
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Ushers..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
Greeters..... Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild..... Gentry Family
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
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Coffee Hour Ruby Haske & Family

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