Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

September 13 & 14, 2025



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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 comfortable)

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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 (verses 1 & 4)





HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may

reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " 9 The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are." Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' "14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

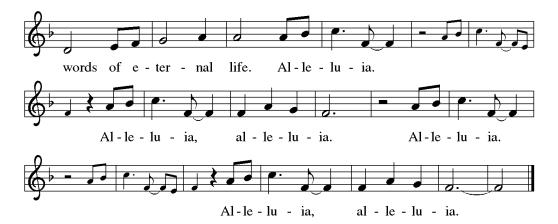
C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-10

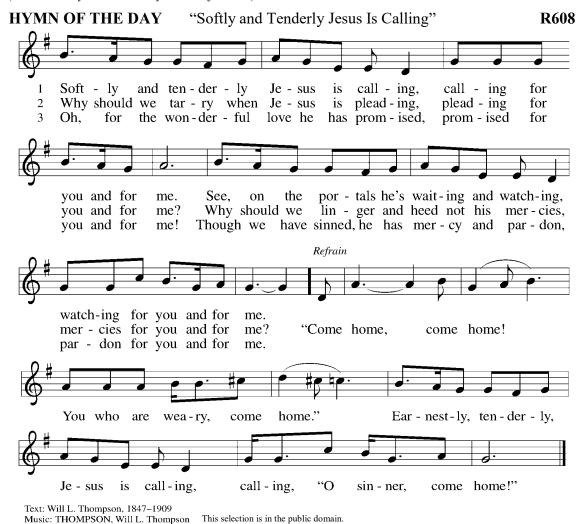
Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

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



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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

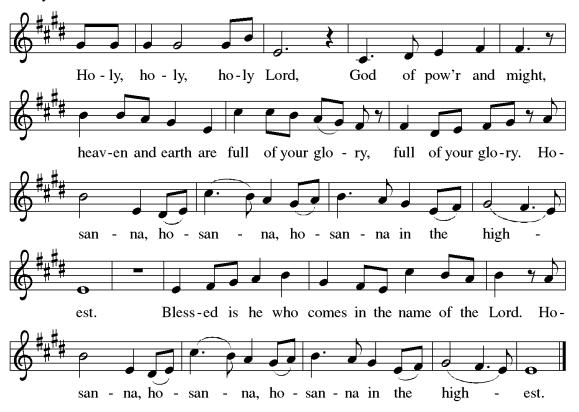
P: The Lord be with you.

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 right, 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: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...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: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.

- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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

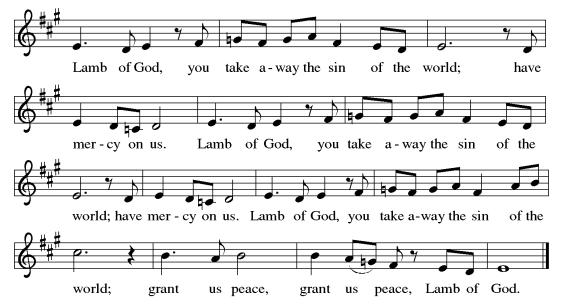
P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Eat and rejoice.

HOLY COMMUNION

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





Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 This selection is in the public domain.

(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...Loving God,

C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

<u>SENDING</u>

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.

C: Amen.





- 1 Lord, dis miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Say ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound. let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent. This selection is in the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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 Our 25th Wedding Anniversary Given by Ed & Donna Czarnecki

IN OUR PRAYERS

Anna Lewis, Nancy Platt, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Joanne Kindt, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Jerry McConnell, Lisa Creger, Lynsie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Daphne Flack, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas and Amelia Berles - pilot training. We also remember the family of Janie Hansen, who passed away September 7th.

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).

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 Partners for this week: Lutheran Church of the Savior/Kalamazoo, Rev. Alexander Steward; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and Synod Staff.

PRAYER LETTERS

Please sign the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - SEPTEMBER 14

Friendship across differences

Two university professors have become best friends across vast differences in their Christian faith and political opinions coming from divergent perspectives. How have they accomplished this, and what does it say to us about our living today? Join us at 11 in the Church Lounge as we see what we can learn and live from their experiences.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle <u>will not meet</u>, as previously scheduled, on September 17. We will plan to meet on October 15 at 1 p.m. in the Lounge. More info to follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday School will resume on September 21 at 9 a.m. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you on the 21st!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

This week I was shopping for the Little Food Pantry and standing behind me was a woman who overheard my conversation with the teller about our pantry. This woman walked over to my car and knocked on my window and told me a bit of her story. She had lost her husband and was moving to be with family and wondered, as she was cleaning out her house, if we would like some of her food and last Friday a lot of food appeared. These are the donations we receive frequently and I have no idea who to thank. This is just one of many stories we hear about our pantry. Thank you and as we transition in life, hoping for that "joy" as we give back.

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.

COUNCIL BRIEFS FOR THE 6:00 P.M. AUGUST 19, 2025 MEETING

All council members were in attendance

Correspondence and Communication - church received a thank you note from Senior Citizens Center for monetary donation and Larry Garant reinstated his membership.

Pastor's Report - addressed activities for May, June and July and will be posted.

Treasurer's and Finance Report - May, June, July reports were given by Dennis Werblow and are posted. Motion made by Sharon Engstrom and seconded by Donna Morgan. Motion passed.

Discipleship -given by Donna Morgan indication that the Block Party was a great success, Feeding Kids Ministry and beach clean up were other activities for this time period.

Little Food Pantry - report was given by Mary Lappan and use of the pantry continues along with donations.

Little Free Library - more contributions of books and use continues.

Education -Elsa Phillips said Sunday School will start the third week of September and 4 teachers will continue volunteer again.

Fellowship - This group is planning a trivia night in October and the quilters are planning an upcoming card night.

Finance and Stewardship - no report at this time.

Property - Ed Czarnecki gave a report including a slide presentation on repairs done and concerns in the future.

Worship - report was given by Sharon Engstrom on choir, Time and Talent survey, increased costs of flowers (\$20) for altar, team for funerals, music, Confirmation and possibly additional banners.

Old business - Constitution Committee will look at mandates and recommended changes. Getting quotes on a new copier.

Chris Christopherson updated council on cemetery items and asked us to look at what constitutes a member and clarify language for memorials. Council will look into it.

New business - budget committee to meet to discuss next year, annual meeting will be November 9, 2025, discussion on building fund policy, and health insurance issue for Pastor Tom.

Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m. with Lord's Prayer



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 13 Izzy Szymanski

September 14 Astrid Fitzpatrick

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



Birthdays



September 4 Marcie Law

September 10 Ryan Werblow

September 11 Donald Cross Steven Garant

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 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

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross 11th Jim & Laurie Hansen 16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie 17th Gordon & Karen Suszek 19th Joel & Cindy Suszek 30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday	y – 14th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 15th

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 16th

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 11:00 am Pastors Text Study -

Lounge

Wednesday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open 11 am Jeanne Pankey

Memorial Service

Thursday - 18th

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 19th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 20th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING SEPTEMBER 13/14

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God's People	
Rev. Tom Orth	
Claire Witt	
animentKat Tomaszewski	
herie McTaggart, Jo Ann Smith	
Bob Greene	
Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske	
Wayne Lewis (Saturday)	
Dawn Anderson, Bruno Hirzel,	
Jo Ann Smith	
Mary Rowader,	
Jewel Lancaster (Sat. Set Up)	
Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,	
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Cheryl Lang, Sherie McTaggart,	
Cindy Suszek	
Élsa Phillips, Jo Ann Smith,	
Brandi Stone	

SERVING SEPTEMBER 20/21

Ministers	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Dir	rectorClaire Witt
Recorded	AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski
Comm. As	sst Sherie McTaggart, Jo Ann Smith
Ushers	Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
	Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
Greeters .	Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel, Patti Tucker
Altar Gui	ld Mary Rowader,
	Jewel Lancaster (Sat. Set Up)
Livestrear	m TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters.	
	Cindy Suszek
Coffee Ho	urJoe & Dawn Gentry

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

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