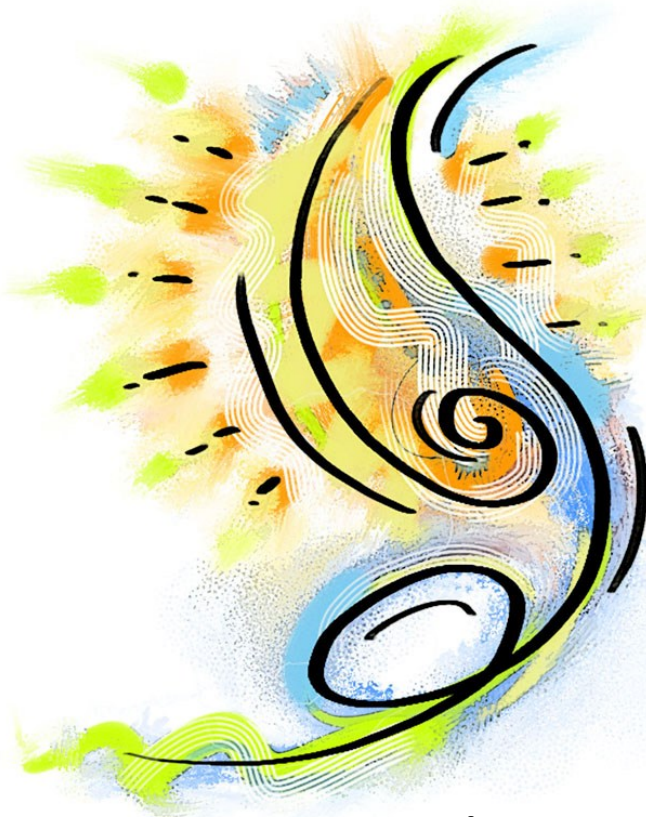


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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## 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.

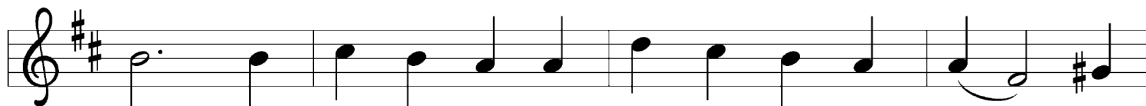
GATHERING HYMN

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

R343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who  
 king. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes that



Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.

Text: Samuel Crossman, alt.

Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland

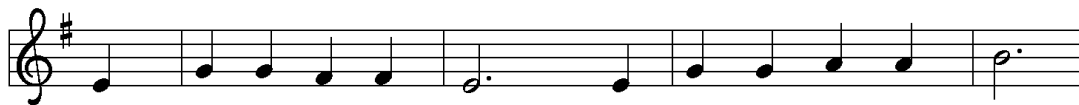
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**GREETING**

**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

**Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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

### **Isaiah 5:1-7**

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 80:7-15**

*Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

### **Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

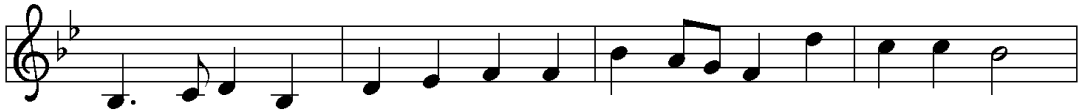
[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?’ <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his

parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

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

### HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine the Amen”

R826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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 “Can You Feel the Seasons Turning?”

ACS1065



1 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing, winds and waves grown  
 2 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing— lynx and ot - ter,  
 3 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Storm clouds gath - er



wild and strange? Can you feel cre - a - tion groan - ing,  
 wolf and whale? Can you hear the Spir - it sigh - ing  
 in the skies. All a - round us signs of warn - ing



fear - ful of the com - ing change: ice - caps melt - ing,  
 as her chil - dren grieve and fail? Na - ture's poor, the  
 bid us o - pen fright - ened eyes. Called by God to



o - ceans ris - ing, homes and hab - i - ta - tions lost?  
 first to suf - fer, pay the price of hu - man greed.  
 serve as stew - ards till earth's gar - den greens and thrives,



Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Can you count the bit - ter cost?  
 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing, beg - ging us to stop and heed?  
 can we learn in time to lis - ten? Can we turn and change our lives?

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: LLANSANNAN, Welsh melody

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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**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

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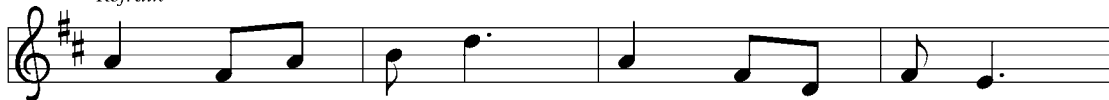


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

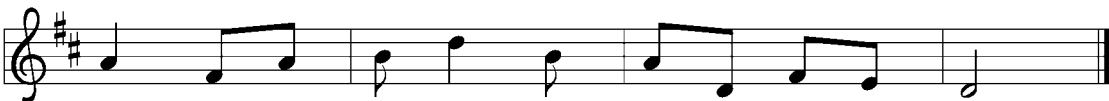


lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.  
 Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## 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.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Gene Bacon for leading worship and preaching this weekend.

## 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

Logan Suszek, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, 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 -- 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. We also remember the family of Dewayne Nail (Theresa Barnard's brother), who passed away September 27th.

## **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 Homebound Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Matthew Lutheran Church/Herron, Rev. Leslie Nye, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO**

We have placed an ad for a new accompanist in the Alpena News and posted it on our Facebook page. If you would share that post, it will be spread to all your friends and get the word out even more. That will help us immensely to find someone. Thank you.

## **JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH 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.

## **GAME NIGHT AT GRACE**

**Thursday, October 26 ~ \$10.00/person**

Doors open at 4:30 pm. Serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato bar and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. Limited seating/reservations required. Please call Chris (989.356.0430), if no answer leave message. *Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.*

## **NEIGHBORHOOD TRUNK OR TREAT - Tuesday, October 31**

Grace is in need of volunteers for a Trick-or-Treating station in front of the church on Tuesday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The exact times may be adjusted to the official city of Alpena Trick or Treat times. Donations of treats to be given out are also needed and can be placed in the basket on the pew by the church office. We had over 100 kids stop by last year! This is great opportunity to Meet and Greet Grace's neighborhood families, see all of the wonderful costumes, AND snatch a few pieces of candy while handing out treats! Please sign up on the sheet located in the Office Narthex or email/call the office to be added to list. Thanks!

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 5**

You are invited to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting for Grace Lutheran on Sunday November 5 at 11 AM following worship and a bit of Fellowship Time. The Budget for 2024 and election of Officers are on the Agenda.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

Little Food Pantry could use small packets of baby food and toilet paper.

## **NEW SCHEDULES ARE OUT**

New schedules have been completed and are available to be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall or viewed online on our web page under the "schedules" tab. Copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Please check the new schedules, which begin October 1, if you have volunteered to serve

## **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 AUGUST 2023**

Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 18,344.00
Monthly Giving - August	36,478.77
	(Includes one-time gift of \$20,090.00)

#### We received:

96 envelopes, 63 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 6 Give+ payments made from our website





## OCTOBER

### Anniversaries of Baptism



**October 4**  
Madelyn Boyd

**October 10**  
Wayne Christopherson

**October 12**  
Kay Grove

**October 15**  
Matthew Anderson  
Molly O'Connor

**October 20**  
Shane Bullard

**October 21**  
Thomas Bertrand  
Drew Gentry

**October 27**  
Piper Slominski

**October 29**  
Michael Pankey  
Mya Styma

**October 30**  
Marcie Law  
Connie Suszek

### Birthdays

**October 2**  
Jim Berles  
Adam Kirchoff

**October 3**  
Ellie Walker

**October 5**  
Mike Morgan

**October 6**  
Christopher Piontkowski

**October 7**  
Ken Amlotte  
Kristin Berles  
Richard Carlson  
Kimberly McCourt  
Michael Pankey

**October 10**  
Gary Grove  
Steve Lappan

**October 13**  
David Dekett

**October 14**  
Tamar Furze

**October 15**  
Kody Bertrand

**October 18**  
Brian Schiller  
Jim Timrick

**October 20**  
Erika Nicholls

**October 21**  
Jewel Lancaster

**October 22**  
Jessica Slominski

**October 23**  
Emma Nelson

**October 25**  
Staci Chroninger

**October 26**  
Dan VanEssen

**October 27**  
Clayton Lee

**October 28**  
Cindy Domrase  
Andrea Matzke

**October 29**  
Caileigh Nitchman

**October 31**  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sandra Welch



### Wedding Anniversaries

*1st Dawn & Brett Anderson  
3rd Matt & Ruby Haske  
4th Bill & Nancy Platt*

*6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave  
17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith  
24th Dale & Patricia Schultz*



## GRACE'S FALL CALENDAR

(As of September 16, 2023)

- 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 of the Church  
after worship
- Dec 17 - Caroling - after worship



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday – 8th

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Choir Practice  
9:30 am **Worship**

### Monday - 9th

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

### Tuesday - 10th

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

### Wednesday - 11th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

### Thursday - 12th

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

### Friday - 13th

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

### Saturday - 14th

5:00 pm **Worship**

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

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## SERVING OCTOBER 7/8

**Ministers** ..... God's People

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Gene Bacon

**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber

**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski

**Lector** ..... Joe Gentry

**Communion**

**Assistants** ..... Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith

**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
June Daly

**Greeters**..... Dale & Pat Schultz

**Altar Guild**.... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow

**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
Charter, Don LaBarre

**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove

**Coffee Hour** ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch

## SERVING OCTOBER 14/15

**Ministers** ..... God's People

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth

**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber

**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski

**Lector** ..... Dawn Anderson

**Communion**

**Assistants** ..... Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith

**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
June Daly

**Greeters**..... Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel

**Altar Guild**.... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow

**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
Charter, Don LaBarre

**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove

**Coffee Hour** ..... Anne Gentry, Vicki Cripps,  
Jo Ann Smith

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