Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

May 6 & 7, 2023



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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 "It is Well With My Soul" Bell Choir

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

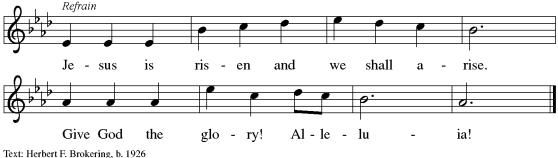
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

- P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
- C: Amen.



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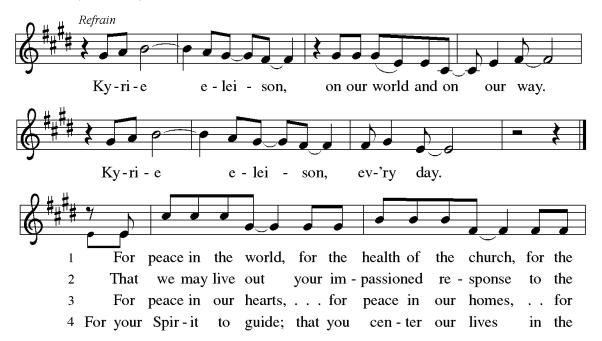
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GREETING

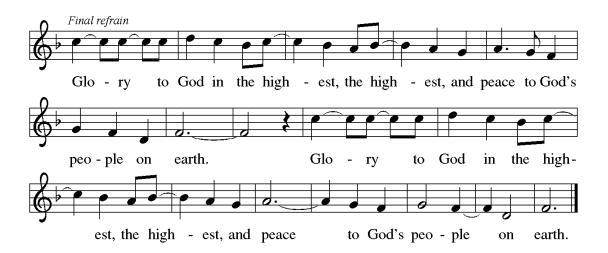
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE (vs. 1 & 4)









- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe

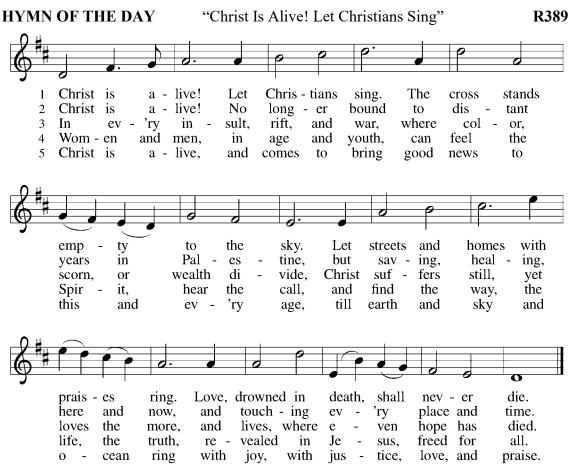
me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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: Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

<u>MEAL</u> 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)

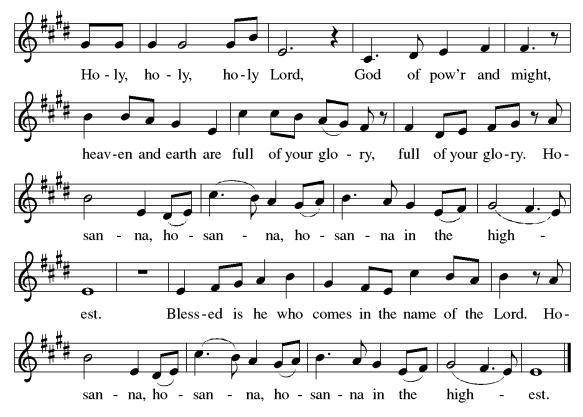


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- P: Let us pray...Generous God,
- C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. 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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- P: O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

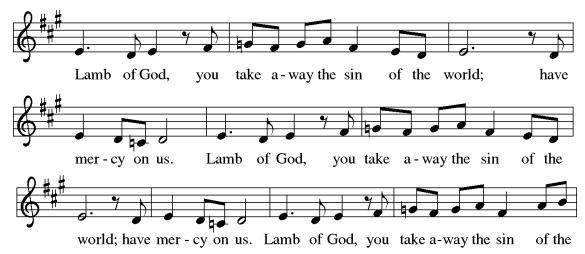
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

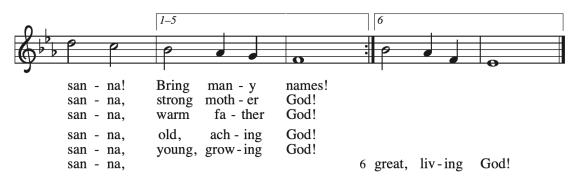
HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.







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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...Gracious God,
- C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

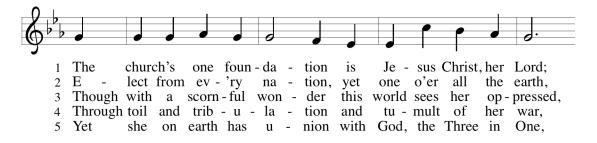
BLESSING

- P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C: Amen.

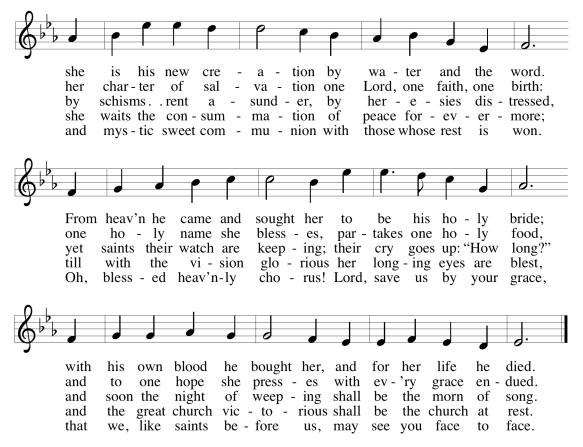
SENDING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. 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.

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 Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Cheboygan/Rev. David Hueter, and Synod Assembly 2023/Bishop Craig Satterlee and Ms. Sandy Schlesinger, Vice President.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Jeanne Pankey, 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, Joanne Nicholls, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Jack Thompson, Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, 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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Dorothy Gentry's birthdate, May 7th. She would have celebrated her 101st birthday this year.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 7

Christian nationalism - What is it?

The term *Christian Nationalism* has been in the news a great deal in this last year or more. What does it mean? How do the two words relate to each other? What has been the response of the ELCA and other denominations? Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we discuss our faith in the world today.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 14

Church's Role in addressing societal issues

Rev. Dr. Peter Storey engaged in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa for over 30 years as a Christian leader. In the interview article, he speaks to the role of church in addressing society's problems and he challenges the church in the US to be prophetic. Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we talk of the purpose for churches in the world.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - MAY 6 & 7

For this collection, we would like to concentrate on personal hygiene items like soaps, shampoos, deodorants, feminine hygiene products etc. On that weekend, please place the items at the altar and we will bless them along with our offering. Thank you.

SPRING CLEAN UP - SATURDAY, MAY 13 - OUTSIDE & INSIDE

Join the Spring Clean Up Day starting at 10 AM on Saturday May 13 going through about noon. Lawn and landscaping will be cleaned up, some exterior painting done as well as some special interior cleaning. Bring garden tools of rakes, bush trimmers and brooms. Other things supplied. There will be pizza afterwards for everyone. Thanks! A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Lobby.

JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - MONDAY, MAY 15TH 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 $1 - 1\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Grace Lutheran is hosting an afternoon tea on May 20 from 2-3:30 p.m. All ladies, and young ladies, are invited. Come and enjoy the festivities steeped in old traditions and new traditions. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Office Lobby. Cost: by donation. All proceeds will go to the Little Food Pantry and the Huron Humane Society.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE FOR MAY/JUNE

Now available on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2022

Annual reports are now available on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

What do swimming pool, sand, marbles, bare feet have to do with Sunday School?? Come to Sunday School on May 21st and see for yourself! We will have a regular class at 9:00 am and fun activities after our church service. This will be our last class for the season.

SWEETS & TREATS

If you make a special treat you would like to share at Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship, please sign up for a date in the Office Lobby.

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE

Do you have an idea for a community service project that Grace members could do? Get the idea to Pastor Tom and the REBOOT Team will see if we can work it into our schedule. Thanks

RECEIVE UPDATES FROM GRACE LUTHERAN VIA TEXT MESSAGE

You can now receive updates from Grace via text message. Information was sent to those subscribed to our email list with instructions on how to sign up for text messages. Even though we have your email on file, we are required to obtain your permission before we are able to send you information via text messaging. Please complete the short form in your email if you would like to be included. If you did not receive an email and would like to receive information from Grace via text, you may access the link on our website home page at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org or call the office and a link will be emailed to you. **Be sure to watch for the confirmation text that you will receive when signing up. You need to respond "yes" to be confirmed and begin receiving text messages.** We anticipate using text messages for the latest updates after other communication has already gone out. We are limited to a maximum of 10 per month under that current program.

GRADUATING?

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 4.

QUILTING NEWS

Last year quilts went to nine countries. All the sewing kits went to Burkina Faso, West Africa. Thank you for your support and prayers. Come join us on Tuesday mornings. We'd love to have 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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -7th

8:50 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 8th

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

Tuesday - 9th

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

Wednesday - 10th

8am-noon 6:00 pm

Church Office Open Bell Choir

Thursday - 11th

8am-noon 8am-3pm 4:00 pm Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Lounge Reserved

Friday - 12th 8am-noon

Church Office Open

<u>Saturday - 13th</u>

10:00 am **5:00 pm** Spring Clean Up Worship

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

SERVING MAY 6/7

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	
Music Director	
Organist/Pianist	Amy Truth
Lector	Ruby Haske
Communion	
Assistants	Dale Schultz
Ushers Wayne &	& Chris Christopherson,
	ontkowski (Sat.)
Greeters	
Altar Guild Na	ancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Doi	n Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters Wayne &	& Chris Christopherson,
Darlene	Freel
Coffee Hour Anne Gentry, Vicki Cripps, Jo Ann Smith	
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SERVING MAY 13/14

Ministers	
	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Organist/Pianist	Amy Truth
Lector	Mike Urlaub
Communion	
Assistants	Dale Schultz
Ushers Way	yne & Chris Christopherson,
Vic	ki Piontkowski (Sat.)
	Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter	, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters Way	yne & Chris Christopherson,
Dar	lene Freel
Coffee Hour	Roger & Jeanne Pankey

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