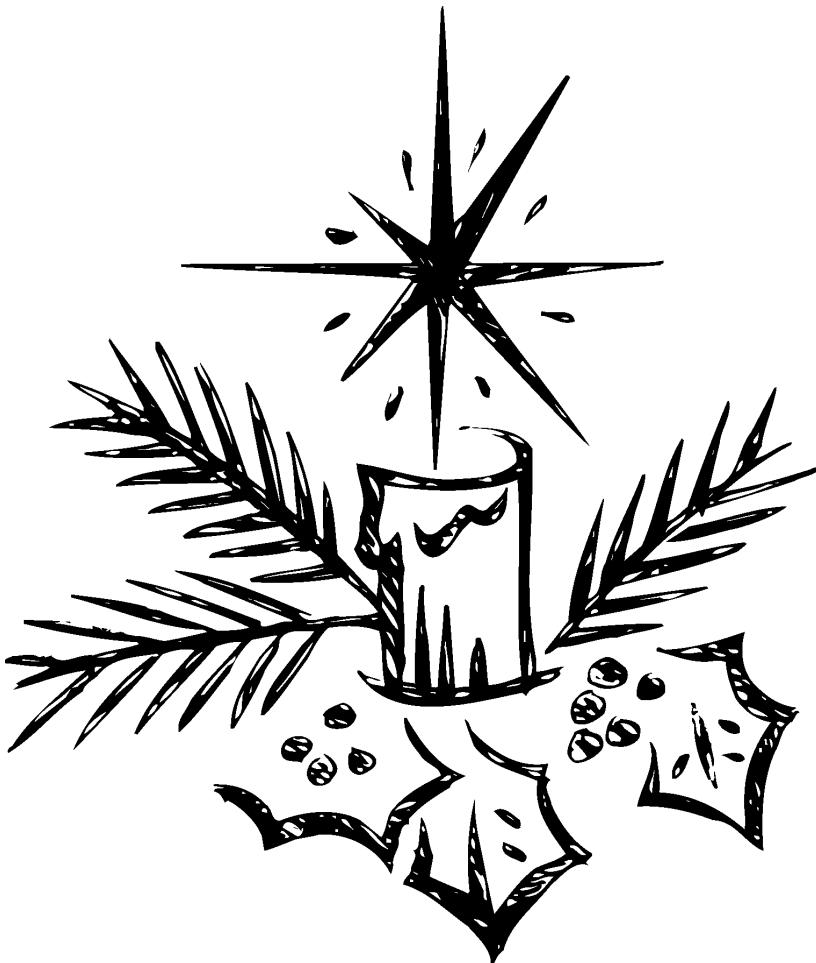


# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*December 6 & 7, 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**

#### **GATHERING**

*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

#### **CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Long-expected God,

**C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness. + We are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

R239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to\_en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820 This selection is in the public domain.

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### ADVENT CANDLE “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (sing twice) R240

2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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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

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

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

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

I Lord God, heaven- ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

II 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.

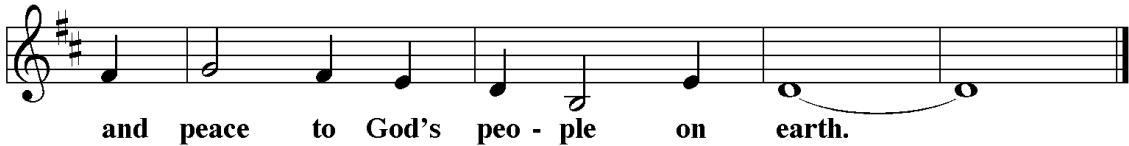
C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

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

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.

C 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,



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

## 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.*

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The 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. <sup>3</sup> His 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, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed 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. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They 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. <sup>10</sup> On 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)*

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

<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

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

<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

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

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

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

## **Romans 15:4-13**

*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.*

<sup>4</sup> Whatever 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. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For 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 ancestors <sup>9</sup> and 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"; <sup>10</sup> and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup> and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup> May 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.

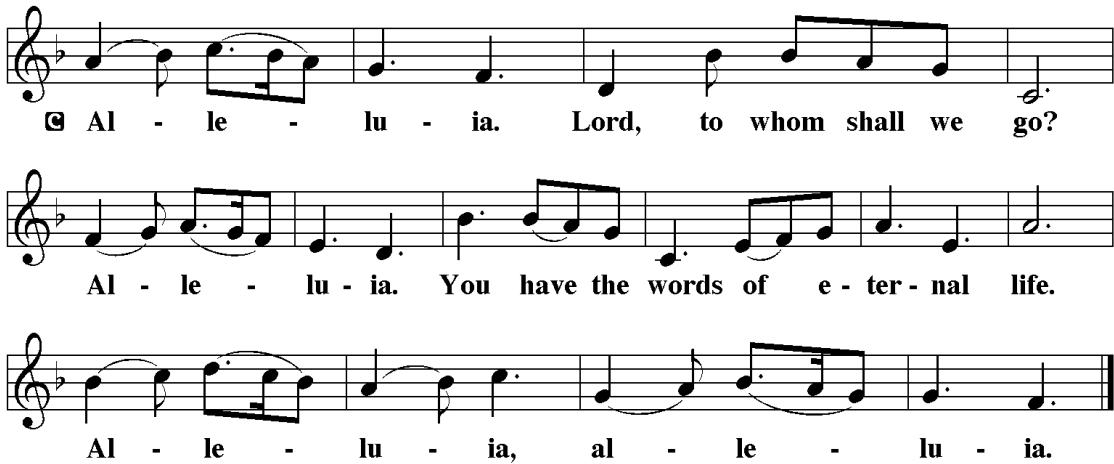
P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.*

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

<sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This 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.’” <sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do 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. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to

carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>12</sup> His 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

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "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 hear - 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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621 This selection is in the public domain.

## 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: receive our prayer.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

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



C 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





P: Let us pray...Nourishing God,

C: **you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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.**

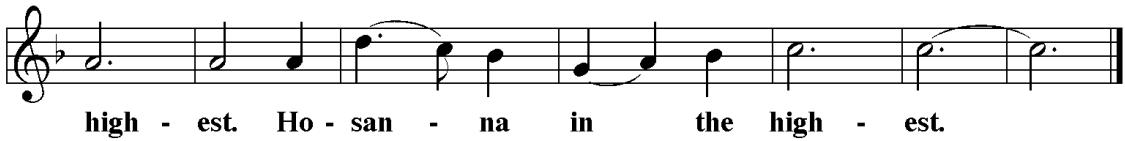
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

C 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



## EUCARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light . . .

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

C 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 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

R247

O - so - sō      o - so - sō,      pyong - hwa - ūi -      im - gūm  
 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 - sō.  
 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 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 our host,

C: at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## BLESSING

P: May God who comes among us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant us patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

R264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Keep awake.

**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

Bonnie Cross, Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitsell, Joanne Kindt, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Maria Shelton, Paul Kroll, Jim Marquardt, Aggie Jakubiak, 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, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziora, Jeff Kendziora, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Joseph Hansen and the family of Fr. Emmanuel Finbarr, All Saints Catholic Parish, whose sister and nieces have been kidnapped during the conflict in Nigeria. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles - pilot training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force. We also remember the family of Harry Jakubiak, who passed away November 19th.

*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 the Youth and Family Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: All Saints Lutheran/Mason, Rev. Gerald Ferguson; 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 - DECEMBER 7**

### **Nicene Creed – 1700 Years Old**

Join us as we discuss what Creeds mean to our faith and in our lives. The Nicene Creed was created to settle a church dispute about Jesus and the Holy Spirit's relationship to God. Does the Nicene or Apostle's Creeds help your faith? What questions do you have about them? Join us at 11 in the Lounge with your questions and understanding of them.

## **SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN PHOTOS**

Send in photos of the family creche nativity you set up, how you decorate your tree or around the house. We will put them in a "Life of Grace" video to share with others. Send them to Peggy at [officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org). Thanks

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING DECEMBER 14**

You are invited to join in Christmas caroling around the community! There will be lunch provided after church on Sunday, December 14th and caroling will begin at 11:30am. 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!

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU**

We are truly blessed by the generosity shown toward our Little Food Pantry. Sincere thanks to the Lions Club for their donation of bags of potatoes; to Besser School and the bus team for delivering more than 1,000 non-perishable items; to the Alpena Democratic Party for providing two carloads of food; and to Sunrise Veterinary Clinic for their many contributions. Several weeks ago, we also received a generous monetary donation from Hunters Harvest. These are just the donations we know about. Many others are given anonymously, and we are grateful for every single one. Your kindness helps fight food insecurity in our community. Thank you!

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

A heartfelt thank you to Eleanor Coddington for creating the beautiful bows that adorn our Christmas decorations. Thanks as well to everyone who helped decorate on Sunday, November 30. Our church looks wonderful as we enter the season of Advent and prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

## **THANK YOU**

I am now about 4-1/2 weeks out from my knee replacement surgery and I am slowly recovering. It's been a bit tough since I had the hip surgery on the same leg 10 weeks prior, but I am getting there. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and positive thoughts. I especially appreciated the lovely card that I received with kind get-well wishes from several of you. I feel so blessed to be part of the Grace Lutheran family! God's blessings to all! -- Anna Lewis

## **THERE IS ONLY 1 BALLOON REMAINING!**

Balloon No. 2 has touched the table. Get your guesses in for when No. 5 comes down. Last day to enter will be December 14th.

## **BESSER MALE CHORUS CONCERT**

The Besser Male Chorus of Alpena will present "A Christmas Festival of Carols" on Wednesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Alpena (167 S. Ripley Blvd.), and again on Sunday, December 14 at 1 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church (124 E. Washington Ave.). There is no admission charge; however, a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

## **SAMARITAS LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Samaritas Affordable Living of Alpena - a HUD-supported senior housing community - is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors. As a board member, you'll have the opportunity to: share your experience and ideas to support our mission; advise and collaborate with our property management team; help shape the future of affordable senior housing in Alpena; and strengthen connections between residents and the wider community. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds - especially those with experience in community service, senior care, nonprofit leadership, finance, or housing - who are eager to lend their time and talents to support local talents. **Board meetings are held quarterly, throughout the year on the 3rd Monday of the month from 1:30 -2:30 pm at our Affordable Living Alpena property.** If you're ready to make a lasting impact and help enhance the quality of life for older adults in our community, we'd love to hear from you! Contact: Jenny Edmonds, Property Manager at 989.356.6725 or email: [jedmo@samaritas.org](mailto:jedmo@samaritas.org).



# December



## Anniversaries of Baptism



**December 1**  
Andrea Matzke

**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 13**  
Clarence Cross

**December 14**  
Cheryl Lang

**December 16**  
Polly Cook

**December 17**  
Joel Gillard

**December 21**  
Gracie Gillard

**December 24**  
Riley Garant

**December 28**  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sherie McTaggart

**December 30**  
Ethan McIntosh

## Birthdays

**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 27**  
Jessica Timm

**December 29**  
Verna Furze  
Kenda Yochum

**December 30**  
Tom Lappan



## Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Joe & Dawn Gentry

Dick & Barb Werle

4th Mike & Tracey Urlaub

7th Mike & Kim McCourt

19th George & Mary Rowader

21st Matt & Jessica Gillard

30th Tom & Mary Lappan

## 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
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
11:00 am	Adult CE - Lounge

### Monday - 8th

8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
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### Tuesday - 9th

8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am	Pastors Text Study - Lounge
6:00 pm	Council

### Wednesday - 10th

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

### Thursday - 11th

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

### Friday - 12th

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

### Saturday - 13th

<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
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## SERVING DECEMBER 6/7

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.** ..... Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek, Cindy Domrase  
**Lector** ..... Sandy Welch  
**Ushers** ..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske Wayne Lewis (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Joe & Dawn Gentry  
**Altar Guild** ..... Gentry Family  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters** ..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek, Stephanie Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

## SERVING DECEMBER 13/14

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.** ..... Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek, Cindy Domrase  
**Lector** ..... Anna Lewis  
**Ushers** ..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske Wayne Lewis (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Joel & Cindy Suszek  
**Altar Guild** ..... Gentry Family  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters** ..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek, Stephanie Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby Haske & Family

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