# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

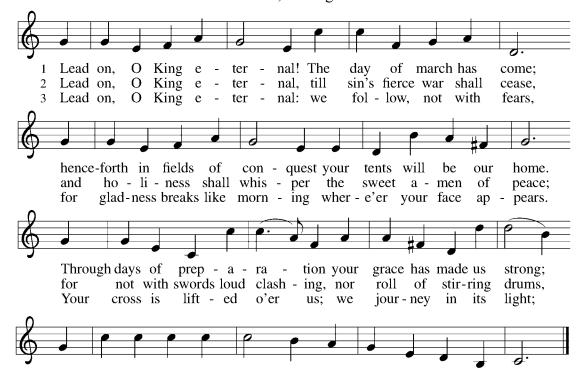
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our provider,
- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.



"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879 This selection is in the public domain.

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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.

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con - quest; lead

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)



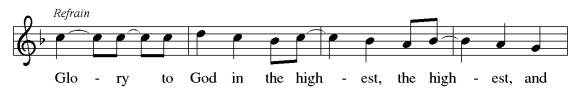


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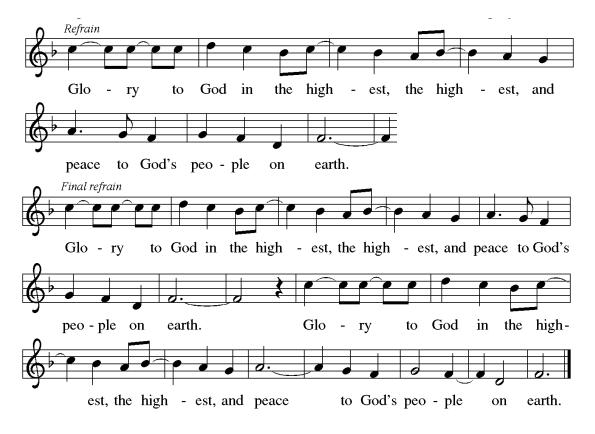
wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



# **HYMN OF PRAISE**







P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

# **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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





P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

# John 6:56-69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,]  $^{56}$  Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

# **HOMILY**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blessed Assurance"

**R638** 



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908 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: Merciful God,

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)



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P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

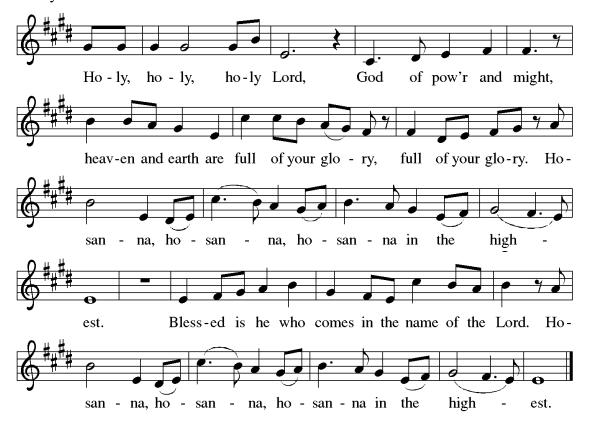
P: Lift up your hearts.

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: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,...(concluding)...Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

# C:Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

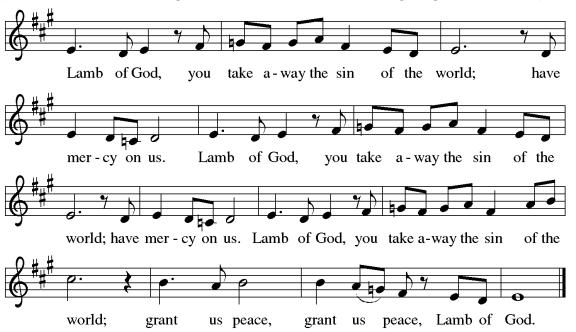
P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

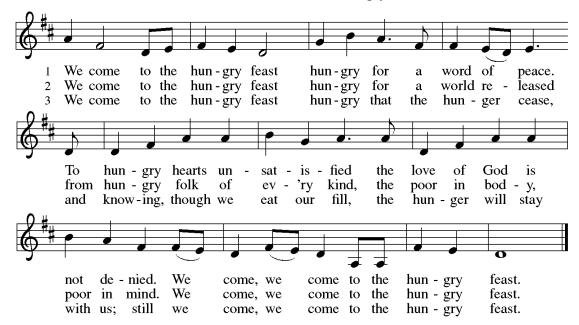
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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





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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...Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

# BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

**R535** 



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Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. We are the body of Christ. 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

Bill Whitscell, Bill Platt, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Tammy Furze, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, 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).

# PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Ruth Circle at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Spruce Lutheran Church/Spruce, Rev. Leslie Nye and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

# LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!!

There are 4 balloons, 3 big black and 1 small gold, left flying in the Office Lobby from our 150th Celebration on April 28th. Amazing!!!!! Some good balloons Janet Bettega purchased. They are now numbered. Guess the last balloon still at the top of it's ribbon and win a surprise. Sign up sheet on the table with the balloons. Pastor Tom is the final judge of flying and the prize!

# ADULT CE FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year N/WLM Synod - Adult Theological Education for this Fall

# & Grace's Adult CE for September and October

"Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year" is an opportunity to hear from the Rev. Amy E. Reumann, ELCA Witness in Society Senior Director, on civic engagement intersections and opportunities in our faith journey. Core affirmation of our baptism is to "serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus" and "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

A six-week webinar series on Tuesday's evening starting September 3, 2024 from 7 – 8:15 PM. *Registration is required at https://forms.gle/JoqtfFxyqpz5V9tA8 and will close on August 26, 2024.* Those registered will receive the Zoom link to the live Tuesday evening session as well as a link to a recording of the session for viewing during the next week.

The Adult CE class on the following Sunday will use that week's webinar for our discussion. See Pastor Tom for more information.

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2:30 - 4 PM** *Meet, Greet and Treat* with the residents of Samaritas Manor (Luther Manor). We will gather with our treats at 2 pm to setup, to meet the residents at 2:30 pm. Sign Up in the Office Lobby.

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - SEPTEMBER 16 Filling Feeding Kids Ministry Packs with Weekend Meals for students of APS Meet at 5:30 PM on Monday September 16 at Sunset School. Sign up in Office Lobby.

# **MUSIC AT GRACE - POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 18**

Choir and Bell Choir are starting up in September! If you are interested in either, please sign up in the lobby or contact Claire by email: sclaire489@gmail.com. There will be a **music potluck on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00pm** to go over further information and details. If you would like to bring a dish, you can sign up in the lobby as well.

# **GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 17**

Mark your calendars for our annual game night. \$10 baked potato/ice cream bar. More info coming soon.

# LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Looking for some fresh produce from your garden. If you have extra tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, apples or other items fresh from your garden, please think of our pantry. As always, we appreciate your generous donations.

# AN EVENING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

A Fundraiser Event for Friends Together & Grace Lutheran Church's Little Food Pantry In memory of Daniel Spaulding and Joseph & Laura Bleau

Tickets include a catered dinner by JJ's, hot cocoa bar, mocktails, live entertainment, live auction, Chinese raffle, 50/50 raffle, prayer tree, door prizes and a large **Lego** donation by Jean Spaulding presented to The Girls & Boys Club Director, Brad Somers. Also, raffle tickets are on sale now for a beautiful hand-built set of "Old Glory" corn hole boards with matching bean bags (donated by Jeff & Sandy Welch). In addition, a second place prize of \$100 cash will be given away. Winners drawn at the October 4 event. Need not be present to win.

For those interested in helping, there will be a tree placed in the Office Lobby containing tags with a "Fall item" written on each tag. Choose a tag, purchase the item, place it in the "Fall-themed" basket that will be auctioned. Or, you and a few friends could create your own "themed" Chinese raffle basket.

We are also looking for volunteers to make a dessert for the event. Some suggestions include cakes/cupcakes, cookies, pies and brownies.

This is an adult evening. Tickets are \$25 each. Bringing a non-perishable food item(s) to help our Little Food Pantry is appreciated.

Seats are limited. Tables of 8 can be reserved.

For tickets or more information contact Donna Morgan 989.590.3327 or Jean Spaulding 989.354.3796.

### THANK YOU

Dear Grace Lutheran Members,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for sharing your beautiful church for the Alpena Peace Community peace gatherings. It is an opportunity to join with others in prayers for peace and quiet meditation.

With gratitude,

Alpena Peace Community

# 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.

# **Anniversories** of Baptism



August



August 1 Vicki Denstaedt Kiowa Kirchoff

August 17 Jakob Bauer August 4 Alan Brilinski Dawn Gentry

August 5

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Corinne Fraley

August 12 Carev Schiller Madison Szymanski

Margaret O'Connor

August 13 Jamie Gentry Grace Hoeft

August 18

August 19 Charity Corwin

August 20

August 21

August 22

Drew Gentry

Wayne Lewis

Donna Morgan

**Brody Nowak** 

Jeffrey Welch

Ed Czarnecki

August 5 Grace Hoeft Ryan Reynolds Anthony Thompson

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fralev Aaron Nowak

Norman Schillerstrom

August 6 Margaret Clemens Myra Cross

August 21 William Matzke

August 7 Shirley Diemond Fred Kindt

Anna Lewis August 10

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 26

Fred Kindt

August 28

August 29

Anne Gentry

Debra Nitchman

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

Shelly Olsen

August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds August 9

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 13 Trev Garant James Malaski

August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth

August 14 **Brett Werblow** 

August 11 Joann Smith August 23 Ruby Haske Travis Konarzewski

Rachel Engstrom

August 28 Debra Nitchman

Wedding Anniversaries August 31 Jerry Timm

3rd Jim & Sandy Malaski 4th Sean & Taylor Hayward

5th Allen & Judy Douglas Gary & Kay Grove

7th Cody & Jessie Suszek 14th Larry & Connie Suszek

16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek

19th Phil & Pam Agius

21st Rick & Sharon Engstrom 22nd Jerry & Jan Charter

24th Randy & Kenda Yochum

26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki

27th Pat & June Daly

Jason & Jessica Slominski 28th Don LaBarre & Anne Gentry

# HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

9:30 am Worship

# Monday - 26th

8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 1-5 pm Church Office Open

# Tuesday - 27th

8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 11:00 am Pastor's Text Study

# Wednesday - 28th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

# Thursday - 29th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 6-9:00 pm Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved

# Friday - 30th

8am-noon Church Office Open

# Saturday - 31st

5:00 pm Worship

# **SERVING AUGUST 24/25**

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski
Lector Anne Gentry
Comm. Asst. Sherie McTaggart, Jo Ann Smith
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
Cindy Domrase (Saturday)
Greeters Darlene Freel, Jo Ann Smith
Altar GuildKaren Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
CountersCheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee HourRuby Haske & Family

# **SERVING AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1**

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Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
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Lector Anna Lewis
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Christopherson
UshersMatt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
Greeters Cindy Domrase, Mary Rowader
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Mary Rowader
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch

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

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