Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

April 29 & 30, 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

(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, \(\frac{1}{2}\) 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.

GATHERING HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

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- 1 Good Chris tian friends, re joice and sing! Now is the tri umph
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
- 3 Praise we in songs of vic to ry that love, that life which
- 4 Your name we bless, O ris en Lord, and sing to day with





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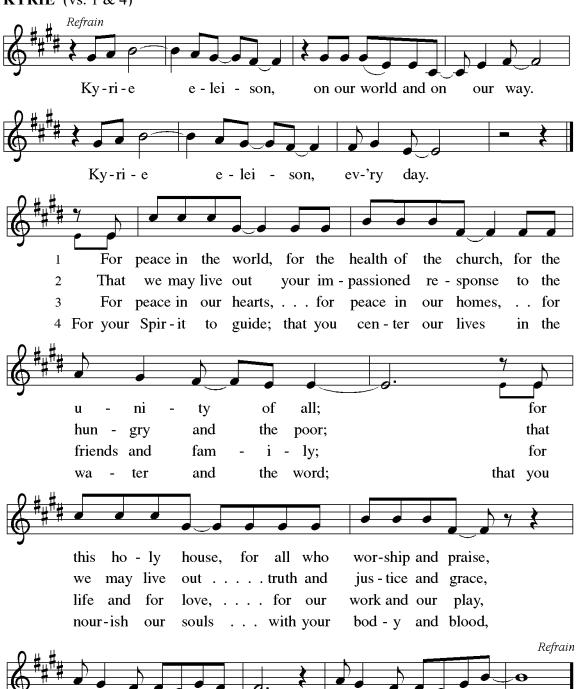
GREETING

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)

let us



pray to the Lord,

let us

pray

to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

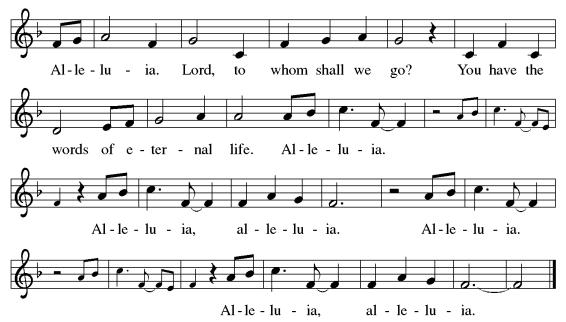
¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he

has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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.

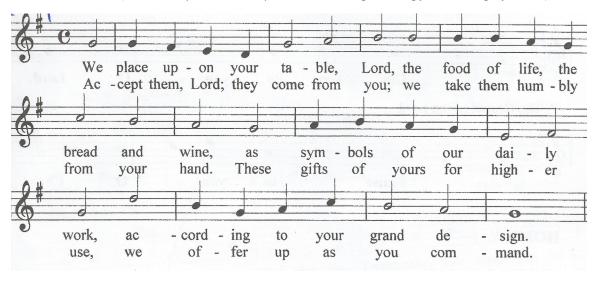
C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

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.

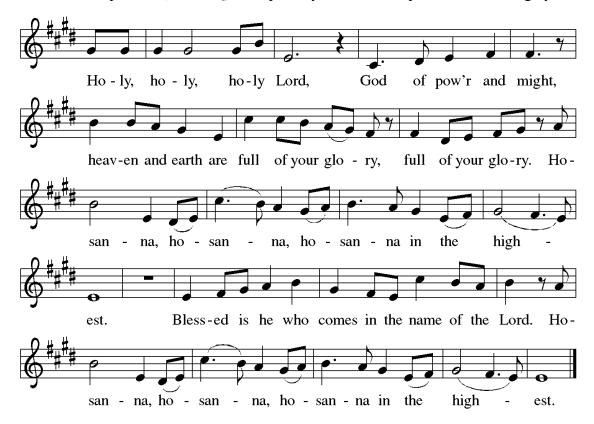
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

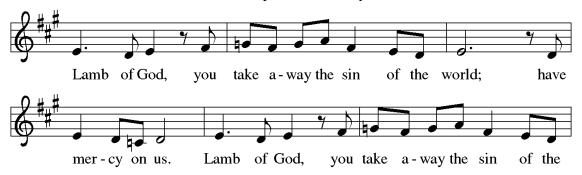
and deliver us from evil.

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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Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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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.



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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 Quilting Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Peace Lutheran Church/Charlotte, Rev. Neil Brady and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Jeanne Pankey, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Kathy Rettell -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Daniel Spaulding, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Matthew & Rebecca, Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Bishop Craig Satterlee, whose brother Don passed away on April 21st.

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 celebration of Steve & Janie Hansen's 54th wedding anniversary.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - APRIL 30

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 are especially hoping that this will be beneficial when we need to reach our members quickly and emailing is not timely.

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We still have some church directories that have not been picked up. If you had your picture taken, you have a copy waiting for you in the church office. A digital directory is also available to everyone in the congregation. An email with instructions was sent to all members with an email on file. If you did not receive one, or would like to receive the instructions again, please contact the church office.

QUILTERS NEWS - SAVE THE DATES! We have 2 upcoming events:

• August 25 & 26 - Rummage Sale

<u>Please do not drop off any items at this time</u>. If you are planning to do Spring cleaning and have items you can no longer use, please keep us in mind. Your generosity in helping our mission is deeply appreciated. We ask that you hold items until the sale when we will receive them directly into the Fellowship Hall two weeks before, rather than having to carry items up and down the stairs to the basement.

• October 26 - Game Night

As we have had in the past. More details as we get closer to the event.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE

Christ in Our Home devotionals for April through June are in. Pick one up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

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 MARCH 2023

Average needed in March (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 18,344.00 Monthly Giving - March \$ 18,475.95

(Includes \$2,100 gross distribution/\$2,700 quarterly donations)

We received:

115 envelopes, 59 Simply Giving recurring payments, 4 Give+ payments made from our website and 5 Thrivent Choice contributions





Anniversaries of **Baptism**

April 2 Kat Tomaszewski

April 3 Ruby Haske Dorene Schultz

April 4 Norm Timm

April 5 Larry Rettell

April 7 Tyler Suszek

April 8 Don Cross

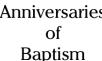
April 9 Janet Bettega Patrick Daly

April 11 Shane Jaroch

April 14 Jeanette Chroninger

April 15 Anna Greene

April 21 Taylor Agius



April 22 Vicki Cripps

April 24 Donna Czarnecki

April 25 Denise Timrick

April 26 Reed Lappan

April 27 Patrick McCourt

April 28 Chloe Hayward

April 29 Michael Herrmann Sophia Kamyszek



April 1 Jim Clemens Larry Suszek

April 6 Janet Carlson

April 7 Robert Greene Everett Haske

April 8 June Daly Tyler McKenzie

April 9 Phran Ludington

April 10 Nicholas Schillerstrom Logan Suszek

April 11 James Malaski

April 13 Jeanne Pankey Piper Slominski

April 14 Kendra McInerney

April 15 Wesley Garant Myles Granata

April 16 Pamela Agius

April 18 Alecia Lewis

April 19 Ryan Reynolds

April 20 Connor Freel

April 22 Stacey Piontkowski

April 23 Mike Schiller

April 24 Madison Timmreck

April 25 Terry Bertrand Jordyn Cieslik

April 26 Sharon Engstrom Lorah Lappan

April 27 Nancy Amelotte

April 30 Molly O'Connor Bethany Popour Anna-Marie Struble



Wedding Anniversaries

Donald & Myra Cross 8th Rich & Sherie McTaggart 12th Joel & Corinne Fraley 17th Michael & Donna Morgan 18th Richard & Janet Carlson

Douglas & Staci Chroninger 30th

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

8:50 am Choir Practice 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 1st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

6:00 pm Remembering Our

Children - Lounge

Tuesday - 2nd

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

Lounge

Wednesday - 3rd

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

Thursday - 4th

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

Friday - 5th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 6th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING APRIL 29/30

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Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Organist/Pianis	stAmy Truth
	Bob Greene
Communion	
Assistants	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers	.Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,
	Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
Greeters	Roger & Jeanne Pankey
	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre	
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Ruby Haske & Family

SERVING MAY 6/7

Ministers God's People	
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth	
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber	
Organist/PianistAmy Truth	
LectorRuby Haske	
Communion	
Assistants Dale Schultz	
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)	
Greeters Dale & Pat Schultz	
Altar Guild Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre	
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
Darlene Freel	
Coffee Hour Anne Gentry, Vicki Cripps,	
Jo Ann Smith	

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