

# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*October 26 & 27, 2024*



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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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

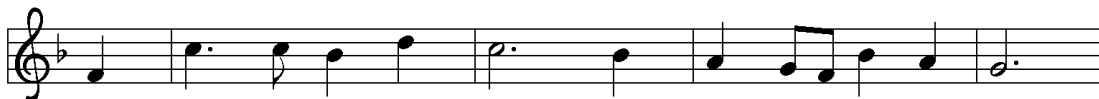
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, our sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
 the love, the word, the tide.  
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
 with faith's bright songful voice!  
 Announce the gospel to the world  
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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## GREETING

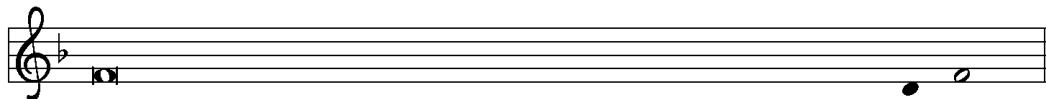
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## KYRIE



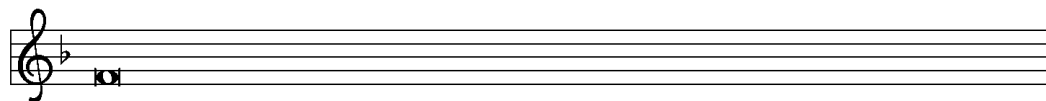
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



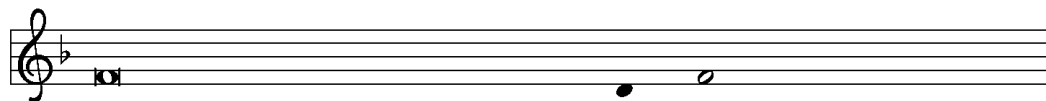
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



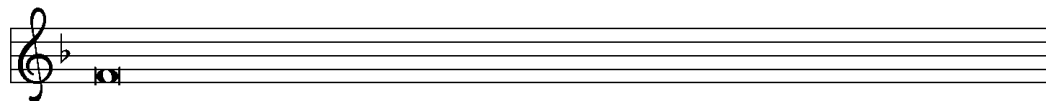
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



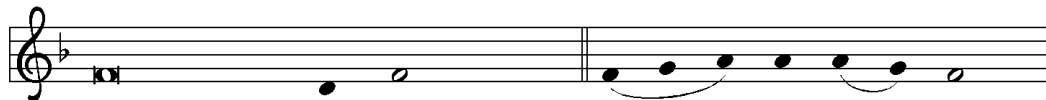
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



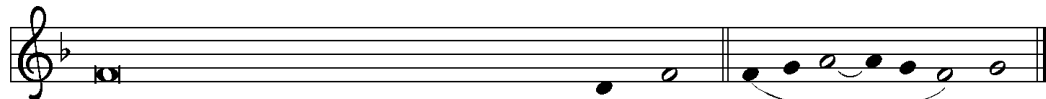
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.



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



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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **Jeremiah 31:7-9**

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” <sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalms 126**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### Hebrews 7:23-28

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.


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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Mark 10:46-52

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

<sup>46</sup> As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaues, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

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

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**R504**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



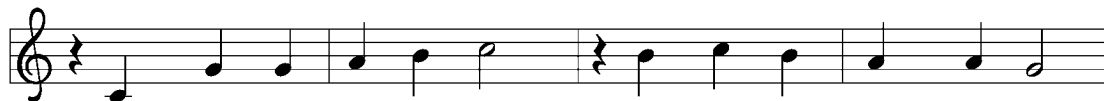
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with





wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.  
 God him - self e - lect - ed.  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 You ask who this may be?  
 Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!  
 The Lord of hosts is he!  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage!  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might  
 Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 His might is doomed to fail;  
 though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail!  
 they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.  
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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:** 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)*

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 of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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**P:** Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

**C:** source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

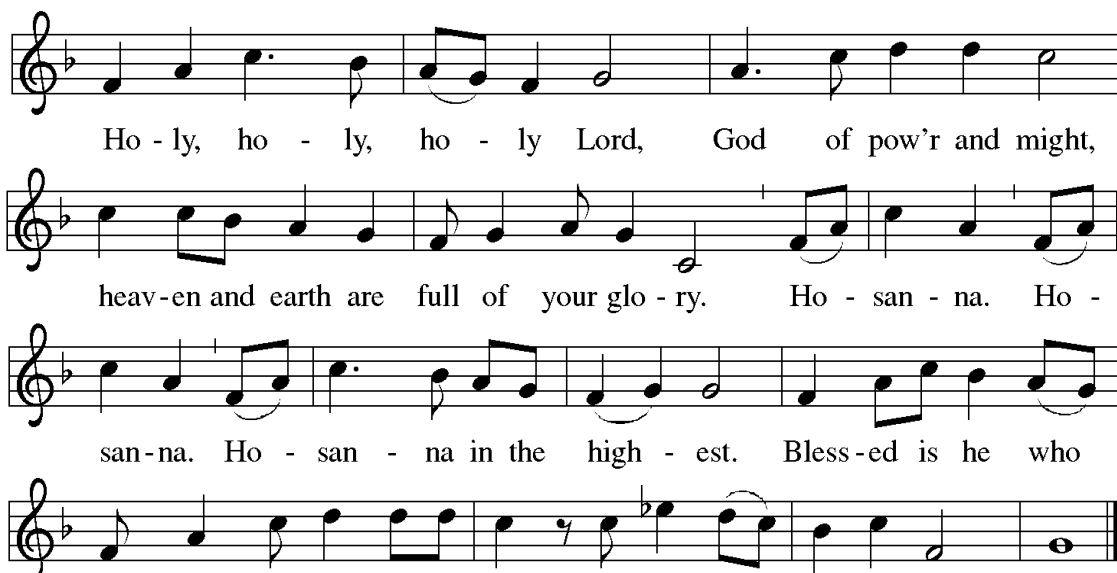
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit...

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

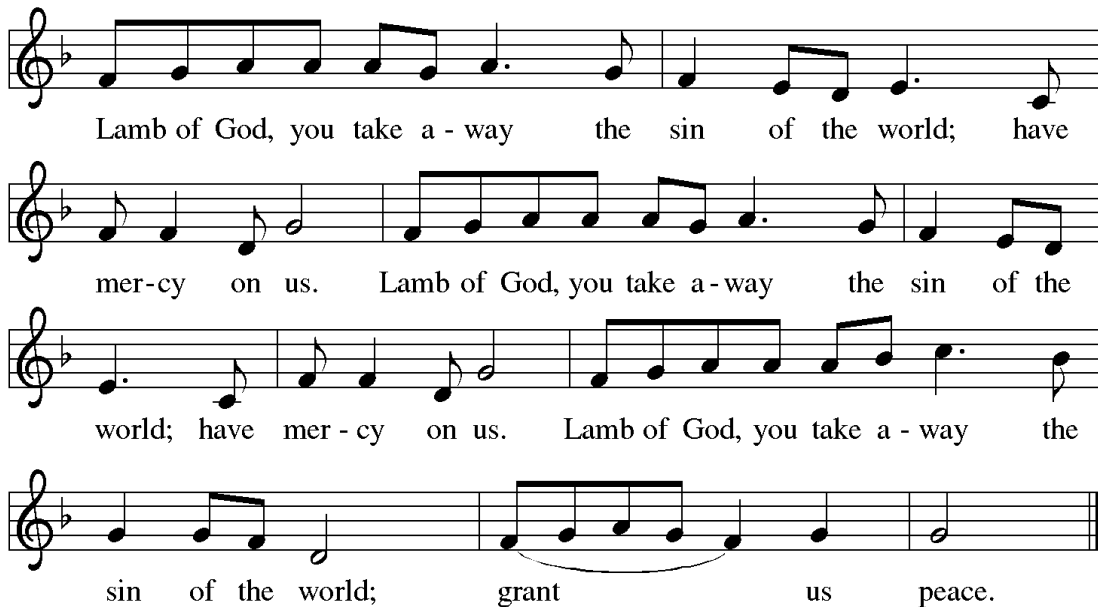
P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

## HOLY COMMUNION


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



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.

## COMMUNION HYMN "By Grace We Have Been Saved"

ACS1006



*Refrain*  
By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,





1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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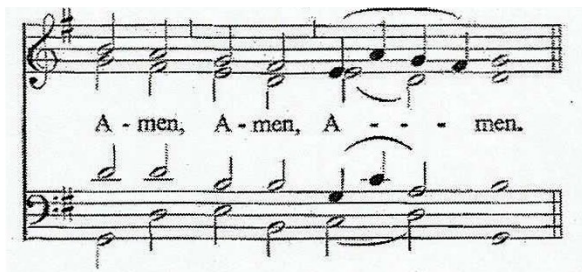
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**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.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Memory

of

Michael Moors

Given by Gerri Moors

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Bill Whitscell, 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, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, 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, and Joseph Hansen.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Homebound Parishioners at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Zion Lutheran Church/ Woodland, Supply Pastors, Rev. Douglas Ogden and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## ADULT CE - 6 WEEK SERIES

### *Honoring Out Neighbors Faith - Quakers*

Continuing look at other Christian denominations, the Religious Society of Friends, the Quakers, will be our focus this Sunday, pages 105 - 108 in our book. As always, any additional info, experiences or resources you can bring to class is appreciated. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

### **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE - HURRICANE HELENE ASSISTANCE**

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and ravaged communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have receded, the extreme devastation - especially in North Carolina and Tennessee - has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away. If you would like to donate to help Lutheran Disaster Response provide care and support needed by the families and communities affected by Hurricane Helene, please place your donation in an envelope marked "hurricane" and place in the offering plate or drop at the church office.

### **PEACE IN THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS**

Join a presentation from Rabbi Howard Morrison of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto, Canada and Pastor Tom Orth of Grace Lutheran here in Alpena on peace within the two traditions and "How do we cultivate a world of peace?" They will look at Jewish and Christian overviews of peace and at Challenges in contemporary times. The program will take place at Grace Lutheran Church on **Sunday afternoon October 27 from 4 to 6 PM** and will be in-person as well as Zoom. Contact Grace Lutheran (officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) for the Zoom link. This a joint presentation of the Alpena Peace Community, Temple Beth-El and Grace Lutheran Church. You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for Grace Lutheran's Little Food Pantry.

### **TRICK OR TREAT - FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Join us as we distribute treats on Halloween, Thursday October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. **SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE LOBBY.** We will set up at 5 PM. Let our neighbors know about Grace and have some fun meeting people too. ***DONATIONS OF TREATS ARE NEEDED*** and can be placed in the basket in the Office Lobby. We had over 100 kids stop by last year!

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

Average needed in September (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 23,680.00
Monthly Giving - September	14,447.17

#### We received:

109 envelopes, 51 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 9 Give+ payments made from our website



## **STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS TO OUR MEATBALL DINNER!**

Our Norwegian Meatball Dinner is just a few weeks away, and there's still time to get your tickets! Please contact Peggy at the church office if you would like to purchase tickets. You can also see Anne Gentry after church this Sunday (10/27) to purchase them. Tickets are \$20. The dinner starts at 6 pm on Friday, November 1st. To-go option is available with pick up between 5-6 pm. Enjoy traditional Norwegian meatballs, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and Norwegian sweets for dessert. All funds raised will go towards Grace's 150th fund. This event is open to all community members, so come join us to celebrate Grace's anniversary and Norwegian heritage.

## **ALPENA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) DEMONSTRATION**

Deputy Fire Chief Andy Marceau and Captain Tyler Suszek from Alpena Fire Department will be conducting an AED demonstration in the Lounge at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday November 3rd. You can save a life!

## **ALL SAINTS - NOVEMBER 2 & 3**

This weekend we will remember those who have passed away in the past year. If you have someone you want remembered, please notify the Office.

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10**

Grace will be having our Semi-Annual Meeting following worship at 11AM on Sunday November 10. Adoption of budget for 2025 and election of Council members are the main items on the Agenda.

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to say THANK YOU to the church council for saying "Yes" to my request to hold a fundraiser at Grace Lutheran Church. I would also like to thank everyone who donated or bid on auction items, placed an item in the fall themed basket, purchased raffle tickets, attended the event, made a dessert or helped out in any other way...THANK YOU! I will be presenting the Little Food Pantry check to the church council on Sunday, November 10th at 11a.m. -- Donna Morgan

## **QUILT/PERSONAL CARE KIT DISTRIBUTION**

We recently sent 20 quilts/27 personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief and 76 small quilts/36 large quilts to North Carolina.

## **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.



## OCTOBER

### Anniversaries of Baptism



**October 4**  
Madelyn Boyd

**October 10**  
Wayne Christopherson

**October 12**  
Kay Grove

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

**October 20**  
Shane Bullard

**October 21**  
Thomas Bertrand  
Drew Gentry

**October 27**  
Piper Slominski

**October 29**  
Michael Pankey  
Mya Styma

**October 30**  
Marcie Law  
Connie Suszek

**October 2**  
Jim Berles  
Adam Kirchoff

**October 3**  
Ellie Walker

**October 5**  
Mike Morgan

**October 6**  
Christopher Piontkowski

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

**October 10**  
Gary Grove  
Steve Lappan

**October 13**  
David Dekett

**October 14**  
Tamar Furze

**October 15**  
Kody Bertrand

**October 18**  
Brian Schiller  
Jim Timrick

**October 20**  
Erika Nicholls

**October 21**  
Jewel Lancaster

**October 22**  
Jessica Slominski

**October 23**  
Emma Nelson

**October 25**  
Staci Chroninger

**October 26**  
Dan VanEssen

**October 27**  
Clayton Lee

**October 28**  
Cindy Domrase  
Andrea Matzke

**October 29**  
Caileigh Nitchman

**October 31**  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sandra Welch



### Wedding Anniversaries

*1st Dawn & Brett Anderson  
3rd Matt & Ruby Haske  
6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave*

*17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith  
24th Dale & Patricia Schultz*

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### Grace Lutheran Council Briefs October 15, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence and Communication - With regret accepted resignation of Steve Hansen from Council immediately. Motion made by Dennis Werblow and seconded by Mary Lappan

Treasurer's/ Finance Report - Report given by Dennis Werblow. Council accepted the August and September financial reports. Motion made by Mary Lappan and seconded by Sharon Engstrom

Pastors Report -

2 funerals conducted - for Gerald Lancaster and Bill Platt.

Adult CE series, Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year had good participation and discussion.

Attended a number of webinars for Continuing Education

Work Groups -

Discipleship -

REBOOT- Rummage sale, visit to Samaritas, Feeding Kids Ministry

Little Food Pantry - Mary Lappan reported many monetary donations this month. \$1000 in gift cards to Perch's from Hunters Harvest, \$3,000 grant from the Women's Giving Circle, \$6,000 from the dinner given by Donna Morgan and Jean Spaulding, and \$500 given by St. Paul's. Very blessed.

Little Free Library -used often

Education - Elsa Philips report that Sunday School is in session

Christmas Program with kids will be December 15.

Fellowship - Two luncheons were given. One funeral luncheon for Bill Platt and one for Gerald Lancaster.

Finance and Stewardship - nothing to report

Property - Ed Czarnecki is doing a lot and we want to thank him for all his efforts.

Worship - Sharon Engstrom reported that we are in need of volunteers in different areas. Please consider.

Old Business -

AED training from Alpena Fire Department is being scheduled

Constitution Committee has a rough draft for viewing and commenting

It can be viewed in the form of an email.

An Evening with Friends and Family Fundraiser was held on October 4.

Donna Morgan and Jean Spaulding did a wonderful job.

New Business -

Proposed Budget adopted to be present at Semi-Annual Meeting on November 10, 2024.

Planning a Council Retreat in January.

Norwegian Meatball Dinner on November 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Next Council meeting December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday -27th

8:50 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Worship**  
11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge  
4:00 pm Alpena Peace Community  
Program at Grace

### Monday - 28th

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

### Tuesday - 29th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am Pastor's Text Study  
3:00 pm MLK Committee - Lounge

### Wednesday - 30th

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

### Thursday - 31st

8am-noon Church Office Open  
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved  
2pm... Kitchen Reserved/  
Fundraiser

### Friday - 1st

8am-noon Church Office Open  
6:00 pm Norwegian Meatball  
Dinner Fundraiser

### Saturday - 2nd

**5:00 pm Worship**

## SERVING OCTOBER 26/27

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Dawn Anderson  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Joe Gentry, Dale Schultz  
**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
June Daly  
**Greeters** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Altar Guild...** Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

## SERVING NOVEMBER 2/3

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Sharon Engstrom  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**..... Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel,  
Diane Prevost (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Mary Rowader, Cindy Domrase  
**Altar Guild**..... Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Anne Gentry, Brandi Stone

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

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