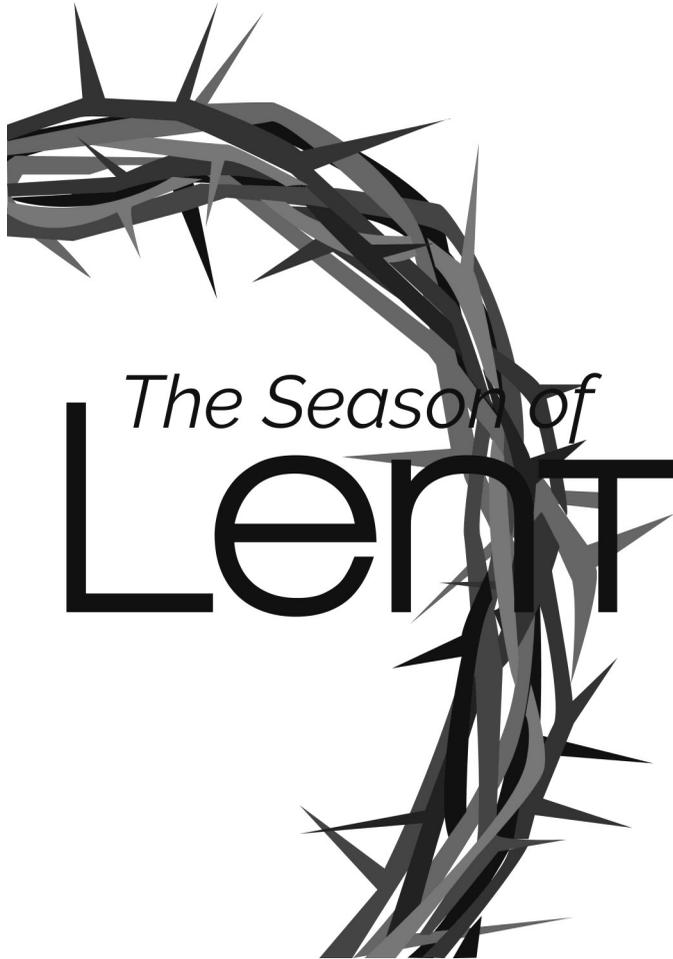


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Grace Lutheran Church

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

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

(The assembly stands as you are comfortable)

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 before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God:

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: for dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, we have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in us, pours God's love into our hearts, and gives us life and peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

R886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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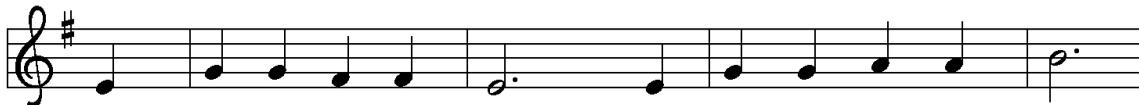
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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that

they may live.”¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’”¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

¹ Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

² **O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³ If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴ **Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵ I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸ **For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot

please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: 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



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in

them.”¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.”¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

HYMN OF THE DAY “What Wondrous Love Is This”

R666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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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 comfortable & sings as the gifts are brought forward)*

We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly

bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er

work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C: **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age...

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: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. 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, 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



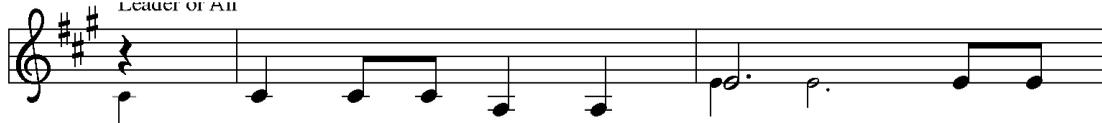
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION HYMN "I Am the Bread of Life"

R485

Leader of All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

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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 of our salvation,

C: **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy spirit, whose breath sustains creation, + bless us now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

R773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

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 worshipping 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 Honor of Rosalia's 3rd Birthday
Given by Janet & Gary Bettega

IN OUR PRAYERS

Myra Cross, Larry Garant, Patti Tucker, Bonnie Cross, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Tamyra Rychlinski, Tom Watson, Amy, Chuck, Ho-Ok Nam Lin (Pastor Seok Nam Lin's mother), Maria Shelton, Paul Kroll, Jim Marquardt, Aggie Jakubiak, Jerry McConnell, Lisa Creger, Lysie, Becky & Dante, Willow & Tato, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Mychele Allmacher, Daphne Flack, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles, US Air Force Pilot Training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force. We also remember the family of Randy Thiem, who passed away March 17th.

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 St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Leer Lutheran Church/ Posen, Supply Pastors; 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 EDUCATION - MARCH 22

Discipleship - Is it declining?

A recent study says discipleship is declining among church members. Do you agree? How DO you define discipleship? How is your discipleship? The Christian faith is less prevalent in society today. Is that the result of less discipleship. Lets talk about discipleship and how we live it out in our class. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

BAPTISMS & FIRST COMMUNION

God bless Conor Lorenzo Kaminske, Cadence Leigh Kaminske, Brinley Ann Kaminske, Riley Ray Newman, and Emma Lynn Newman who are being baptized at our 9:30 a.m. service on March 22. Sponsors for Conor, Cadence, Brinley and Emma are Jeff & Shirley Diamond. Sponsors for Riley are Robert & Linda Kelley and Jeff & Shirley Diamond. Conor and Cadence are also celebrating their First Communion at this service.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION MARCH 22

With great joy and thankfulness, we ask that you join us in the celebration of faith, hope, and love as we baptize Shirley and Jeff Diemond's grandchildren, on Sunday, March 22nd. Please help us welcome them into the family of God. The celebration continues as some of the children will also be celebrating their First Communion. Join us after church for cake and to also recognize and celebrate all March Baptism Anniversaries.

EASTER FLOWERS

This year we are asking for donations for Easter flowers for the church in lieu of individual plants. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone. Several larger plants will be ordered with the money collected to beautify our sanctuary for our Easter service. **Forms are available on the table in the Office Lobby.** **Deadline to have your information printed in the bulletin is March 22.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

We will not meet on March 29 and April 5. Sunday School will resume on April 12.

RUTH CIRCLE - MARCH 25

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25 in the Lounge. Our Bible lesson is from the February issue of *Gather* magazine beginning on page 38. All women are welcome!

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK APRIL 5

We are planning an Easter Breakfast Potluck following our 9:30 am Easter Worship Service on April 5. Sign-up sheets for the potluck (#attending, dish you are bringing, help with clean up) are located in the Office Lobby. **Please sign up by March 29 if you plan to attend and if you are able to help.** Thanks!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent clients with membership are able to direct 2025 Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran Church until March 31, 2026 at thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our Little Food Pantry is being used a lot during these cold winter months and things are depleting fast. If you can help, we are in need of nonperishable items such as small boxes of cereal, bread and peanut butter and canned or packaged items that can make a meal. We have existed for over 6 years and we make a difference.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

CANNING JARS NEEDED

The ladies of Grace are collecting canning jars. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the church kitchen. Thank you!

2025 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

2025 Annual Giving Statements are available by calling (989-354-2640) or emailing (officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) the church office. Statements can be mailed or emailed to you.

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The GREAT FACEBOOK CHALLENGE is upon us!

We want an active presence on Grace's Facebook page and need your help. Your "LIKES" are good, but your "COMMENTS" and "SHARES" are GREAT!!!

Beginning March 1st, Grace Lutheran Church challenges YOU to be one of our TOP FACEBOOK FANS by "liking" "sharing" and "commenting" on all of Grace's Facebook posts until the end of April. The winners will be awarded a gift card to Cabin Creek Coffee.

For more information, text Kat at 989.255.8750 or Donna at 989.590.3327.

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.

Lenten Services 2026

The Ash Wednesday service on February 18 will be at Grace Lutheran Church. This year the services will be evening prayer services from each of the traditions that are participating. **SUPPER BEGINS AT 5:30 PM** with the video starting after everyone has soup. Our **SERVICES WILL START AT 6:45 PM** and with the shorter format of prayer services for the second through fifth weeks will be done by 7:30 PM. The Maundy Thursday Service will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal. The Tre Ore Service will be hosted by First Presbyterian from Noon – 3 pm on Good Friday, April 3. All are welcome!

Service	Host Church
Wednesday Weekly March 25 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	First United Methodist
Maundy Thursday April 2 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	Trinity Episcopal
Good Friday Tre Ore April 3 Noon – 3 PM	First Presbyterian



Birthdays



Anniversaries of Baptism



March 3
Arnold Jahnke

March 11
Hadleigh Suszek

March 17
Patricia Schultz
Adam Urlaub
Brody Yuchasz

March 19
Joel Suszek

March 23
Robert Greene

March 26
John Kuligowski

March 27
Eleanor Coddington

March 28
Allison Urlaub



March 1
Gene Domrase
Anna Greene

March 3
Brandi Stone

March 6
Patrick McCourt
Tiffany Oliver

March 8
Dorene Schultz

March 9
Matthew Gillard

March 11
Norm Timm

March 12
Donice Ziberna

March 14
Barbara Mudge

March 15
Janet Bettega
Kathy Piontkowski

March 17
Patrick Daly

March 18
Kayla Bertrand
Vicki Cripps

March 19
Bonnie Cross
Tyler Suszek

March 21
Anna Lewis

March 22
Karen Klee

March 24
Tracie Granata

March 25
Larry Rettell
Sheri Smith
Emmett Suszek

March 29
Jeanette Chroninger

March 31
Emma Barber

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JANUARY 2026

Average needed in January (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 19,252.00

Monthly Giving - January 13,517.58

We received:

70 envelopes, 60 Simply Giving recurring payments,
5 Thrivent Choice donations, and 9 Give+ payments made from our website

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Average needed in February (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 19,252.00

Monthly Giving - February 18,058.87

We received:

88 envelopes, 59 Simply Giving recurring payments,
5 Thrivent Choice donations, and 10 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 22nd

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

Monday - 23rd

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
6:00 pm Church Reserved

Tuesday - 24th

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

Wednesday - 25th

8am-noon Church Office Open
1:00 pm Ruth Circle
5:30 pm Soup Supper &
6:45 pm Worship at First United
Methodist

Thursday - 26th

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
5:30 pm Catechism
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Friday - 27th

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

Saturday - 28th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING MARCH 21/22

Ministers God's People
Pastor.....Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
Organist.....Kat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst......Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek,
Cindy Domrase

Lector Bob Greene
Ushers..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)

Greeters Mary Rowader, Cindy Domrase
Altar Guild..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips
Livestream Team.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble

Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek,
Stephanie Suszek

Coffee Hour Ruby Haske & Family

SERVING MARCH 28/29

Ministers God's People
Pastor.....Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
Organist.....Kat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst......Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek,
Cindy Domrase

Lector Sharon Engstrom
Ushers..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)

Greeters Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips
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Don LaBarre, Alex Struble

Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek,
Stephanie Suszek

Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

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

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