

*Worship Folder*



*Pentecost*

# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## *October 9 & 10, 2021*

### **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 you are able)*

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

**P:** Trusting in the Word of life given in Baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** We give you thanks, O God,

**C: For in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my  
 2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for  
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the  
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -  
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and  
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to  
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most  
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel throng and raise to



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!  
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!  
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!  
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. composite

Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

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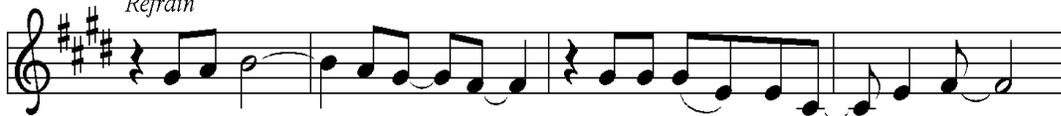
**GREETING**

**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**

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

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

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*

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

3 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. A - men. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WORD**

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

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 90:12-17**

*So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## Hebrews 4:12-16

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

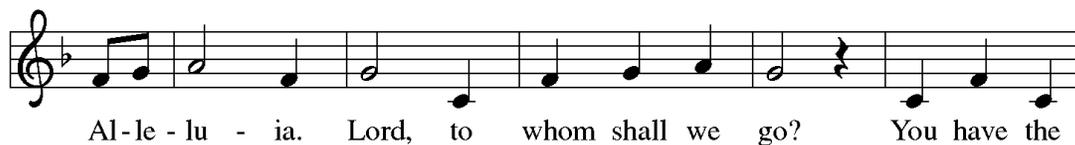
<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

**Mark 10:17-31**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

*(The assembly may be seated)*

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as you are able)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life, That I May Be”



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## 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.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *(The assembly stands, as you are able, and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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P: Let us pray...God of abundance,

**C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



### IN OUR PRAYERS

Dale Schultz, Mike & Donna, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Gus Gillard, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Genie Diamond, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Betty Dulebohn, who passed away on October 3rd.

*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 concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.**

### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Homebound Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Hillsdale, Rev. Jessica Hahn.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Dan Maxwell for leading worship and preaching while Pastor Tom is at the LARC retreat this week and on vacation next. Rev. Maxwell is a deacon in the Episcopal church ordained to Word and Service. Thus communion will not be celebrated these 2 weeks while Pastor Tom is gone.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In honor of Jack & Patti Tucker's 59th wedding anniversary on October 13th.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The recently passed abortion law in Texas authorizes private citizens to sue abortion providers and people who facilitate abortions. Some clergy fear they could be considered facilitators under this law. Could this violate the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of religious freedom? As Christians, do we have an obligation to support rights guaranteed by the Constitution? Join us at 11 in the Lounge for the discussion as we talk about this difficult topic. Thank you to Jan Charter for leading the class.

### **SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEMBERS**

Some members at Grace with asthma or allergies can react to and have difficulty breathing with various perfumes or colognes. For those with special sensitivity (like Pastor Tom), it can be surprising how little it takes to cause the reaction and even being at distance away doesn't always help as the scent can travel a good distance. We would ask that you consider wearing as little as possible or even refraining from any perfumes or colognes for worship services allowing others to worship in ease and comfort.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Would you like to serve the church and help share God's love and welcome. Talk to Council President Tom Lappan, Vice President Rick Engstrom or Pastor Tom about the tasks and joy of being a Council Member.

### **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 or recording.

### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN**

With our weekly bulletin as our main communication to members and visitors, we ask that all announcements be turned in by 9 AM on Wednesday in a written form. As announcements are highlighted in the email blast that sends the bulletin link out, on our web page and Facebook as well as in the printed bulletin for weekend services and highlighted at the end of the livestream this gives multiple opportunities for people to see the information spreading the word. With as much as 1/3 of our worship attendance online, we need to offer these various ways for everyone to be aware of what is going and have the info to refer to and then get involved. Thank you for helping to share God's Love and welcome *ALL* in some new ways.

### **NO RECYCLED ITEMS PLEASE**

At this time we are not able to take any recycled items due to extremely limited recycling availability.

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 following 9:30 am worship  
On the agenda: budget adoption and election of officers. Please plan to attend!**

**THANK YOU**

United Way of Northeast Michigan was the recipient of 1400 pairs of shoes & boots and 135 coats and other apparel items. These high quality Merrell items were received from a generous anonymous corporate donor. Thanks to volunteers from Grace Lutheran (Jan, Sharon, Pastor Tom and Isabelle) the coats were sorted by male/female and sizes on Friday, 9/24 and the shoes were sorted by male/female and sizes on Friday 10/1. United Way thanks the volunteers and the church for letting us utilize the space to make distribution of these items more efficient and less time consuming. --Joe Gentry

**ELCA DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION**

Thanks to all who generously contributed. We collected \$540 which will be combined with \$600 of Community Outreach money for a total of \$1,140

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**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM**

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we welcome your doing so. Let us take care of each other and help end this pandemic.

**POLLY COOK HAS MOVED**

Polly has decided not to return to Alpena and will now be residing in Wisconsin where she has more family nearby. She would love to hear from her friends in Alpena. Her address and phone number are:

Polly Cook  
Scandia Village Apartments  
10560 Applewood Rd. #224  
Sister Bay, WI 54234

Phone: 989.884.9245

**PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS**

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT  
[www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2021-birthdays](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2021-birthdays)**

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 10th**  
9:30 a.m.      **Worship**  
11:00 a.m.      Adult CE - Lounge

**Monday - 11th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
8am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Tuesday - 12th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
9:00 am      Sewing/Quilting

**Wednesday - 13th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open

**Thursday - 14th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
8am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Friday - 15th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
10am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Saturday - 16th**  
5:00 p.m.      **Worship**

**Large print worship folders  
are available from ushers**

**SERVING OCTOBER 9/10**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Dr. Daniel Maxwell  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector** ..... Pat Daly  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers** (Sunday) ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
(Saturday) ..... Steve & Janie Hansen  
**Altar Guild** ... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Livestream Team** Phran Ludington, Dawn  
Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** .....

**SERVING OCTOBER 16/17**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Dr. Daniel Maxwell  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector** ..... Donna Czarnecki  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers** (Sunday) ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
(Saturday) ..... Steve & Janie Hansen  
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