# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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## Grace Lutheran Church

### **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### WELCOME/PRELUDE

#### **GATHERING**

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

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

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

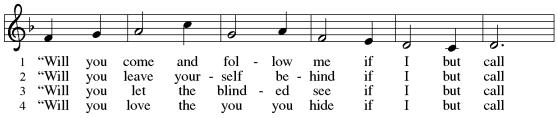
Silence is kept for reflection.

- 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.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1-4)

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Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

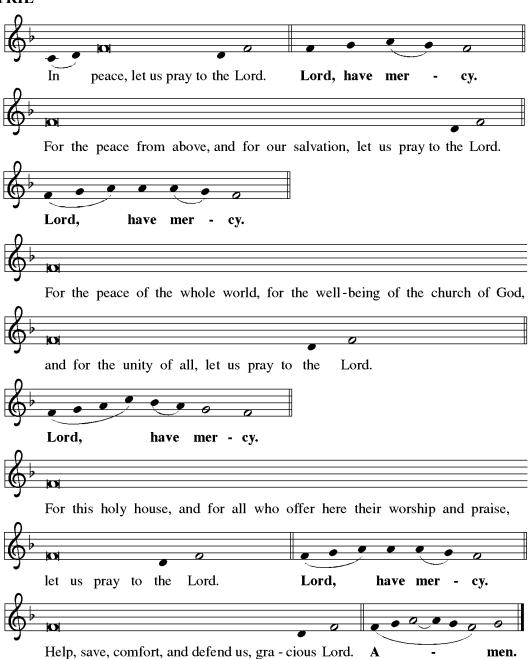
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#### **GREETING**

- 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**



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GoD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GoD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**L:** The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

## <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

#### James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

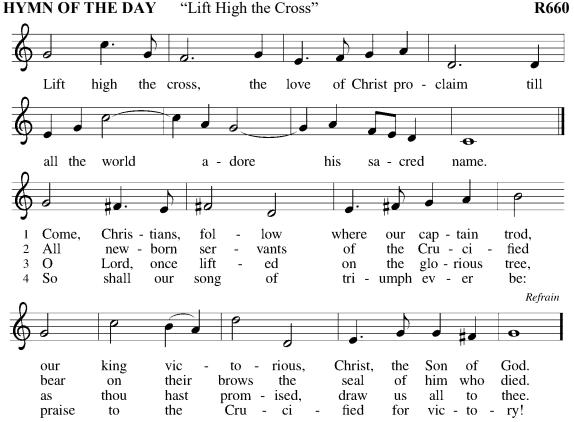
<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **HOMILY**

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)



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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)

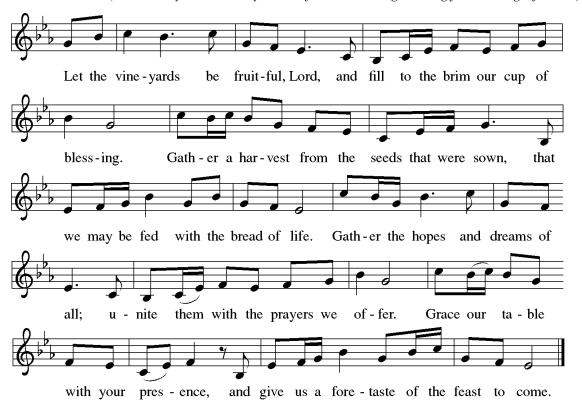
P: Merciful God,

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)



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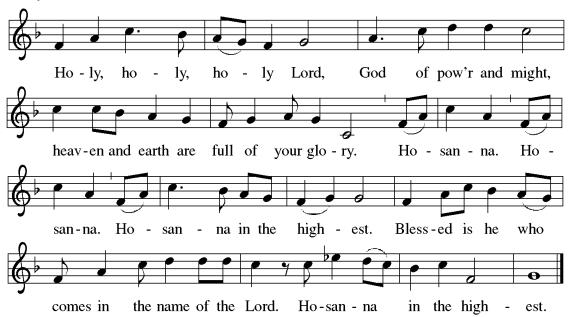
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P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

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:



#### **EUCHARISTIC 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.

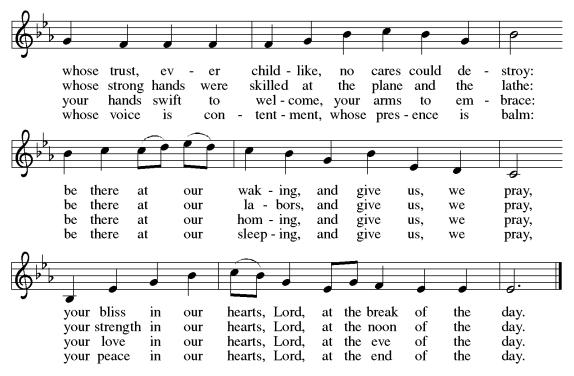
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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)





Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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...Holy God,

C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless us, keep us, and give us peace.

C: Amen.



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924 This selection is in the public domain.

#### **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.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Whitscell, Bill Platt, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Tammy Furze, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Harlan Werblow (Dennis Werblow's father), who passed away on September 8th.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. John's Lutheran Church/Three Rivers, Rev. James Smith and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

#### LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!!

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

#### ADULT CE - 6 WEEK SERIES

#### Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year

The theme for Session 2 this week is: Addressing Polarization and Building Cohesion in Your Community. The recording of the Tuesday Synod session is available on the Synod's Youtube channel on Thursday afternoon. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@NorthWestLowerMichiganSynod">https://www.youtube.com/@NorthWestLowerMichiganSynod</a>. Join us Sunday at 11 for our class and discussion.

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

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

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

#### RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet September 18 at 1:00 pm in the church lounge. All women are welcome.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

**Sunday School starts Sunday, September 22.** All children are welcome. We have a team of Grace members sharing in the teaching of class. Each week our kids will be learning a new Bible story with fun activities like arts and crafts or music or videos. Classes are every Sunday from 9:00-9:30 a.m. before our worship service.

#### **GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 17**

Make your reservations soon for our annual Game Night to be held on October 17. Cost is \$10/person. Doors open at 4:30 pm, serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. *Limited seating/reservations required*. Contact Chris at 989.356.0430 for reservations (if no answer, leave message). Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.

#### NORWEGIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR 150TH - NOVEMBER 1

Save the date for Friday, November 1st for a Norwegian Meatball Dinner. Funds raised will contribute to our 150th anniversary fund. I am looking for extra help to assist with planning, creating the menu, and cooking the meal. Please text or call me at 989-464-9939 if you are able to help. Thank you. -- Anne Gentry

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seats are limited. Tables of 8 can be reserved.

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

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped with our annual rummage sale. Your help was greatly appreciated. We raised a total of \$1,560.52 for our quilting ministry.

#### LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Fall harvest is here and if you have any extra items such as tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, carrots, etc. please think of our Little Food Pantry. Place them inside or out. We thank you for your donation!

#### 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.



### Anniversaries of Baptism



September 1 Britni Nowak

September 2
Joanne Kindt

September 5 Jon Crow Aaron Nowak

September 10 Dawn Gentry Jim Hansen Brian Nelson

September 13 Izzy Szymanski

**September 14**Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 15 Scott Henning

## **September 20**Mark Freel Caileigh Nitchman

September 22 William Whitscell

September 27 Jonathan Lang Wayne Lewis Marco Wade Owen Wade

September 28
Rachel Engstrom

**September 29** T. J. Lappan Chuck McKay

### **Birthdays**



September 5 Bill Platt

September 10 Ryan Werblow

September 11 Donald Cross Steven Garant

**September 12** Shane Bullard Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14 Izzy Denstaedt Nic Timmreck

September 15 Thomas Bertrand

September 17 William Bock



Maia Slominski

September 21 Lawrence Nelson

September 24 Judith Douglas

September 26 Joseph Gentry

**September 27** Cheryl Lang

**September 28**Darlene Freel
Ann O'Connor

September 29 John Kuligowski Jessica McKenzie Dennis Werblow

September 30 Ella Sandula Kady Sandula Connie Suszek



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross 11th Jim & Laurie Hansen 16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie 17th Gordon & Karen Suszek 19th Joel & Cindy Suszek 20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson 29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey 30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

#### Sunday –15th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

#### Monday - 16th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 5:30 pm Feeding Kids Packing -

Sunset School

#### Tuesday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 11:00 am Pastor's Text Study 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved -

Friends Together

#### Wednesday - 18th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm Ruth Circle

#### Thursday - 19th

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

#### Friday - 20th

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

Saturday - 21st

5:00 pm Worship

#### **SERVING SEPTEMBER 14/15**

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Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski
Lector Jan Charter
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Christopherson
UshersMatt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
Greeters Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Mary Rowader
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom
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