Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

July 5 & 6, 2025



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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

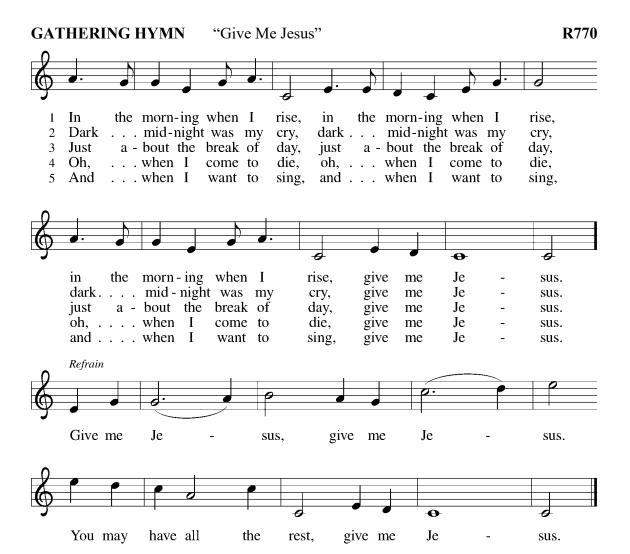
(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.



Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

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 (verses 1 & 4)





HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

- ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- ² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- ⁴ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- ⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

- ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

[1] My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

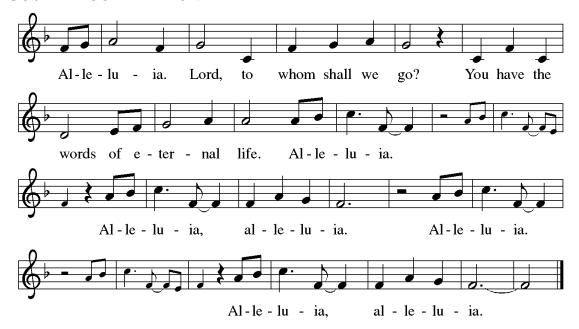
L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into

its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

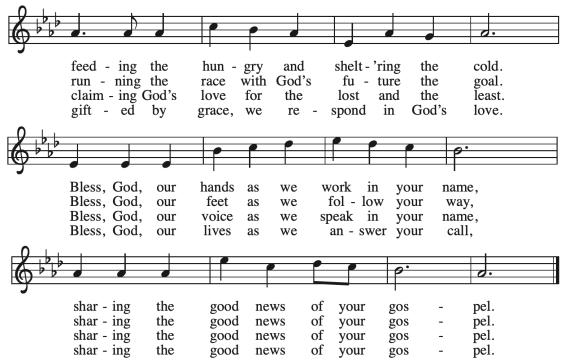
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)





Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)



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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

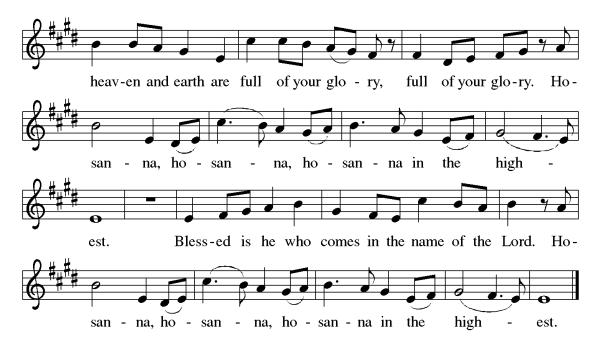
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
 - Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Eat and rejoice.

HOLY COMMUNION

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





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taught me to is well, it is well with my soul. say, his help - less es - tate, and hath shed own blood for my soul. it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Lord shall de - scend: soul. it is well with my e - ven SO



It is

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...Loving God,
- C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.

C: Amen.



"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

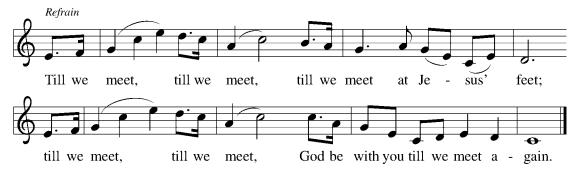
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- God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;



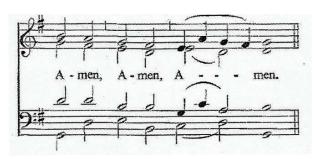
Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896 This selection is in the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Sandra Christopherson, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Bonnie Urlaub, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas.

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 Environmental Sensitivity at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Revs. Jonathan Niketh, Daniel Schewe, Kari Fast; and Bishop Craig Satterlee 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.

COMMUNION AT THE RAIL

Since it is the weekend of the month, we will be receiving communion at the rail on both Saturday and Sunday. As always you may receive as you are comfortable, kneeling if you wish. After everyone at the rail, the entire table, has taken communion, all receive a blessing and are dismissed together.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN NEED OF BOOKS

We love that we have had lots of visitors to our Little Free Library over the past few weeks. However, our book selection is very low. Do you have books (children to adult) that you would like to donate to help replenish our selection? Donations may be dropped off in the red tote located outside the Church Office door.

QUILTERS NOTE

This past Tuesday, 50 quilts and 1,200 wash cloths were sent to Orphan Grain Train. We have been busy!

OUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE

The Quilters Rummage Sale is coming soon...Friday & Saturday, August 22 & 23. Donations of items will be greatly appreciated. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items. Also, please keep your items until close to the dates, so moving them from the basement to the Fellowship Hall is eliminated. Thank you in advance!

THE STORY PROPERTY - HOW SHOULD WE USE IT?

Our empty lot across the street, the former home of Homer Story, is a resource for the church. Council is seeking ideas of how it can be used to support the ministry and mission of the church and be of benefit to the community. Let's brainstorm and see what use we can put it to. Send your ideas to the Church Office. Thanks.

THANK YOU

Words can't truly express the depth of our gratitude for the love and support you all showed during Dale's funeral. From the beautiful and comforting sermon to the warm and welcoming luncheon, every detail was handled with such care and grace. It was a true reflection of the faith, kindness, and fellowship that Dale cherished so deeply in his church family.

He loved his church — not just the building, but each of you who made it a home for his heart and spirit. The way you honored his life, his faith, and his memory was nothing short of extraordinary. Your prayers, presence, and the stories shared reminded us all of the gentle and kind man he was — and how much he was loved.

Thank you for walking with us through this tender time. You gave us peace, comfort, and the reminder that we are never alone in our grief or in our faith.

With all our heart,

The family of Dale Schultz

MEMORIAL & GIFT LIST

Several years ago, Grace established the Memorial and Gift List. The List is comprised of items that have come from suggestions of the Work Groups or individuals through the Work Groups to support the ministry and mission of Grace Lutheran. Council then selects the ones to be placed on the Memorial and Gift List in a range of costs so that as memorials or gifts come in the donor may designate the gift toward a specific item until sufficient funds accumulate to purchase it.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The next quarterly devotionals are here. Pick them up in the Office Lobby. Offer to share them with friends.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

The new Living Lutheran magazines have arrived. Pick one up in the Office Lobby.

150TH BALLOONS - ARE THEY EVER GOING TO FALL??????

It's been a year since our 150th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner. Three balloons are still floating. And *ONLY TWO* people's guesses are still possible. You can still enter your guess when the last one will fall down. The PRIZE is getting bigger all the time.

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

| Sunday –6th |
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9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 7th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 8th

8am-noon
9:00 am
Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am
Pastors Text Study Lounge
6:15 pm
Friends of Alpena
Animal Control - Hall

Wednesday - 9th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 10th

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 11th

8am-noon Church Office Open 11:00 am Funeral Service -George Curtis

Saturday - 12th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JULY 5/6

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| God's People | |
| .Rev. Tom Orth | |
| Claire Witt | |
| at Tomaszewski | |
| Christopherson | |
| Mike Urlaub | |
| & Tracy Urlaub | |
| n, Bruno Hirzel, | |
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| Christopherson | |
| on, Jan Charter, | |
| Alex Struble | |
| y & Kay Grove | |
| erie McTaggart | |
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SERVING JULY 12/13

| Ministers | God's People | |
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| Pastor | Rev. Tom Orth | |
| Music Director | Claire Witt | |
| Recorded Accomp | animentKat Tomaszewski | |
| Comm. Asst | Wayne & Chris Christopherson | |
| Lector | Pat Daly | |
| Ushers Brui | no Hirzel, Mike & Tracy Urlaub | |
| | Joel & Cindy Suszek | |
| Altar Guild | Chris Christopherson | |
| Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter, | | |
| | Don LaBarre, Alex Struble | |
| Counters | Gary & Kay Grove | |
| Coffee Hour | | |

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

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