

# *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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

P:: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.

*Refrain*

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## GREETING

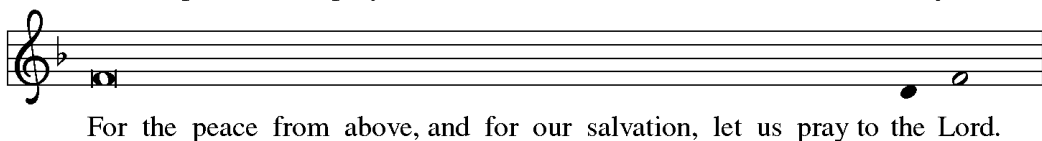
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

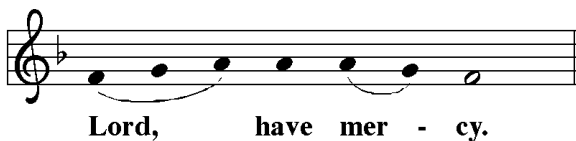
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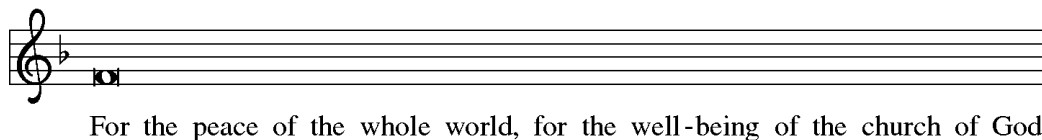
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



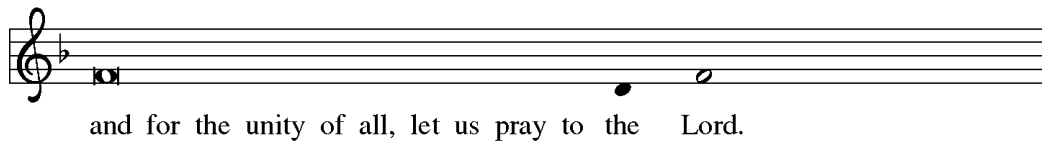
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



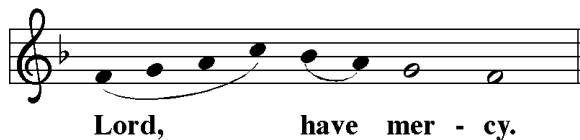
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



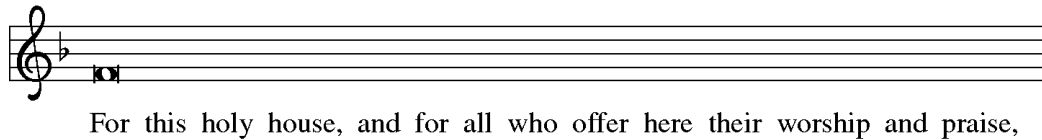
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



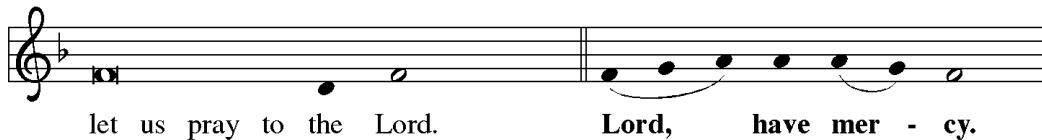
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



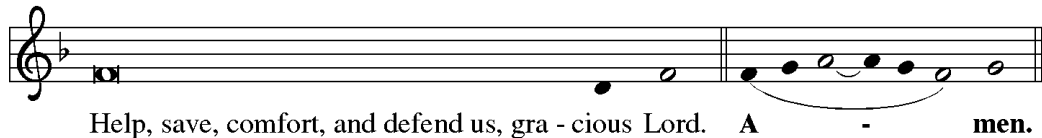
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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



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

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Acts 2:1-21

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood,

and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

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

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:124-34, 35b**

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

**Romans 8:22-27**

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we

were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?  
<sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

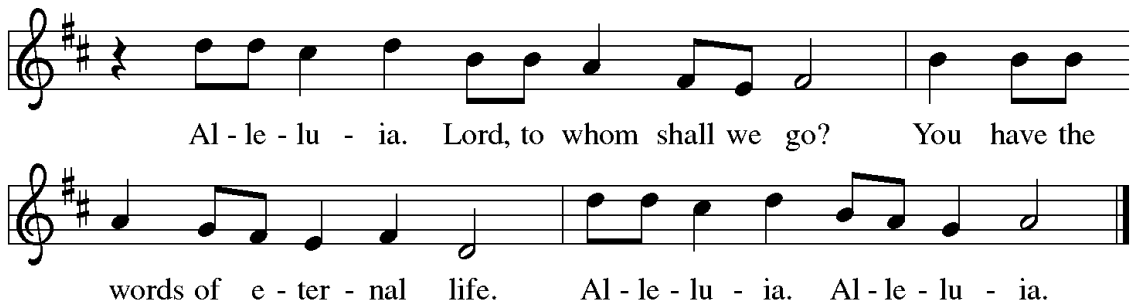
P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

## John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but



you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.  
 C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HOMILY**

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

**R400**



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**P:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*(Response after each petition)*

**P:** ... let us pray.

**C:** Have mercy, O God.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

### MEAL

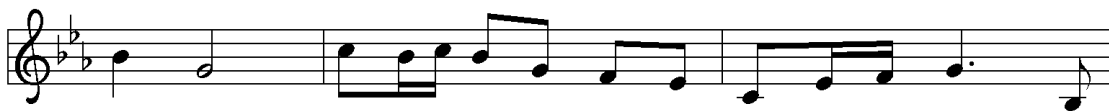
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### OFFERING

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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

C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day after day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

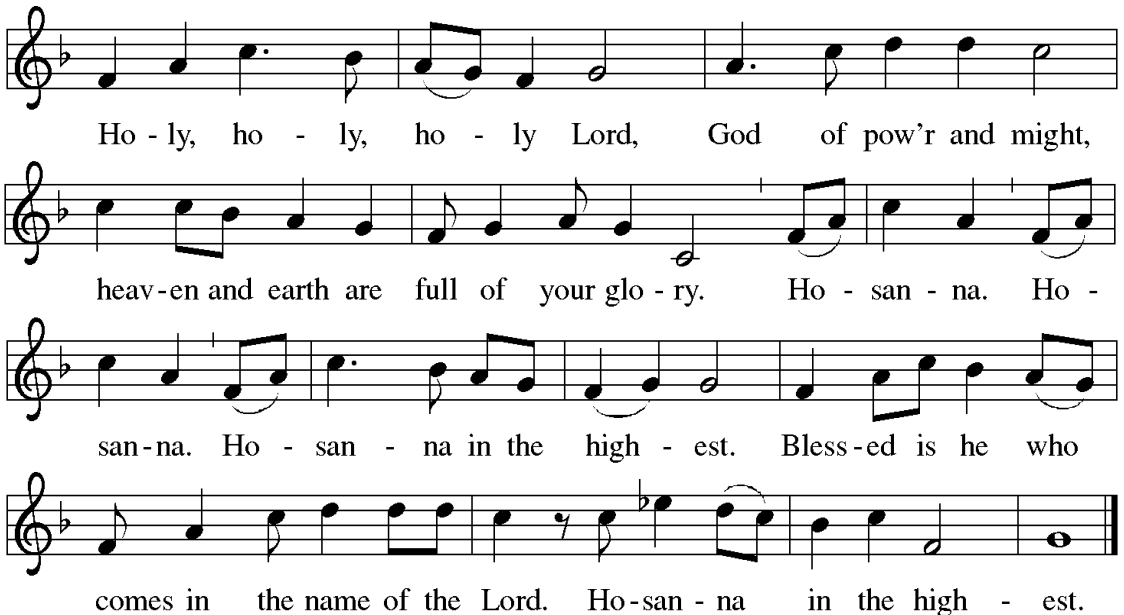
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...

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 ...

Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...  
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.**

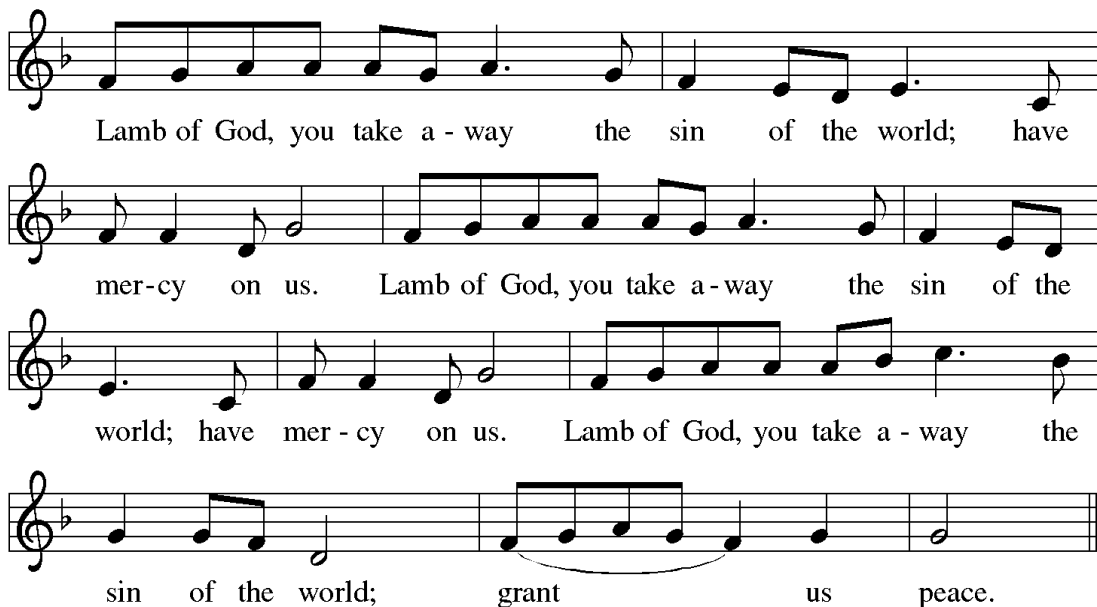
## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## HOLY COMMUNION

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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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.

P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God,

**C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**L:** Go in peace. Share 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 worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

### **COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In thanksgiving for God's blessings  
by  
Bill & Nancy Platt

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Diane Prevost, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Daphne Flack, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, 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, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

*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 Samaritas/Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church/Petoskey, Rev. Sherry McGuffin and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.



## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**

### **Eastern Orthodox Tradition - Honoring Our Neighbors Faith**

This week we will look at the third major branch of Christianity, Orthodox Christianity, and specifically the Eastern Orthodox part of that. Their distinctiveness goes back over a thousand years. As always we will do some contrast and comparing to the Lutheran tradition of mainline Christianity. Join us at 11 in the Lounge to learn more.

## **FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY PACKING - MAY 20**

Join us at 5:30 p.m. at Sunset School on Hobbs Drive. Sign up in the Office Lobby.

## **150TH FUND**

Thank you to those who donated already to our 150th Fund to honor Grace's anniversary. At our celebration dinner, we raised \$640 to kick off our efforts, along with the \$1,000 committed by Council. It is our goal to raise \$10,000 by the end of this calendar year. Half will be used for current ministry and outreach, and the other half will be used for near-future projects. Thank you to all who are supporting Grace's activities to make a Christ-like difference in our community and world. If you would like to donate, please indicate "150th" on your check or on your church envelope. Thank you, -- Anne Gentry

## **GRADUATING?**

### **Please let us know by May 26**

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 2.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for all the donations that have come into the Little Food Pantry. Without the help of this church and all the others who donate to the pantry, this pantry couldn't happen. We help a lot of people in our community. Thank you!!

## **BABY KITS COLLECTION FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Collection for these items will take place April through mid-May. Items that are not used in the Baby Kits may be donated elsewhere, as needed. A list of needed items may be found on the table in the Office Lobby.

## **FREE LITTLE LIBRARY**

A free little library is coming soon to Grace. Look for it across the street near the parking lot. *Take a book, leave a book, love a book, keep a book.*

## **RUMMAGE SALE - AUGUST 23 & 24**

Please remember our Rummage Sale as you are Spring cleaning.

## **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.

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR MARCH 2024**

Average needed in March (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 23,680.00
Monthly Giving - March	21,847.29

#### We received:

158 envelopes, 61 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
8 Thrivent Choice donations, and 9 Give+ payments made from our website

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR APRIL 2024**

Average needed in April (4 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 18,944.00
Monthly Giving - April	23,142.10

(Includes several one-time/qtly gifts in the amount of \$2,300)

#### We received:

103 envelopes, 72 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
1 Thrivent Choice donations, and 7 Give+ payments made from our website



## Anniversaries of Baptism

**May 4**  
Jerry Charter

**May 5**  
Kody Bertrand

**May 6**  
Michael Lang

**May 7**  
Jeanne Pankey  
Ella Sandula  
Kady Sandula

**May 8**  
Phran Ludington

**May 9**  
Sheri Smith

**May 10**  
Trevor Denstaedt  
Taylor Hayward

**May 11**  
Christopher Piontkowski  
Stacey Piontkowski

**May 12**  
Monroe Garant

**May 13**  
Joshua Engstrom

**May 14**  
Logan Suszek  
Madi Szymanski

**May 15**  
Raylynn Suszek

**May 17**  
Wesley Garant  
Hannah Kamyszek  
Hope Kamyszek  
Savannah Kamyszek  
Kathryn Reynolds

**May 19**  
Alexander Bauer

**May 28**  
Darlene Dekett

**May 29**  
Jeffrey Welch

**May 30**  
Terry Bertrand

**May 2**  
Grace Kuligowski  
Scott Lancaster  
Harper Suszek

**May 3**  
Chad Lewis  
Beth Matzke  
Craig Weise

**May 4**  
Thomas (T.J.) Lappan  
Mya Styma

**May 5**  
Vicki Piontkowski

**May 6**  
Dawn Anderson  
Olivia Viegela

**May 8**  
Matthew Anderson

**May 11**  
Michele Amelotte

**May 12**  
Rachel Chroninger  
Taylor Chroninger  
Nancy Platt  
Peggy Tomaszewski

**May 15**  
Laurie Hansen

**May 16**  
Jan Charter

**May 17**  
Audrey Garant

**May 18**  
Karen Suszek

**May 19**  
Michael McCourt  
Rebecca Trelfa  
Brett Werblow

**May 22**  
Alexander Bauer  
Pamela Kirchoff  
Roger Pankey

**May 23**  
Scott Coddington

**May 24**  
Betty Bedford  
Joanne Kindt

**May 25**  
Polly Cook

**May 26**  
Darlene Dekett

**May 29**  
Miriam Denstaedt  
Ella Engstrom

**May 30**  
Alexander Struble

**May 31**  
Emily Szymanski



## Wedding Anniversaries

2nd     *Stephen & Janie Hansen*  
3rd     *Jeff & Sandy Welch*  
6th     *Gary & Janet Bettega*  
8th     *Jon & Mari Crow*  
17th    *Paul & Vicki Denstaedt*  
30th    *Eric & Emma Barber*

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday –19th

9:30 am      **Worship**  
11:00 am     Adult CE - Lounge

### Monday - 20th

8am-noon     Church Office Open  
5:30 pm       Feeding Kids Ministry  
                    Packing at Sunset School

### Tuesday - 21st

8am-noon     Church Office Open  
9:00 am       Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am       Pastors Text Study  
6:00 pm       Council

### Wednesday - 22nd

8am-noon     Church Office Open  
6:00 pm       Bell Choir

### Thursday - 23rd

8am-noon     Church Office Open

### Friday - 24th

8am-noon     Church Office Open

### Saturday - 25th

5:00 pm       **Worship**

## SERVING MAY 18/19

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Bill & Nancy Platt  
**Comm. Asst...** Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**.....Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske  
                    Wayne Lewis (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Steve & Hansen  
**Altar Guild**..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
                    Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Anne Gentry, Vicki Cripps,  
                    Jo Ann Smith

## SERVING MAY 25/26

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Janet Bettenga  
**Comm. Asst...** Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**.....Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske  
                    Wayne Lewis (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry  
**Altar Guild**..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
                    Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Rich & Sherie McTaggart

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

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