

# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*May 17 & 18, 2025*



**CELEBRATE**  
*and Rejoice*

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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:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

**P:** Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

**P:** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

**P:** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

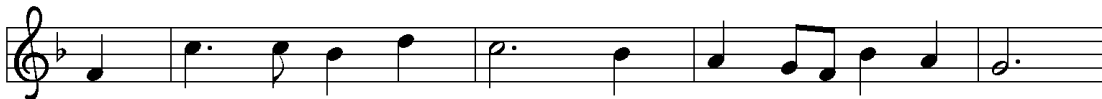
P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, Praise the Gracious Pow’r”

R651



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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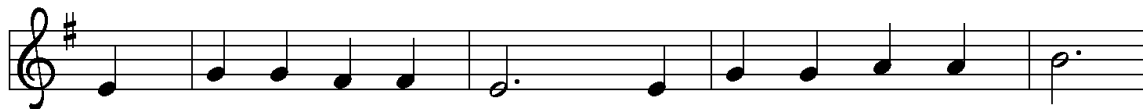
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## GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

## KYRIE



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



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

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## HYMN OF PRAISE



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



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



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



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

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

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18**

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's

house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 148**

*The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

### **Revelation 21:1-6**

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

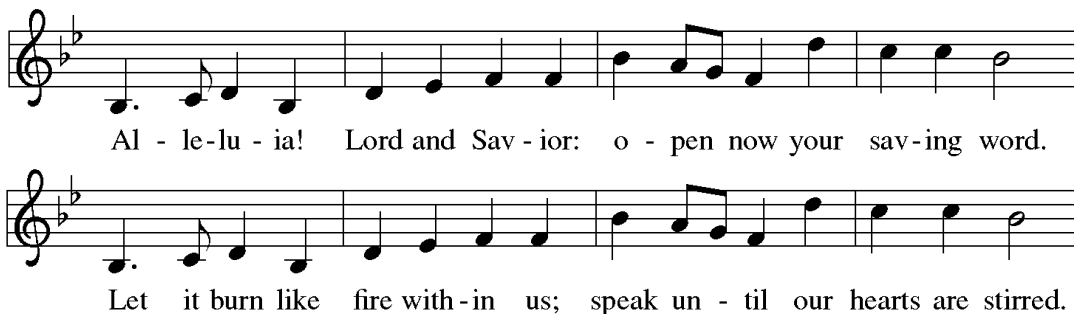
L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

### John 13:31-35

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

### HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are able)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**R631**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -  
 faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,  
 pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our  
 thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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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: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## OFFERING

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



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly  
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...Risen One,

**we bring our gifts and you gather us around your table of grace. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord

heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out ...

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.



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



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

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## COMMUNION HYMN

## “Baptized and Set Free”

R453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en-slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.  
end-less o - cean, al-ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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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...Living One,

**C: in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P:** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



## 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 Memory of Johanna Schaefer

Given by Tim & Annie Schultz & Family

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Hope Kamyszek, Pam Kirchoff, 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, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Rose Rosenbreck, Michelle, Sandra Christopherson, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Bonnie Urlaub, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, 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.

*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 Christian Education Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Peace Lutheran Church/Gaylord, Rev. Megan Crouch; Synod Assembly 2025, Bp. Craig Satterlee, Ms. Sandy Schlesinger, Vice President Synod Council; 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.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 18**

### **Gospel of Luke, Chapter 8**

We're at Chapter 8 as we read Luke, asking questions and connecting verses to each other as themes develop. Please join us for class, even if you haven't made it before. It is very possible to come and participate. We are at 11 in the Lounge. See you there.

## **PACKING FEEDING KID'S MINISTRY FOOD PACKS - MONDAY, MAY 19**

Join us on Monday evening at Sunset School to pack the weekend packs for kids. Sign up in the Office Lobby. We start at 5:30 PM and will be done by 6:30 PM at the latest.

## **RUTH CIRCLE**

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, in the Lounge. All women are welcome!

## **GRADUATING?**

### **Please let us know by May 25**

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 8.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Our Little Food Pantry is currently in need of cereal, small packets of oatmeal, toilet paper and bread.



## **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.

### **Grace Lutheran Congregation Council Meeting**

**February 18, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

Opening Devotion and prayer given by Elsa Phillips (zoom)

All Council members attended except Donna Morgan and we welcomed Jessica Smolinski as our new Finance Chairman.

Formally appointed Dennis Werblow as Treasurer. He had been Acting Treasurer since Don Barnard's resignation.

Secretary's minutes were accepted as printed.

Correspondence and communications - thank you notes were read.

Pastor's report - Pastor Tom reported in detail his activities including pastoral acts, meetings, UCC responsibility, continuing education, events happening in our church since last council meeting and outreach.

Need for delegates for our upcoming NW Michigan Synod Assembly (May 18-20) in Mt Pleasant.

Treasurer's/Finance Report -Dennis Werblow gave a year end report as well as December and January reports were accepted by Council.

Work Groups -

- Discipleship (ReBoot)- gave a calendar of events for several months on activities at the church.
- Little Food Pantry - Mary Lappan reported that the pantry continues to accept donations and zeroing in on collection of hats, mittens and socks. Very active pantry.
- Education - Elsa Phillips gave a brief report on Sunday School classes.
- Fellowship -Met with the ReBoot, working on a brochure and hope to plan a trivia night. (Donna Morgan)
- Finance and Stewardship - Motions were made to have Jessica Smolinski chair this committee and Dennis Werblow as Treasurer.

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- Property - Ed Czarnecki gave a presentation via pictures of items that needed attention at the church. More details to be posted on the bulletin board near Peggy's office.
- Worship -Sharon Engstrom informed Council of upcoming events including Easter events. Choir and Bell Choir continue to practice. Council approved the purchase of two new banners, items on the Memorials and Gifts List using Memorial Funds.

Old business - Discussion on the Constitution and suggestions for revisions from Council will now go Pastor Dennis Smith for review at the Synod office.

New business- Tabled more discussion on Council Retreat and what should happen next until next meeting.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

(This meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 22 due to N/W Lower MI Synod Assembly ending on Tuesday, May 20)

## **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

**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 Viegelaahn

**May 8**

Matthew Anderson

**May 11**

Michele Amelotte

**May 12**

Rachel Brownhill  
Taylor Loop  
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**

Matthew Kibbe  
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 –18th**

8:50 am Choir Practice  
9:30 am **Worship**  
11:00 am Adult Christian Ed

### **Monday - 19th**

8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved  
10am-12pm Church Office Open  
5:30 pm Feeding Kids Ministry -  
Packing Food Packs  
(Sunset School)  
6:00 pm Alpena Figure Skating  
Club - Hall

### **Tuesday - 20th**

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

### **Wednesday - 21st**

8am-noon Church Office Open  
1:00 pm Ruth Circle - Lounge  
6:00 pm Bell Choir

### **Thursday - 22nd**

8am-noon Church Office Open  
8am-1pm Kitchen Reserved  
6:00 pm Church Council

### **Friday - 23rd**

All Day Kitchen Reserved  
8am-noon Church Office Open

### **Saturday - 24th**

5:00 pm **Worship**

## **SERVING MAY 17/18**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis  
**Lector** ..... Sharon Engstrom  
**Ushers**.....Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske;  
Wayne Lewis (Saturday)  
**Greeters** . Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel, Patti Tucker  
**Altar Guild**..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson

## **SERVING MAY 24/25**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis  
**Lector** ..... Anna Lewis  
**Ushers**.....Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske;  
Wayne Lewis (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Altar Guild**..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

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

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