Worship Folder



Grace Lutheran Church July 24 & 25, 2021

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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

<u>GATHERING</u> The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(The assembly stands as you are able) (All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

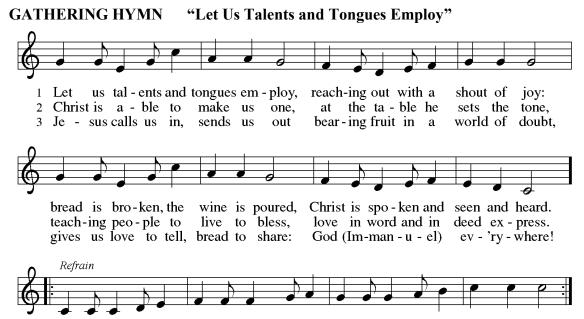
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our provider.
- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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GREETING

- P: The steadfast love of God never ceases.
- C: God's mercies never come to an end.
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise. *Text: Martin A. Seltz* © 1998 Augsburg Fortress. Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-708784. All rights reserved.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:10-18

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Alleluia. A great prophet has risen among us! God has looked favorably on us! Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

Break now the bread of life. dear Lord, to me. as once you 1 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, when you as 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly 0 broke the loaves be - side the Be - yond the sa - cred page sea. blessed the bread by Gal - i Then shall all lee. bond-age cease, word the truth that res - cues eat and live me. Give me to seek you, Lord; spir-it waits for you, O liv - ing Word. Ι my I shall find my peace, my All - in - All! all fet - ters fall; and teach me to love your truth, for you are with you a - bove; love.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Break Now the Bread of Life"

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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:** Let us pray.
- C: Have mercy, O God.

OFFERING

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

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine, as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand. These gifts of yours for higher use, we offer up as you command. Text: M.F.C. Wilson © 1988, Lorenz Publishing. Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-708784. All rights reserved

- P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of 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:
- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- 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: Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are invited to participate in the Eucharist) (You may be seated)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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The assembly stands as you are able)

- P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, \pm be upon you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" **SENDING HYMN**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Betty Dulebohn, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Ken & Carole Liske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Genie Diamond, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen.

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

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Stephen Ministry Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Christ the King Lutheran Church/Gladwin, Rev. Emily Olsen.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Following the CDC and Michigan DHHS guidelines for fully vaccinated people, masks are now optional at Grace. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask for your circumstances, or if your wearing a mask helps other people be safer we welcome your doing so. Thank you for helping end this pandemic and take the steps that care for others.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - JULY 24TH & 25TH - ANOTHER TRY

We are hoping to worship across the street this Saturday, July 24, and Sunday, July 25, at our usual worship times. In case of questionable weather, the latest info on the service will be on our website and Facebook page. The answering machine at church will also have the status of the outdoor services.

VALERIE SLAGHT STARTS TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY THIS FALL

We will be sending Val off to seminary at the Sunday service on August 15th. Please join us for this momentous event for Val. There a few gifts of books, software and other things that we would like to give Val as she starts classes in Columbus, Ohio. If you would **like to contribute toward these items**, please send your contribution to church office marked for Val. These gifts are in addition to financial support the church is also giving her during her time in seminary. *\$400 will get the first basic items on the list and more will enable us to give her additional items*.

Please have any gift you wish to make to the church office by Sunday, July 25th. *Thank You*

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are having a new church directory done. The photography will be on August 19, 20 and 21. For having a family sitting done, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 and a new church directory, as well as the opportunity to purchase some photographs. Gary and Kay Grove are again organizing the work and can help you with signing up for a photography session, as well as answer questions about the process. Contact Gary and Kay at 989-727-2054. Universal Church Directories will now produce digital directories as well as printed ones that can be updated with new members.

RANDOM ACTS OF GRACE

Six children gathered Monday morning to create Sunshine Faces to distribute to our Loving Care Members and into the community. Five were from Grace and a cousin joined them for some fun and for some God's work of spreading joy. This is part of our RE-BOOT effort following the return from the pandemic. *Stay Tuned for more!!!!!*

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Now that we are back to weekly fellowship, we are in need of members to help set up, make coffee, and clean up for coffee hour. We are using frozen donuts and cookies from Gordon Food Service which will be thawed and ready to put out on Sunday morning. Please sign up on the schedule posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen if you are able to help with this. Please see Jeanne Pankey if you have questions.

COMMUNION – IN BOTH KINDS

We have returned to communion with wafer and the cup. Communion will be received by leaving your pew and coming forward in the circular flow as was done in the past to receive the wafer from Pastor Tom and the cup from a communion assistant across the front of the chancel rail.

We ask that you space yourselves out as you come forward giving others the room that allows them to feel comfortable.

Communion will also be brought to the pews if you are unable to come forward or do not wish to come forward.

Any questions, please call Pastor Tom at the church.

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DEVOTIONAL FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER

Christ in Our Homes Devotional for July-September is available in the Office Lobby. Pick one up during office hours of Tuesday - Thursday 8 am to noon or call the office and we will mail one to you.

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AMELIA

Amelia Berles will be attending basic training at the US Air Force Academy from June 24 - August 7. The only way to communicate with her is by writing letters on white paper and sending them in plain white envelopes. After the academic year begins August 9, the word "Basic" is dropped from the address and cards are once again allowed. She will greatly appreciate any correspondence!

> Basic Cadet Amelia Berles PO Box 2512 USAF Academy, CO 80841

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS AND ENVELOPES

You can place your bulletin and communion wafer envelope in the labelled bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

GENERAL FUND GIVING		
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,489.00	
Weekly giving - July 18	4,734.13	
<u>We received</u> : 42 envelopes, 11 Simply Giving recurring payments,		
and 1 Give+ payments made from our website		
(Includes 7/11 & 7/18 worship)		

Anniversaries of Baptism



July 1 Sharon Engstrom Kelly Pankey

July 4 Caitlin Wade

July 5 Myles Granata Ann O'Connor

July 6 Rachel Chroninger Taylor Chroninger

July 7 Whitney Barrow Grace Kuligowski Harper Suszek

July 8 Charity Corwin July 14 Richard Carlson

July 15 Scott Lancaster

July 17 Michele Amelotte

July 20 Rhonda Anderson Christopher Carlson Amelia Kamyszek

July 22 Mike Schiller

July 24 Vicki VanEssen

July 29 Kathy Piontkowski Oliviah Viegelahn



Wedding Anniversaries

3rd	Ken & Jo Ann Apsey
6th	Ken & Nancy Amelotte
14th	Jim & Denise Timrick
	Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
15th	Jeff & Shirley Diemond
19th	Fred & Joanne Kindt
27th	Scott & Judy Black
29th	Greg & Ellie Walker
30th	Ray & Leslie Reynolds

July 1 Christopher Carlson Dale Schultz

July 2 Jonathan Lang

July 3 Kay Zinsli

July 4 Riley Gohlke

July 6 Wayne Christopherson Jon Crow Donald LaBarre

July 7 Grant Anderson Larry Garant Elaine Hatch

July 9 Joanne Nicholls

July 10 Stephanie Suszek

July 12 Gloria Moore Brittany Nowak Hadleigh Suszek

July 15 Myra Cross Vicki Denstaedt



July 16 Clarence Cross

July 17 Leslie Reynolds

July 18 Scott Kuligowski

July 21 Margaret Clemens Dorothy Hansen Brian Nelson Patti Tucker

July 22 Joel Fraley Kay Grove

July 23 Scott Henning

July 24 Christena Christopherson Jim Hansen

July 27 Pam Gohlke Anthony Thompson

July 28 Paige Timmreck

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 25th 9:30 a.m. 12-9 p.m.

Worship Kitchen/Hall Reserved

Monday - 26th 8am-noon 8am-2pm

Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Church Office Open

Sewing/Quilting

Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 27th

8am-noon 9:00 a.m. 11am-3pm

Wednesday - 28th

8am-noon 5:15 p.m.

Church Office Open Re-boot Committee -Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 29th 8am-noon 8am-2pm

Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 30th 8am-noon

10am-2pm

Kitchen Reserved

Church Office Open

Saturday - 31st 5:00 p.m.

Worship

Large print worship folders are available from ushers

SERVING JULY 24-25

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	David Delano
Lector	Jan Charter
Communion Assistant	Joe Gentry
Ushers	Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
Roger & Jeanne Pankey (Sunday)	
Altar Guild	Chris Christopherson,
Jean	ne Pankey, Nancy Platt
	Phran Ludington
	Dawn Anderson
CountersC	larence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour	

SERVING JULY 31/AUGUST 1

Ministers	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
	David Delano
Lector	Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assista	nt
	ren Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
	Phran Ludington
	Dawn Anderson
CountersC	heryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	

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