

Grace Lutheran
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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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

HYMN

"Gather Us In"

R532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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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 (Sing twice)



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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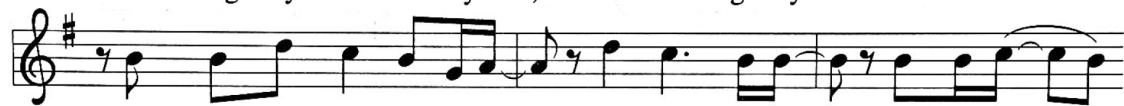
HYMN OF PRAISE



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME
PM

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**⁶ You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**¹² May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on

rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

HYMN OF THE DAY “For the Beauty of the Earth” **R879**



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of 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: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

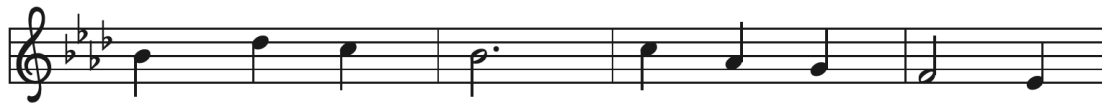
OFFERTORY *(the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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P: Let us pray...Loving God,

C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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:



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU AR HELIG, Per Harling

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. . . .

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
ho - ly lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your pre - cious
blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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COMMUNION HYMN “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” **R512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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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...Compassionate God,

C: **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

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1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Seek equality and justice for all.

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.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the RCIA/Adult Ed at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Immanuel Lutheran/Sutton's Bay, Rev. Jonathan Reid; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas 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.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

Devotionals for the next quarter, July - September, are available in the Office Lobby.

WE'RE UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST.

IF YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND, WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BY JULY 28TH.

Myra Cross, Larry Garant, Patti Tucker, Bonnie Cross, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Cheryl Gauthier, Cory Golder, Tamyra Rychlinski, Tom Watson, Ho-Ok Nam Lin (Pastor Seok Nam Lin's mother), Maria Shelton, Paul Kroll, Jim Marquardt, Aggie Jakubiak, Jerry McConnell, Lysie, Becky & Dante, Tyson, Scout, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Mychele Allmacher, Daphne Flack, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles, US Air Force Pilot Training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JULY 12

Pope Leo's Magnificent Humanity

Pope Leo issued an encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity) which received much notice for its comments on AI, artificial intelligence. It covers much more than that. One of his statements, "Every technical or economic decision should include spiritual discernment." Lets talk about how we honor "Magnificent Humanity" in our actions. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY IS NOW AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2027

How can you contribute to Grace's Ministry and Mission? Take a look at the list, printed copy in the Office Lobby or follow the online link in the emails to the form online. Even if you are continuing what you already do, please fill one out for the coming program year. Any questions, or IDEAS, talk to Pastor Tom. Please help us with next year's scheduling by completing and submitting this form by July 15th. Thanks!

QUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE

The Quilters Rummage Sale is coming soon...Friday & Saturday, August 28 & 29. 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!

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your prayers during my recent surgeries. Glad to be back at Grace.
-- Rich McTaggart

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - JULY 18 & 19

On July 18 & 19, we will be collecting donations for the Little Food Pantry. Items especially needed include small boxes of cereal, oatmeal packets, peanut butter, jam, loaves of bread, fresh garden vegetables and personal hygiene items. Toilet paper is also always appreciated. Thank you for your generous contributions, which help Grace continue this important ministry of providing for those in need. We are also grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers who stock the pantry each week. If you are interested in joining this effort, please speak with Mary Lappan.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION - JULY 26

We asked our members, “What does baptism mean to you”? *Here are some of the responses...* “Renewal & Rebirth in Jesus,” “That I am a child of God,” “That I have accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.” Baptism is not just a sign; it is a *means of grace* — a moment when God washed away your sins, marked you with the sign of the cross, and called you a child of God. Reminding yourself of this day renews your awareness of God’s saving work in you, especially in times of doubt or hardship. Martin Luther famously said, “*When you wash your face, remember your baptism*”, because it was a source of comfort and assurance of God’s love. **We invite you to join us, as we celebrate all “July” Baptism Anniversaries, Sunday, July 26th, immediately after Sunday service.**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) PERSONAL CARE KITS

Once again we will be collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. Please contribute what you are able to. Items needed for each kit (new items please):

- ◆ One light-weight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20” to 27” x 40” to 52”), dark color recommended
- ◆ 2-3 bath-size bars of soap totaling 8-9 oz, in original packaging (no mini or hotel size bars, please)
- ◆ One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap)
- ◆ One sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs)
- ◆ One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark the envelope “Personal Care Kits.” If writing a check, please make it out to “Grace Lutheran Church.”

Collection will take place throughout July and August 2026. Items may be placed in tall basket just outside the Fellowship Hall.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CHURCH BLOCK PARTY THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH!

Join us for our Annual Church Block Party – a free, fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, and games for the whole family! Whether you've attended for years or are new to our community, we would love to celebrate with you.

When: Thursday, August 6th, 2026 @ 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Where: 119 W. Dunbar Street / Grace Lutheran Church, Alpena MI

What to expect: Free Food and Refreshments
Bounce House, Games, and Face Painting for the kids
Live Music and Entertainment

This is a great chance to CONNECT with your neighbors!

*Want to help make this event a success? We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, make a dish and distribute invitations to our neighbors. **Sign up to serve** in the Office Lobby.

We can't wait to see you there!

THANK YOU QUILTERS

Thanks to the Quilters for donating a new Mr. Coffee and other kitchen supplies for our Tuesday fellowship of Quilting and other fellowship times. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 9am-noon!

DID YOU KNOW...

Since April, the Quilters have sent to Orphan Grain Train in Sebewaing, MI: 54 quilts/ lap robes and 2,438 wash cloths. Also, 25 cat beds, 10 dog beds, and 25 dog toys were given to Elk Country Animal Shelter. We have been busy!!!

PASTOR TOM'S RETIREMENT

The date for Pastor Tom's finishing of pastoral ministry at Grace Lutheran has been set for August 31 of this year. At May's Council meeting Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas of our North/West Lower Michigan Synod ELCA joined in via Zoom to inform the Council of the Call Process and the actions to begin taking now. She shared the support the Synod gives in the process and where they are involved. Council is beginning active work on the next steps and would welcome any questions from church members.

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.

**KIDS CREATE! FAITH, FUN & MUSIC
ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Children ages 5–12 are invited to Kids Create! Faith, Fun & Music, an ecumenical Vacation Bible School, to be held **Monday–Wednesday, July 27–29, at Alpena First United Methodist Church, 167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena.** Kids will enjoy music, storytelling, skits, art, and fun while discovering God's love together. Each child will paint two beautiful works of art (one to take home and one to share). The shared artwork will be professionally framed and featured in our Art Sale Gallery Auction. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. Register by calling the First United Methodist Church Office at 989-354-2490.

*July Birthdays & Anniversaries can be found on our website at
www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2026-birthdays*

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR MAY 2026

Average needed in May (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 24,065.00
Monthly Giving - May (includes a one-time annual donation)	29,698.06

We received:

124 envelopes, 59 Simply Giving recurring payments,
and 8 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 12th

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

Monday - 13th

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
9:00 am Digital Disciples Mtg.

Tuesday - 14th

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday - 15th

10 am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 16th

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
1:30 pm Connect Team Mtg.

Friday - 17th

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

Saturday - 18th

5:00 pm LFP Collection Weekend
Worship

SERVING JULY 11/12

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
..... Cindy Domrase (Saturday)
Greeters Rich & Sherie McTaggart
Altar Guild Chris Christopherson
Livestream Team ... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom

SERVING JULY 18/19

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Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Lector Bob Greene
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Jo Ann Smith
Altar Guild Chris Christopherson
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Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Joe & Dawn Gentry

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

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