

Worship Folder



Pentecost

Grace Lutheran Church

June 26 & 27, 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.”

GATHERING

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.

GATHERING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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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.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.

**Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow
in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my
portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵The LORD is good to those
who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit
alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with
insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will
have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not
willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper.”**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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. Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many

physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” ³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(continued on next page)

(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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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.**

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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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COMMUNION MUSIC

(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.**

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SENDING

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

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, 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 Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Frankfort, Rev. Richard Stieve.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND (MAYBE????)

We are trying again to worship outside across the street on this Saturday and Sunday. Bring a chair and join us. Bring a friend to join us too.

We can use some extra help in taking things across the street and setting up. A few people available at 4 PM on Saturday or by 8:30 AM on Sunday would be appreciated.

Contact Pastor Tom to let him know you can help on setup. Thanks.

If plans change and we are inside, we will announce on our web page, Facebook and the answering machine.

FELLOWSHIP TIME RETURNS

Fellowship Time returns after our Sunday morning worship service. Joining us for this grand old tradition of time together.

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.

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.

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 are 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.

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.

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
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THANK YOU!

We collected 46 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to all who helped make a Christ-like difference in our community and world. -- Discipleship Work Group

ADULT DENIM JEANS NEEDED

The quilters are collecting used adult denim jeans (no children's sizes please) for a project they are working on. Jeans may be dropped off anytime the church is open and left in the quilting/sewing area in the Fellowship Hall.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Little Food Pantry is in need of the following items: **Hormel Compleats dinners, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, and canned fruits.** Thanks for your support. The pantry has seen a lot of use these past few weeks.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon

Anniversaries of Baptism



July



Birthdays

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
Olivia Viegelahn

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



Wedding Anniversaries

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



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