Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

July 26 & 27, 2025



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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: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

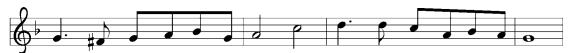
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

R742



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?





Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!

Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

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.

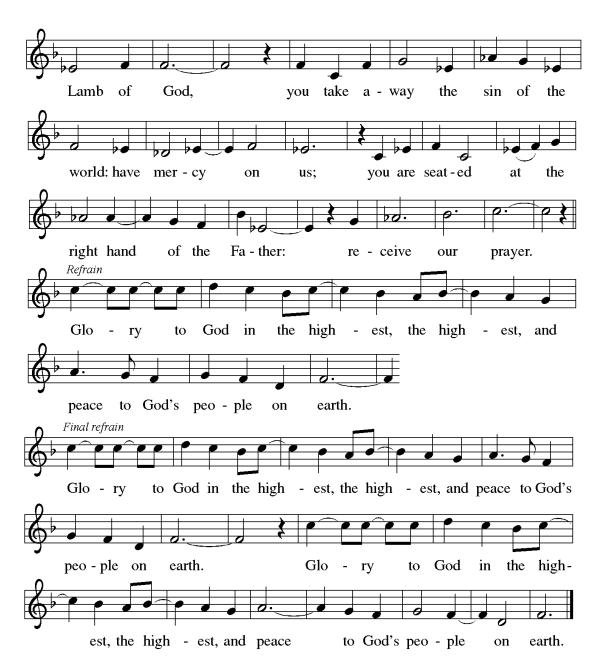
KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)





HYMN OF PRAISE





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

- ³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that

stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

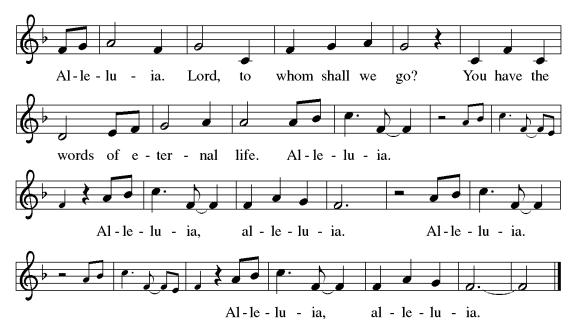
L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)





Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson This selection is in the public domain.

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: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

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



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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

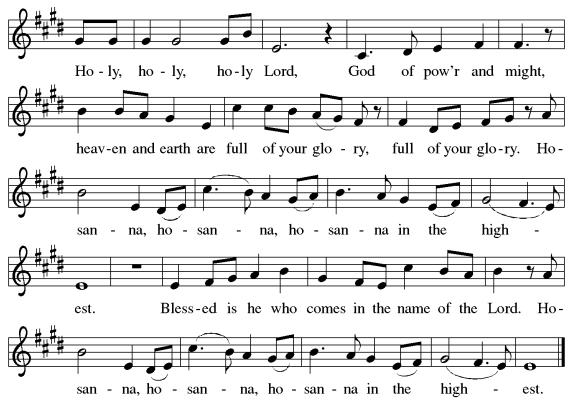
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

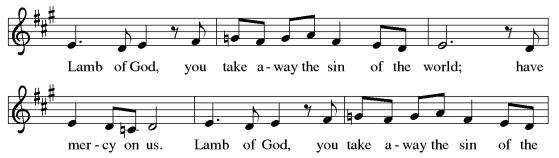
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

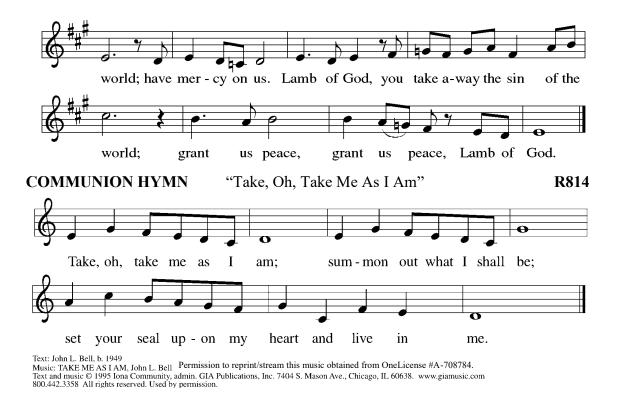
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Eat and rejoice.

HOLY COMMUNION

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





(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...Loving God,

C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

R547



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of Jim Dekett On His Birthday, July 25 Given by His Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanne Pankey, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, 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. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas.

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 Stephen Ministry Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Grace Lutheran Church/ Hastings, Rev. Kenneth Scheck; 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 CE - LORD'S PRAYER SUNDAY JULY 27

Adult CE will look at the Lord's Prayer from our Sunday Gospel scripture and Lutheran tradition. Join as we talk about the Lord's Prayer in history of Christianity and what Luther says in the Small Catechism. We meet at 11 in Lounge.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY FOR OCTOBER 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026

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. Thanks

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - August 2 & 3

On August 2 and 3, we will take a collection for the Little Food Pantry. Items especially needed are: small boxes of cereal, oatmeal packets, peanut butter, jams, loaves of bread, and any garden vegetables. Also getting low on toilet paper. Thanks for your contributions that help this ministry of Grace provide for those who are in need. And thanks to the team of volunteers who fill the LFP each week. If you would be interested in joining them, talk to Mary Lappan.

QUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE - August 22 & 23

The Quilters Rummage Sale is coming soon...Friday & Saturday, August 22 & 23. Donations of items will be greatly appreciated. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items. Items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Saturday, August 9. Thank you in advance!

CAN YOU HELP THE QUILTERS FOR THEIR RUMMAGE SALE?

Help is needed on Thursday August 21 to sort through and organize the donations. And Saturday August 23 at 1 to help with the clean and transporting the remaining items to other places that can use them. Truck or van is especially helpful then. Sign up in the Office Lobby.

BLOCK PARTY - August 6 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm

Join us again as we have a Block Party for our neighbors and ourselves. Bounce House for the kids and games food and entertainment for all. Keep the date open and invite your friends!

<u>Sign up for items needed at</u>: sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/ GraceBlockParty2025, on the sheet located in the Office Lobby, or call the church office.

Items needed: cookies, brownies, dirt cake, chips (Walmart), paper plates (Walmart), napkins (Walmart), fruit salad, veggie tray, cupcakes, lemonade (powder mix/Walmart), soda, pasta salads, taco salad, cracker/cheese tray, outdoor corn hole game, outdoor ladder golf game, and other outdoor games. We can also use help with set up (arrive at 4pm) and clean up.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN NEED OF BOOKS

We love that we have had lots of visitors to our Little Free Library over the past few weeks. However, our book selection is very low. Do you have books (especially children & youth) that you would like to donate to help replenish our selection? Donations may be dropped off in the red tote located outside the Church Office door.

TUESDAY NOON LIONS CLUB GIVES \$800 TO LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Tuesday Noon Lions donated \$800 to our Little Food Pantry as well as supporting many other organizations that support the food needs of our community. Thanks to these Lions for all the work that they do.

Financial Summary for First Half of 2025

ContributionsExpensesThrough June\$114,630\$125,227

For the first half of the year, our contributions were below our expenses by \$10,597. Our spending has been managed and is under budget but is still well over our contributions.

Our Giving goal for 2025 is to meet our budget of \$252,425 and I'm confident that we can make up the shortfall in the second half of the year. By meeting our goal we can continue to grow Grace's programs and activities for our members and community.

Dennis Werblow, Treasurer

Anniversories Baptism



August

August 1

Vicki Denstaedt Kiowa Kirchoff

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs Margaret O'Connor

August 5 Grace Hoeft Ryan Reynolds Anthony Thompson

August 6 Margaret Clemens Myra Cross Anna Lewis

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik

August 13 Trey Garant James Malaski

August 14 **Brett Werblow** August 17 Jakob Bauer

August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Corinne Fraley

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 21 William Matzke

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 29 Anne Gentry August 4 Alan Brilinski Dawn Gentry

August 5 Norman Schillerstrom

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fralev Aaron Nowak

August 7 Shirley Diemond

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

August 9 Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth

August 11 Joann Smith August 12 Carey Schiller Madison Szymanski

August 13 Jamie Gentry Grace Hoeft

August 18 Ed Czarnecki

August 19 Charity Corwin

August 20 Drew Gentry Wavne Lewis

August 21 Donna Morgan Brody Nowak

August 22 Rachel Engstrom Jeffrey Welch

August 23 Ruby Haske Travis Konarzewski

August 28 Debra Nitchman



Wedding Anniversaries

3rd Jim & Sandy Malaski 4th Sean & Taylor Hayward 5th Allen & Judy Douglas Gary & Kay Grove 7th Cody & Jessie Suszek 14th Larry & Connie Suszek 16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek

21st Rick & Sharon Engstrom 22nd Jerry & Jan Charter 24th Randy & Kenda Yochum 26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki 27th Pat & June Dalv Jason & Jessica Slominski

28th Don LaBarre & Anne Gentry 19th Phil & Pam Agius

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday	<u>y –27th</u>
9:	30 am

Worship

11:00 am

Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 28th

8am-noon 8am-2pm

Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 29th

8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am

Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study -

Lounge

Wednesday - 30th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 31st

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

Friday - 1st

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

Saturday - 2nd

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JULY 26/27

SERVING SCET 20/27	
Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Comm. Asst	Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Lector	Audrey Garant
Ushers Bruno Hirzel, Mike & Tracy Urlaub	
	Rich & Sherie McTaggart
Altar Guild	Chris Christopherson
Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,	
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Ruby Haske & Family

SERVING AUGUST 2/3

Ministers God's People	
PastorRev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Comm. Asst. Joe Gentry	
Lector Sandy Welch	
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom	
Cindy Domrase (Saturday)	
Greeters	
Altar Guild Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith	
Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,	
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
Darlene Freel	
Coffee HourWayne & Chris Christopherson	

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