Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

August 5 & 6, 2023



Season after Pentecost

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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

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

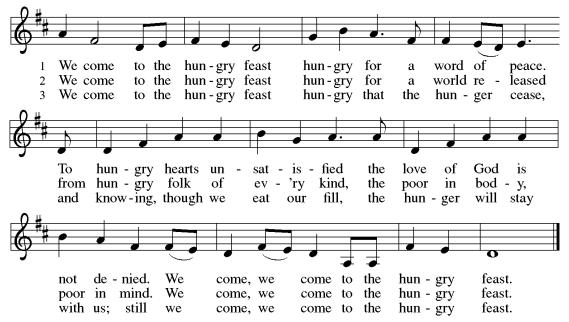
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Reconciling God,
- C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.
- P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.



"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

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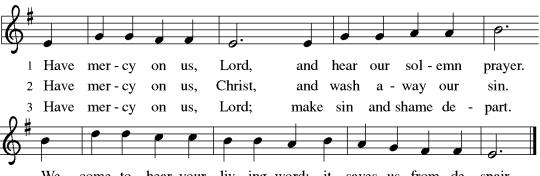
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GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

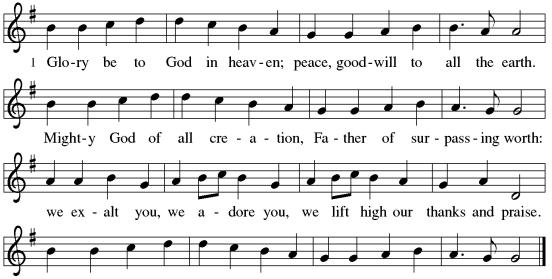
C: And also with you.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore 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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that

which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

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

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over 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.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Romans 9:1-5

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

11 am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could

wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven,

and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

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- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

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



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P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us

through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

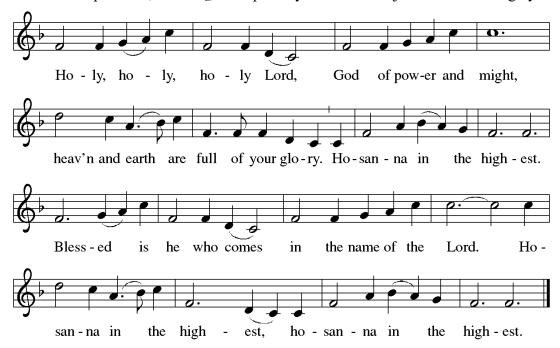
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory... *(concluding)*...to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

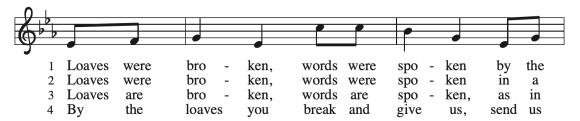
(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)

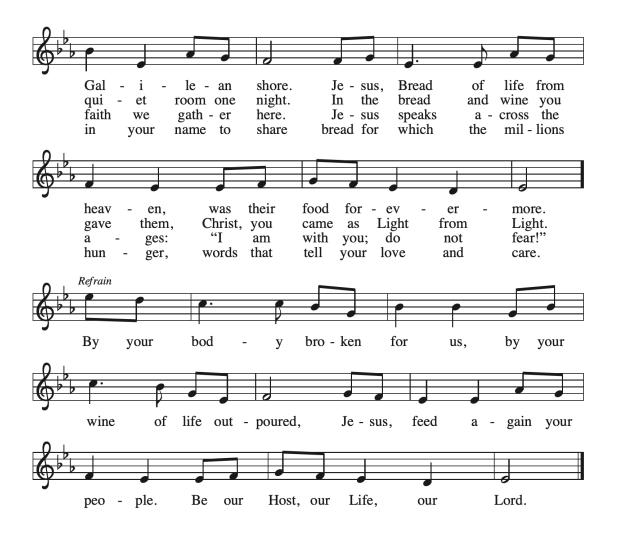
P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.



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COMMUNION HYMN "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" **ACS 966**





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Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

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

C: Amen.

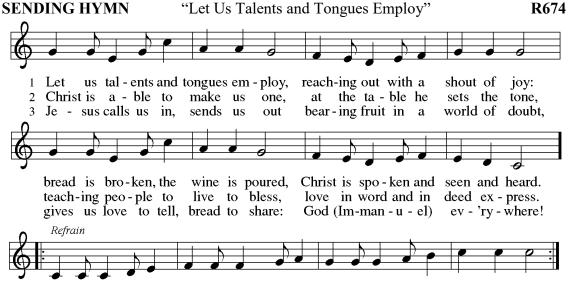
P: Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.



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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

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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 Celebration of Gary & Kay Grove's 56th Wedding Anniversary

IN OUR PRAYERS

Eleanor Coddington, Bob Stacey, Sandy Malaski, Tammy Furze, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jack Thompson, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Margaret Adams (Cindy Domrase's mother), who passed away on July 25th.

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Homebound Parishioners at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Christ the King Lutheran Church/Gladwin, Rev. Emily Olsen and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

The Fate of Those Who Do Great Evil - August 6

Last week we talked about forgiveness, particularly personally with other individuals. This week we consider the fate of those who truly evil acts. Our questions range from, "What is the eternal fate of those who commit such acts?" to "How can God allow such evil to happen?". Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we wrestle with living our faith out in the face of evil in the world.

Scorching Heat Causing Greater Suffering – August 13

The incredible string of hot days that have been happening around the world are causing suffering. Just like in winter time when we are concerned for those without heat, how can those who are vulnerable to heat be helped? And by whom? How should faith and church address the issue? Join us at 11 in the Lounge for a discussion of living out our faith in the world today.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Saturday, August 12 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, August 13 at 9:30 am Please bring lawn chairs and plan to join us!

GRACE CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY AUGUST 20 AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN'S CHURCH PICNIC GROUNDS ON THE THUNDER BAY

Save the date. Details will follow. St. Paul has graciously allowed us to use their picnic grounds in Ossineke. And we will have the afternoon to enjoy a fellowship meal together and the water. Watch for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer means parties by the pool. This summer at Grace, kids will learn what a difference Jesus can make in their lives, when they are willing to dive in with him. Don't miss our second summer VBS date scheduled for: **Tuesday, August 15th from 1-2:30pm.** All kids of Grace are welcome. Invite your friends! Sign up by emailing Tracie Granata @ <u>Tracie@BayAthleticClub.com</u>

RUMMAGE SALE ~ AUGUST 25 ~ 8am-5pm/AUGUST 26 ~ 8am-12pm

<u>Please do not drop off any items at this time</u>. Your generosity in helping our mission is deeply appreciated. We ask that you hold items until two weeks prior to the sale when we will receive them directly into a designated area in the Fellowship Hall beginning August 14, rather than having to carry items up and down the stairs to the basement. <u>Please, no large items such as tv's, sofas, tables, recliners, etc. All other items accepted.</u> Thank you in advance for your support. -- Grace Quilters

BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!

October 26 - Game Night hosted by the Quilters.

Watch upcoming bulletins for more details as we get closer the event.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

In celebration of God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Grace will be assisting Samaritas senior living with a fall cleanup of individual residents' garden plots and raised flowerbeds in the facility patio area. After the cleanup, we will host a Sweets and Treats fellowship hour with the Samaritas residents. The cleanup will be done from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with the fellowship hour to follow. We will need volunteers for both the cleanup and the fellowship hour. Signup sheets will be placed in the lobby in the next two weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in our community!

HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW THEIR FAITH!

Would you help our children grow their faith? Be part of the team that will teach our children about Jesus and have them hear Bible stories. You would work together with others as part of Grace's Education Work Group providing Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Lessons would come from a Lutheran curriculum package and often an arts/crafts project is part of the class. We are looking for a team of people to share doing the class together on a rotating basis. The team would be supported by Education Work Group Chair Elsa Phillips and Pastor Tom. If you are interested or have any questions please contact one of them.

GRACE LUTHERAN IS 150 YEARS OLD

We have some projects to celebrate this year. If you are interested in participating in the preparation for them, contact Pastor Tom.

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.

A list of August birthdays and anniversaries can be found at: www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2023-birthdays

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JUNE 2023

Average needed in June (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 18,344.00 Monthly Giving - June \$ 16,636.70

We received:

101 envelopes, 62 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 6th	
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9:30 am Worship

Adult CE - Lounge 11:00 am

Monday - 7th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Kitchen Reserved 8am-3pm Remembering Our 6:00 pm Children - Lounge

Tuesday - 8th

8am-noon Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting 9:00 am Pastors Text Study -11:00 am Lounge Worship WG 4:30 pm

Wednesday - 9th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 10th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved 4:00 pm Lounge Reserved

Friday - 11th

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved 8am-3pm

Saturday - 12th - Outdoor Worship 5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING AUGUST 5/6

SERVING AUGUST 12/13

Willister's
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber
Organist/PianistAmy Truth
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion
Assistants Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)
Greeters Mary Rowader, Cindy Domrase
Altar GuildKaren Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
CountersCheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch

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