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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 able)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

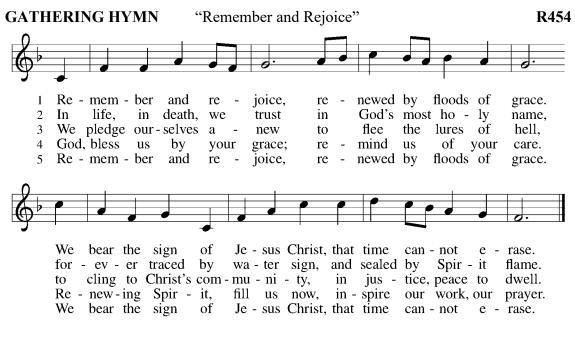
Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

- P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
- C: Amen.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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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 (vs. 1 & 4)



HYMN OF PRAISE





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts: 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power," ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

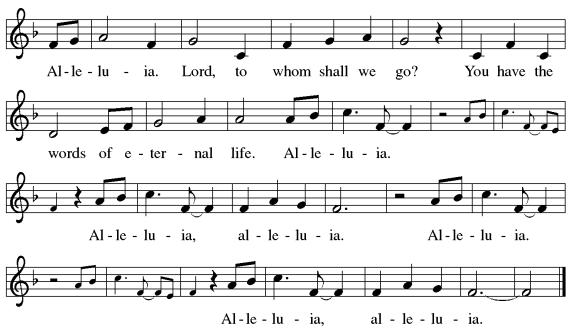
^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the

utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 7:37-39

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers until they overflow.

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the

one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)





- Not mere knowledge, but discernment nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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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.

<u>MEAL</u> God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

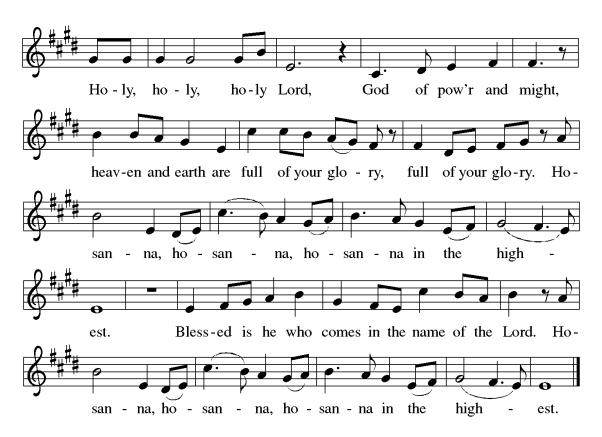


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- P: Let us pray...Generous God,
- C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. 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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

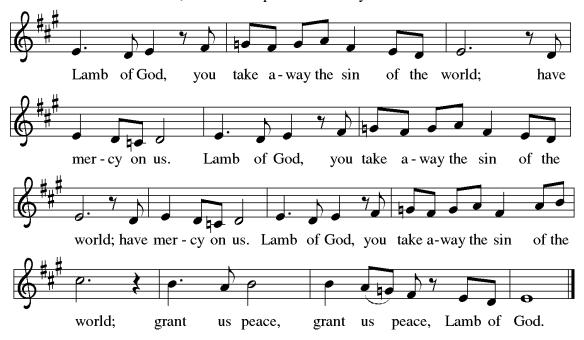
- P: O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

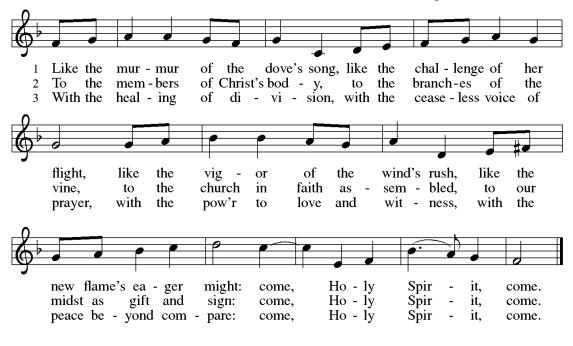
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist) P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.



COMMUNION HYMN "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"



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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...Gracious God,
- C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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 -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Jack Thompson, Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Gary Rich, who passed away on May 18th.

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 world peace through First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Christ United Church/Dewitt, Rev. Alex Alvars and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Bob Gardner, given by Bill & Nancy Platt.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Bob Case for leading worship and preaching this weekend.

LADIES TEA

Thank you to all who participated and all who worked on making this a great success. \$401 raised for Little Food Pantry and the Huron Humane Society.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR WRAP UP

Thank you to Nancy Platt for wrapping up the Sunday school year with fun and activities.

SWEETS & TREATS

If you make a special treat you would like to share at Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship, please sign up for a date in the Office Lobby.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

We would like to thank all who contributed the Little Food Pantry this past Sunday. The generosity was a blessing and will go a long way!

GRADUATION SUNDAY IS JUNE 4

Join us as we celebrate this milestone for the young people in our congregation.

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - THANK YOU ALL!!!

Thanks to the 19 people who gathered to fill Feeding Kids Ministry packages on Monday evening. We were filling for the 3 day Memorial Day weekend, so more food than usual in each package. And we still got done in just over 30 minutes not the 1 to 1 ½ hours they said was usual. So a lot of fast people got the job done really quickly. THANKS.

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR APRIL 2023

Average needed in April (5 weeks) to meet budget\$ 22,930.00Monthly Giving - April20,431.84

We received:

164 envelopes, 60 Simply Giving recurring payments, 2 Give+ payments made from our website and 9 Thrivent Choice contributions



Anniversaries of Baptism

May 4 Jerry Charter

May 5 Kody Bertrand

May 6 Michael Lang

May 7 Jeanne Pankey Ella Sandula Kady Sandula

May 8 Phran Ludington

May 9 Sheri Smith

May 10 Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

May 11 Christopher Piontkowski Stacey Piontkowski

May 12 Monroe Garant Marjorie Weber May 13 Joshua Engstrom

May 14 Logan Suszek Madi Szymanski

May 15 Raylynn Suszek

May 17 Wesley Garant Hannah Kamyszek Hope Kamyszek Savannah Kamyszek Kathryn Reynolds

May 19 Alexander Bauer

May 25 Lori Graham

May 28 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Jeffrey Welch

May 30 Terry Bertrand



Wedding Anniversaries

2ndStephen & Janie Hansen3rdJeff & Sandy Welch6thGary & Janet Bettega8thJon & Mari Crow17thPaul & Vicki Denstaedt30thEric & Emma Barber



May 2 Grace Kuligowski Scott Lancaster Harper Suszek

May 3 Chad Lewis Beth Matzke Craig Weise

May 4 Thomas (T.J.) Lappan Mya Styma

May 5 Vicki Piontkowski

May 6 Dawn Anderson Oliviah Viegelahn

May 8 Matthew Anderson

May 11 Michele Amelotte

May 12 Rachel Chroninger Taylor Chroninger Nancy Platt Peggy Tomaszewski

May 15 Laurie Hansen

May 16 Jan Charter May 17 Audrey Garant

May 18 Jacob Gapske Karen Suszek

May 19 Michael McCourt Rebecca Trelfa Brett Werblow

May 22 Alexander Bauer Pamela Kirchoff Roger Pankey

May 23 Scott Coddington

May 24 Betty Bedford Joanne Kindt

May 25 Polly Cook

May 26 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Miriam Denstaedt

May 30 Gary Graham Alexander Struble

May 31 Emily Szymanski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –28th

8:50 am	Choir Practice
9:30 am	Worship

Monday - 29th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 30th

8am-noonChurch Office Open9:00 amSewing/Quilting11:00 amPastors Text Study -
Lounge

Wednesday - 31st

8am-noonChurch Office Open6:00 pmBell Choir

Thursday - 1st

8am-noonChurch Office Open8am-3pmKitchen Reserved4:00 pmLounge Reserved

Friday - 2nd

8am-noonChurch Office Open8am-3pmKitchen Reserved

Saturday - 3rd 5:00 pm

- Worship

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

SERVING MAY 27/28

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Bob Case
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Organist/Pianist	Amy Truth
	Corinne Fraley
Communion	-
Assistants	Dale Schultz, Jo Ann Smith
Ushers	Gary & Kay Grove,
	Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)
GreetersJ	o Ann Smith, Darlene Freel
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter	, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters Way	vne & Chris Christopherson,
Dar	lene Freel
Coffee Hour	Jeff & Sandy Welch

SERVING JUNE 3/4

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astor Rev. Tom Orth
Ausic DirectorClaire Schreiber
Drganist/Pianist Amy Truth
Anne Gentry
Communion
Assistants Wayne & Chris Christopherson
JshersClarence & Bonnie Cross
Wayne Lewis (Sat.)
Greeters Mary Rowader, Cindy Domrase
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