Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

June 3 & 4, 2023



Season of 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Bell Choir & Choir, Claire Schreiber, Soloist
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(the assembly stands as they are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Righteous God,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

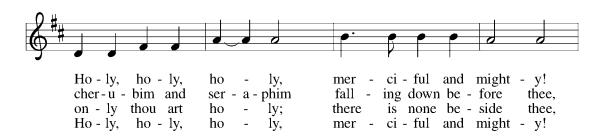
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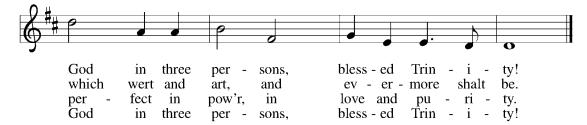
- P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.





song shall rise Ear ing thee. in the morn our cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; sin - ful - ness thy though the eve of glo - ry may not see, thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.





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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

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the lifegiving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every

creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

¹O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

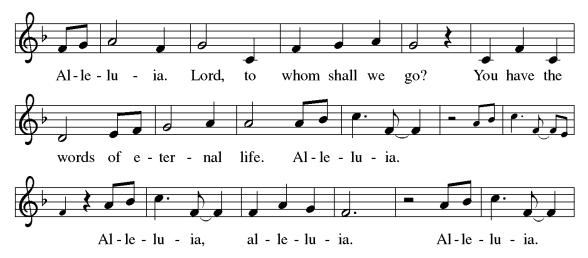
[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)





ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, The dance of Trin - i - tv is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; We yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; know the Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set



the Three, in and hope, made room with-in their dance. but as love when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. tell the world of weight and woe that are free to move! we to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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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)



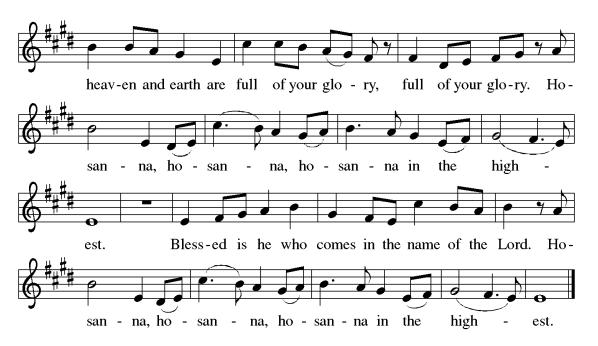
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- P: Let us pray...God of field and forest, sea and sky,
- C: you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: 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: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.





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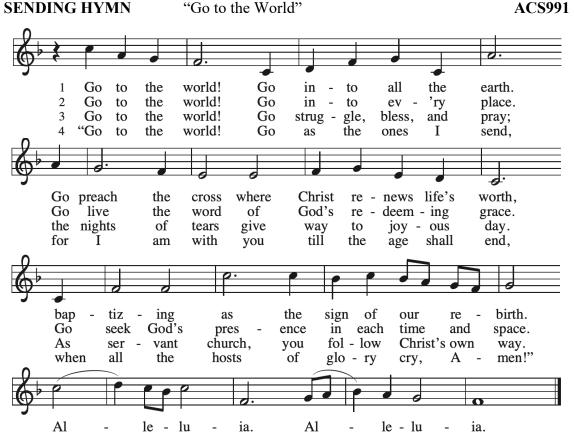
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- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...We thank you, generous God,
- C: for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Danish Amen Congregation & Bell Choir



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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

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 -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, 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, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

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 Ruth Circle at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Evangelical Lutheran Church/East Jordan, Rev. Matthew Deames and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by Larry & Katherine Rettell in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary (6/1) and Katherine's birthday (6/5).



Congratulations Graduates!



<u> Alpena High School</u>

Logan Konarzewski Erin McCourt Chase Schiller

Aidan Schultz.

After graduation, Aidan Schultz plans to attend Northwood University to play hockey and begin his studies to obtain a business management degree.

Alpena Community College Early College Program

Kameron Schultz

This past spring Kameron graduated with an associate degree in Liberal Arts at Alpena Community College through the Early College program. In the fall, she will be attending Michigan State University pursuing a degree in the field of business.

Northern Michigan University

Taylor Agius

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Magna Cum Laude

Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in the area of Academic Excellence Outstanding Clinical Performance in NU 452 Transition/Professional Nursing

Taylor has future plans of working in a Pediatric Hospital in southern Michigan.

Grace Lutheran Church Scholarship Recipients

Aidan Schultz Kameron Schultz



We are blessed as a congregation to honor our youth as they graduate and begin this new phase in their lives.



ADULT CE FOR JUNE 4TH – Together by Grace

The Sunday morning Adult Christian Ed class (ACE for short) begins a 6 week study of Lutheran theology, tradition and heritage with the book *Together by Grace*. Join us to learn more about Lutheranism. Sunday morning at 11 in the Lounge.

GRACE LUTHERAN IS 150 YEARS OLD

We received our anniversary recognition at Synod Assembly in May. As we start this year, we want to celebrate with a few activities giving thanks for what this church has received from Jesus and all those who have faithfully done Christ's work over time in this place. And want to prepare for the future work God and Jesus have for us here and now.

Council adopted this plan of Celebration for over the next year.

- 1) A Celebration dinner that is catered.

 A team is needed to organize and plan for the date, meal and program.
- 2) 150th Anniversary Campaign that will add to our endowment and provide resources for the future. Council agreed that 10% of funds donated will be toward a Community Outreach Fund to continue making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.
 - Several people have offered to do this work. And more can be involved.
- 3) Displays of the history of the church over time. Don LaBarre has agreed to lead this.
- 4) Collecting more history of Grace from throughout the 150 years, but especially over the last 50 years since the last major anniversary of 100 years.

Don LaBarre and Pastor Tom are two willing to work on this with more help needed.

For both of these last 2 projects, we can use items you may have, photographs and documents and a willingness of many to sit down for a recording of your memories of Grace. We have already collected some old bulletins, documents and artifacts (like Dorothy Gentry's Sunday School pin.)

Please contact Pastor Tom if you are interested in helping in any aspect of the Celebration Year. Or have some other ideas.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON JUNE 17 & 18

Join us for worshiping God and Jesus outside in our property across the street this weekend.

NEW CARPET IS COMING TO THE SANCTUARY STARTING JUNE 19TH

Help prepare for the work. Sunday, June 11, move hymnals and cushions out after worship. Saturday, June 17, 10 am move all the pews to one side of the sanctuary.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –4th

8:50 am Choir Practice **9:30 am Worship**

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 5th

10am-noon Church Office Open 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved 6:00 pm ROC - Lounge

Tuesday - 6th

8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 11:00 am Pastors Text Study -Lounge

Wednesday - 7th

8am-noon Church Office Open 6:00 pm Bell Choir

Thursday - 8th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved 4:00 pm Lounge Reserved

Friday - 9th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am Visitation/

11:00 am Gary Rich Mem. Service

Saturday - 10th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING JUNE 3/4

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MinistersGod's People		
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth		
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber		
Organist/PianistAmy Truth		
Lector Anne Gentry		
Communion		
Assistants Wayne & Chris Christopherson		
UshersClarence & Bonnie Cross		
Wayne Lewis (Sat.)		
Greeters Mary Rowader, Cindy Domrase		
Altar GuildKathy Piontkowski		
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre		
CountersGary & Kay Grove		
Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom		

SERVING JUNE 10/11

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