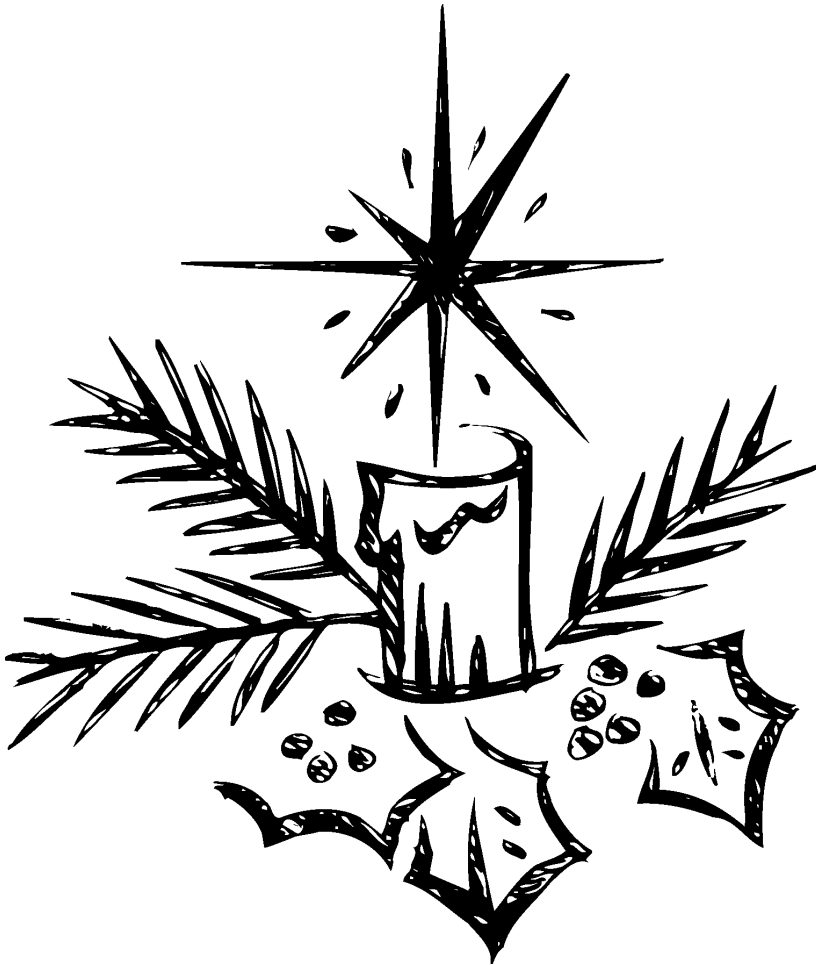


# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*December 2 & 3, 2023*



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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 comfortable)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Everlasting God,

**C: you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes us with garments of salvation and covers us with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

R246



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! “Christ is near,” we  
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond - age  
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don  
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. “Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
 down from heav’n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!”  
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 one and all, to be for - giv’n;  
 and with words of love draw near.  
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 This selection is in the public domain.  
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

ADVENT CANDLE “He Came Down” (two times through)

R253



2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;



he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional  
 Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

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## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

### KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

### HYMN OF PRAISE



**G** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**D** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



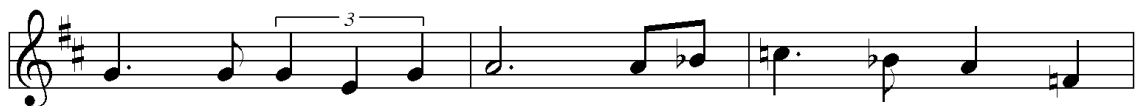
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Isaiah 64:1-9**

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

*Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

## 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

### **Mark 13:24-37**

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

R241



- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
- 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
- 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
- 4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.  
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast  
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high  
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.  
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.  
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite

Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## 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.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## OFFERING

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray...God our provider,

C: **by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, 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 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light . . .

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.**

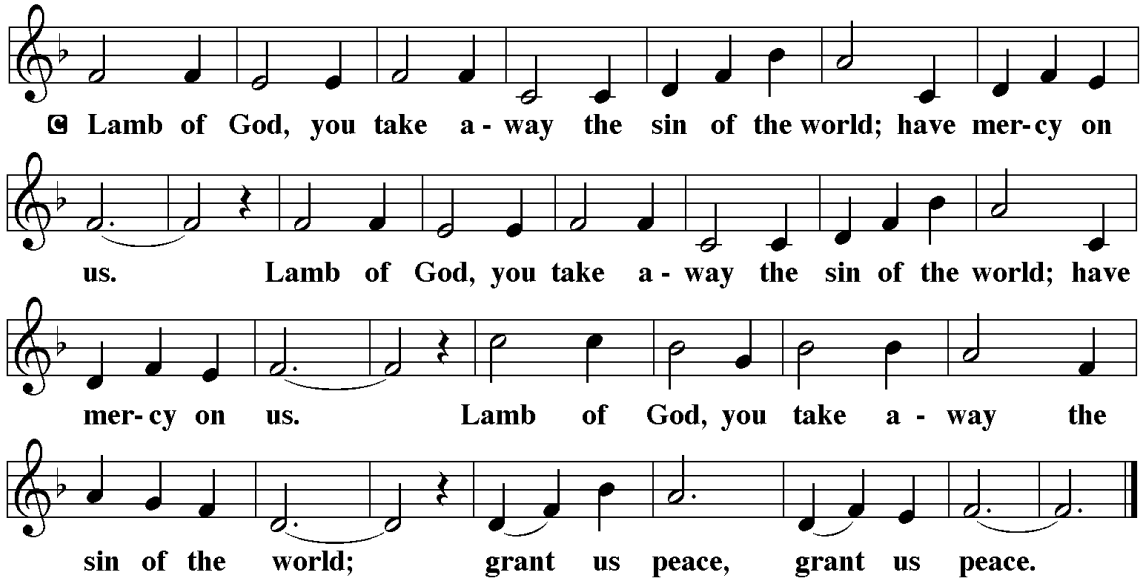
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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)*

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.



**☩** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN "Christ, Be Our Light"

R715



- 1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
- 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
- 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
- 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
- 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

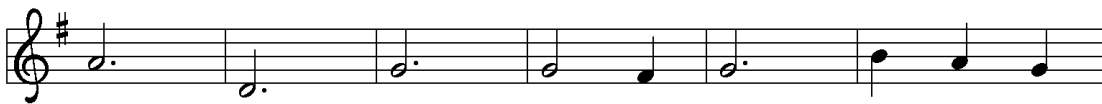


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray...Generous God,

**C: in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together.**

**Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816 Public domain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Keep awake.

**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 Honor

of

Dawn & Joseph Gentry's 35th Wedding Anniversary

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, 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, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Reed Domrase, Brenda Donajkowski, Carl Smith, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Ann Suszek (Joel's mom), who passed away November 15th.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for justice and peace efforts at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Lutheran Church of the Savior/Kalamazoo, Rev. Alexander Steward, Contracted, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rev. Tom Downs for leading worship, preaching and presiding this weekend. Rev. Downs is a retired Episcopal Priest who served Trinity Episcopal Church a number of years ago and has returned to Alpena in retirement.

## **COMMUNION CONTINUOUS THIS WEEKEND.**

Communion will be our usual continuous serving this weekend. We will do communion at the rail on the weekend of December 9 & 10.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING - JOIN US DECEMBER 10TH AFTER WORSHIP**

We're putting up the tree and the greens and the candles on Sunday, December 10th. Join in preparing the church for the season.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON**

**December 10 - after church decorating and before we go caroling.**

If you are staying for one or the other, decorating after church or going caroling at 1, have lunch together. Or just join us for lunch. Please sign up in the Office Lobby.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING - NEW DATE**

**Sunday, December 10**

You are invited to join in Christmas caroling around the community on Sunday, December 10 at 1:00pm. Church decorating and lunch will happen beforehand. A sign up sheet will be posted. We will be going to assisted living homes as well as homes of some of our members. Please join in the fun! Sign up in the Office Lobby.

## **2023 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST - UPDATE**

We have received wishes from an additional 8 children (a total of 24 more wishes from 3 families) and with your generous assistance, we are confident of even more success. *The recipient tags are available on the giving tree in the office lobby.* Gifts will need to be wrapped (NO GIFT BAGS), with the gift tag securely taped to the package and **returned to the church no later than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10.** Thank you for making a difference in our community. --The Discipleship Committee

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

The last two weeks have seen quite a few donations to the Little Food Pantry.

Besser Elementary School through the work of Tracie Granata brought in a bus load of things, with the students helping with loading and unloading. See Facebook for some photos.

Neighborhood Provisions has an ongoing food drive at their store and brought over just a lot of food. (See Facebook for part of it.) More coming in December.

All Saints Parish made a donation of feminine hygiene products from their Period Poverty Pantry.

Lions Club donated sacks of potatoes from their fundraiser.

And \$2,445 was received in memorial donations in honor of Daniel Spaulding and his work stocking the pantry. He will be missed.

## **KITCHEN REFRIGERATOR BECOMES FREEZER ON DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

With food boxes coming in from United Way that have frozen meats in them, we are turning the refrigerator into a freezer to store the meats until distributed. So just a heads up for any thinking of using the refig/freezer that week or so.

## **THANKS ALL WHO WORKED ON THANKSGIVING DINNER**

43 meals were served with 27 eating at church and 16 delivered. Thanks to Haskes, Christophersons, Schultzs and Pankeys and all who worked on and donated for the meal and fellowship together.

## **NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO**

We have reposted the announcement on our Facebook page. **Your specifically "sharing" the post, beyond just liking, will spread the word more online.** Thank you.

## **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 December birthdays and anniversaries  
can be found on the News page of our website at  
[www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2023-birthdays](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2023-birthdays)*

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR OCTOBER 2023**

Average needed in October (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 22,930.00
Monthly Giving - October	19,451.23

#### We received:

129 envelopes, 68 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 7 Give+ payments made from our website

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday – 3rd

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Choir Practice  
9:30 am **Worship**  
11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

### Monday - 4th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
6:00 pm Remembering Our Children - Lounge

### Tuesday - 5th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am Pastors Text Study - Lounge  
6:00 pm Council

### Wednesday - 6th

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

### Thursday - 7th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
4:00 pm Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved

### Friday - 8th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Saturday - 9th

5:00 pm **Worship**

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

## SERVING DECEMBER 2/3

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Downs  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Anne Gentry  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturday)  
**Greeters**..... Joel & Cindy Suszek  
**Altar Guild**..... Gentry Family  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch

## SERVING DECEMBER 9/10

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Bill & Nancy Platt  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturday)  
**Greeters**..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Altar Guild**..... Gentry Family  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

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