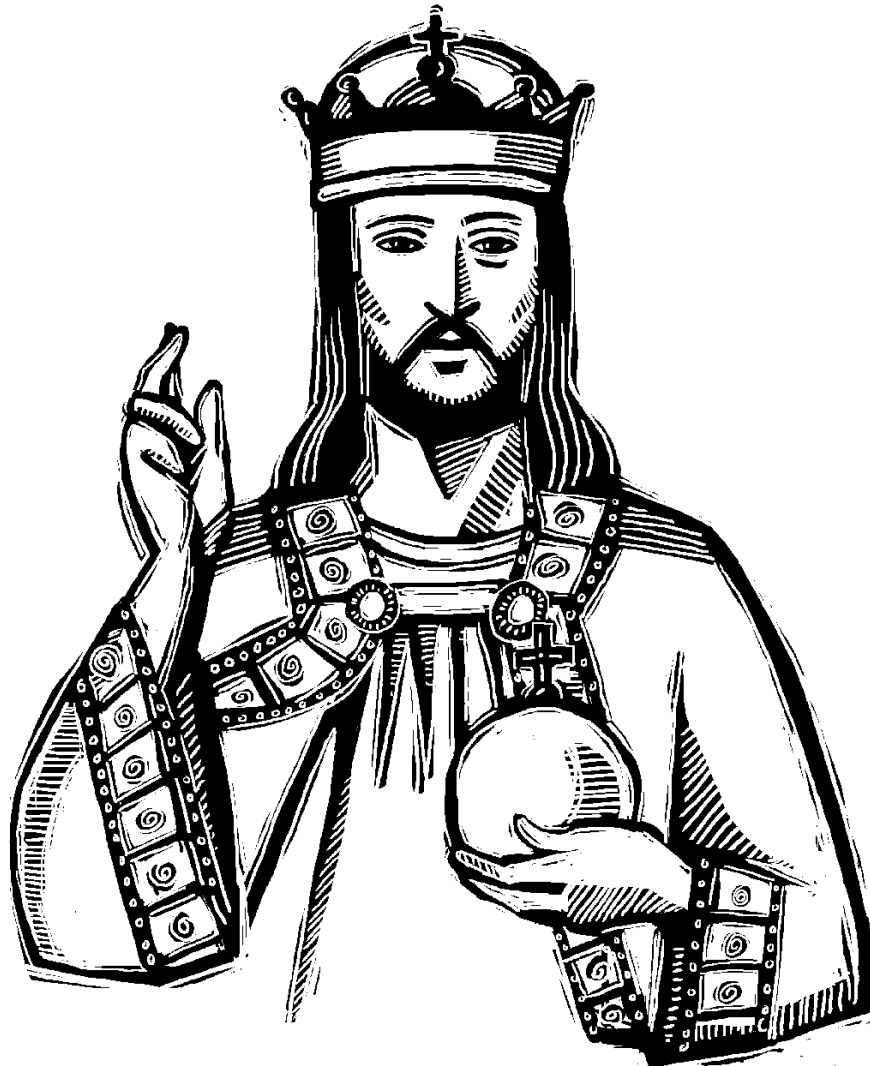


Worship Folder



CHRIST THE KING • SUNDAY •

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Grace Lutheran Church

November 20 & 21, 2021

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 you are able)

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

P: Trusting in the Word of life given in Baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: We give you thanks, O God,

C: for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal!"



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for

hun-gry and the poor; that

wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,

we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



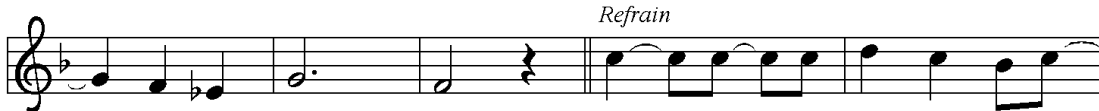
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 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 in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be.

Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

(The assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

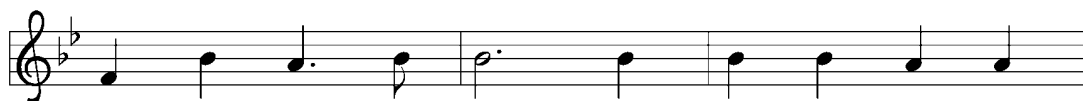
HYMN OF THE DAY “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
all, you said the first must be the last and
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
we might rise and live. To break the law of
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
death you came, the law of love to bring: a
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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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: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(The assembly stands, as you are able, and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835 Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-708784.

P: Let us pray...God of abundance,

C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

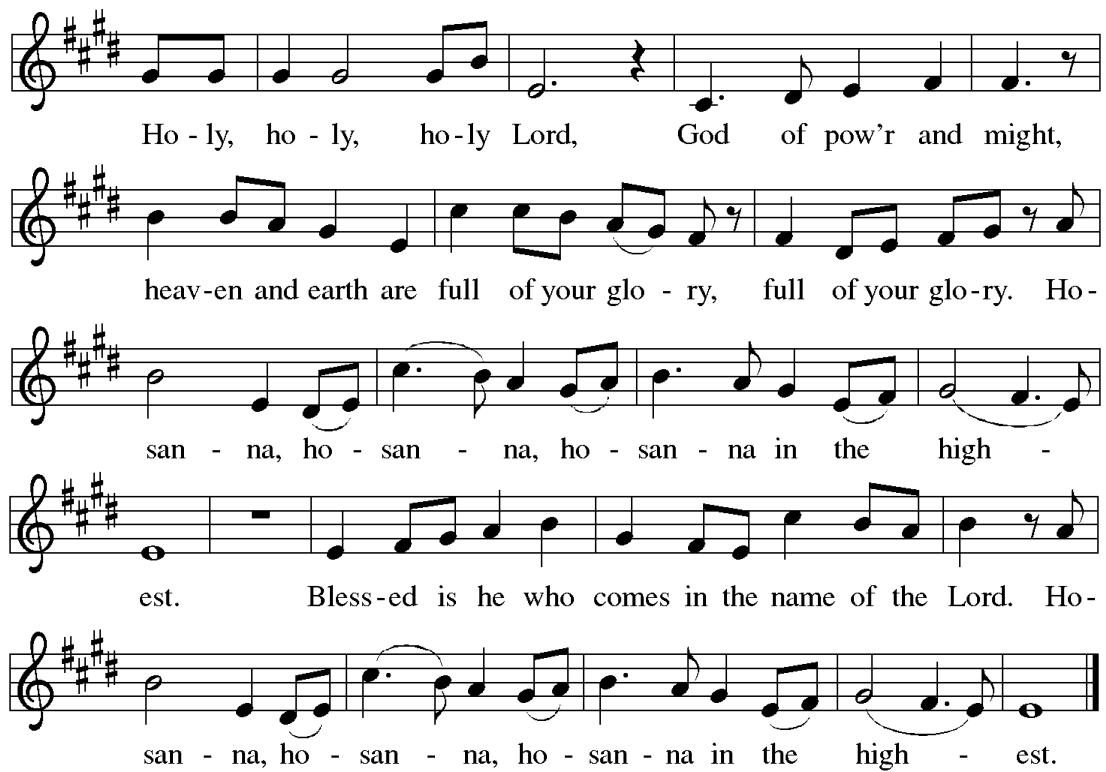
P: Lift up your hearts

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:



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

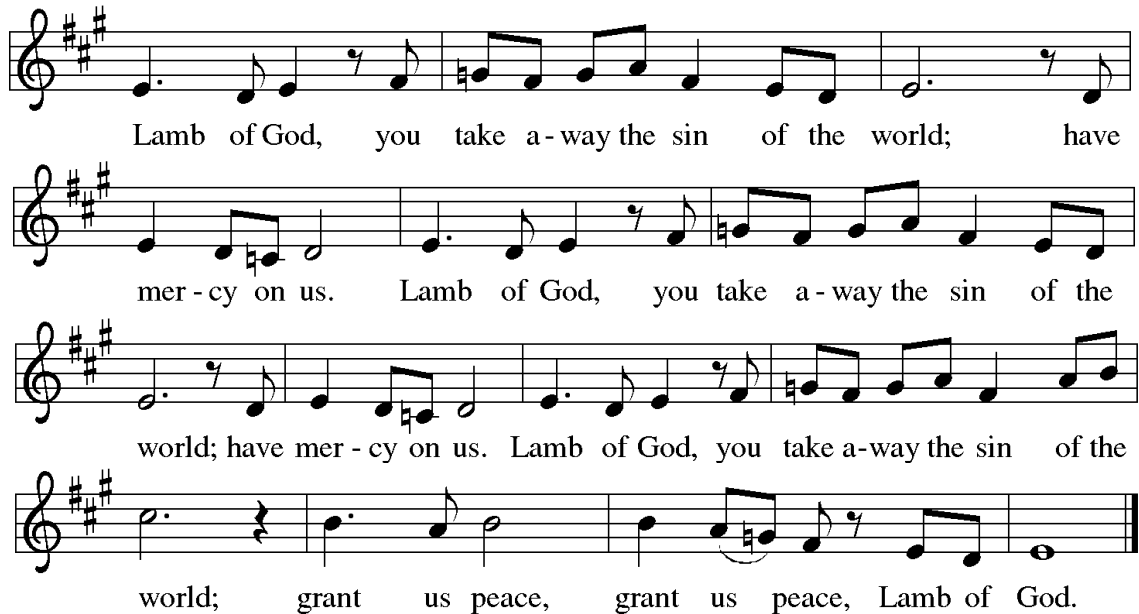
P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

(You may be seated)



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN “Beautiful Savior”



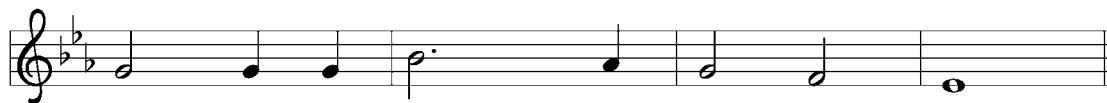
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

The assembly stands as you 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...Lord of life,

C: in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Soon and Very Soon"



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS

Susan Stacey, Karen Slaght, Myra Cross, Roger Pankey, Mike & Donna, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Avril & Charlie Phillips and newborn son Spencer, Jay Nowak, Gus Gillard, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Faith Formation Program at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Lutheran Church of the Savior/ Kalamazoo, Rev. Nicole Smith.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we welcome your doing so. Let us take care of each other and help end this pandemic.

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 or recording.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How Many will Return for In-Person Worship—Adult CE for Sunday November 21

What will church be like after the pandemic ends (whenever that will be)? Who will be there? How has your faith life changed during the pandemic? What is important to you about church, before the pandemic and now? About your faith life, then and now? Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we think about what is next for church, church life and our faith life.

Rage in Our Society—Sunday, November 28

Do you feel there is rising rage in our society today? Are you angrier about things, issues, than before? How should our Christian faith respond to anger in society? Anger is often a response to other deeper issues for individuals or society. How do we as Christian church bring those issues out to be addressed by society? See you at 11 in the Lounge.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

You are invited to join in Christmas caroling around the community! There will be lunch provided after church on Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 am and caroling will begin at 12:00pm. A sign up sheet will be posted. We will be going to assisted living homes as well as homes of some of our members. As we will be singing and around those who are vulnerable, we ask those participating to wear a mask. Please join in the fun!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

For the month of November the Little Food Pantry is collecting children's hats, gloves and mittens to be donated. Non-perishable food items are also needed.

BAKE SALE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, FROM 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Ruth Circle is planning a bake sale at Grace again this year on December 4th.

Please check your recipes for all kinds of goodies. We depend on everyone to help us make this a success.

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 3, from 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated.

Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 if you can help set up on Friday or help the day of the sale. Thanks!

This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.

2021 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

The recipient tags are again placed on the giving tree.

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, NOVEMBER 28th.**

As you will recall, the Wish List is comprised of local families experiencing hardships. We have been assigned 12 children and with your generous assistance, we are confident of another successful outcome.

Thank you for making a difference in our community,
Phran and Dawn, Discipleship Committee

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone here at Grace for all your thoughts, prayers, and get well wishes I received for my surgery and therapy after. It was very much appreciated. Again, thank you and God bless each and every one of you. Sincerely, Dale Schultz.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN

With our weekly bulletin as our main communication to members and visitors, we ask that all announcements be turned in by 9 AM on Wednesday in a written form. As announcements are highlighted in the email blast that sends the bulletin link out, on our web page and Facebook as well as in the printed bulletin for weekend services and highlighted at the end of the livestream this gives multiple opportunities for people to see the information spreading the word. With as much as 1/3 of our worship attendance online, we need to offer these various ways for everyone to be aware of what is going on and have the info to refer to and then get involved. Thank you for helping to share God's Love and welcome *ALL* in some new ways.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

AMELIA BERLES AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Cards and letters may be sent to the following address:

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**A list of November birthdays and anniversaries can
be found on the “News” page of our website
at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org**

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,489.00
Weekly giving - November 7	2,107.00
Weekly giving - November 14	2,358.00

We received:

40 envelopes, 6 Simply Giving recurring payments,
and 2 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 21st
9:30 am **Worship**

Monday - 22nd
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - 23rd
8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting

Wednesday - 24th
Kitchen Reserved - Thanksgiving Meal Prep
8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 25th
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday - 26th
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday - 27th
5:00 pm **Worship**

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

SERVING NOVEMBER 20/21

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... Claire Schreiber
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Communion
Assistants Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson
..... Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght
Livestream Team..... Phran Ludington, Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard
Counters..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

SERVING NOVEMBER 27/28

Ministers God's People
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Lector Anna Lewis
Communion
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..... Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Steve & Janie Hansen
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