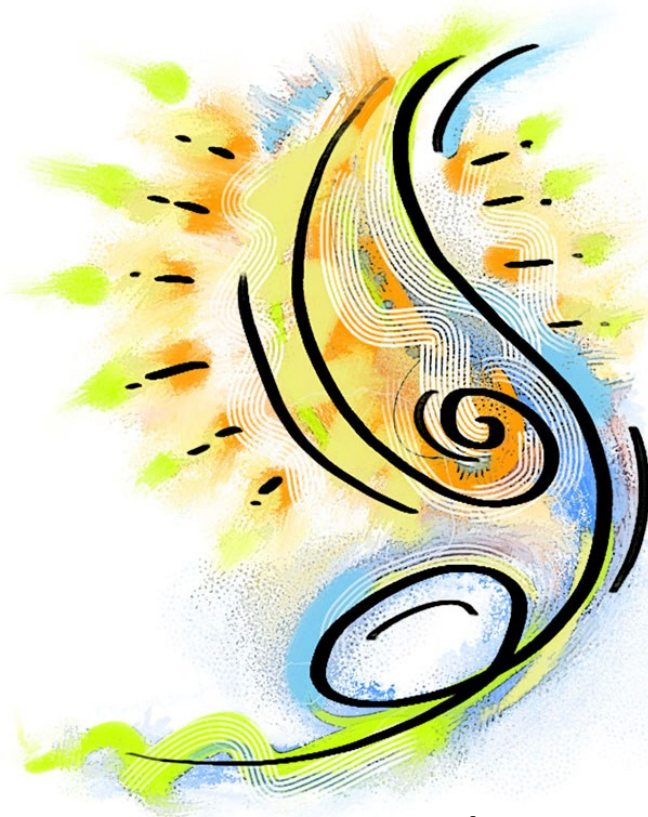


# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*July 15 & 16, 2023*



## **Season after Pentecost**

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

*"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."*

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*(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, † 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.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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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)

*Refrain*



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
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 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  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
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,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



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

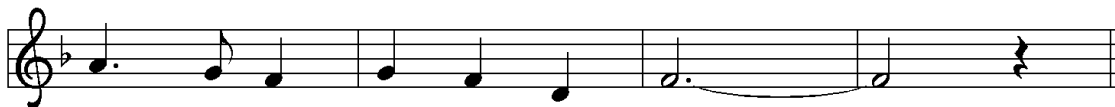
*Refrain*

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



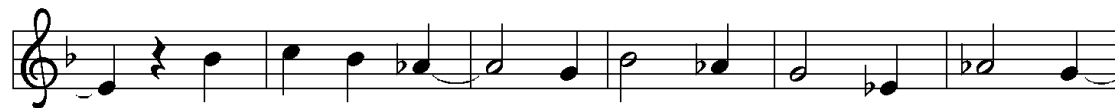
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

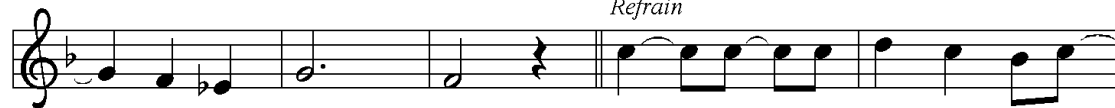


1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high-



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



2 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 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. 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 God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Isaiah 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13**

*Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)*

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves  
with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

### Romans 8:1-11

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

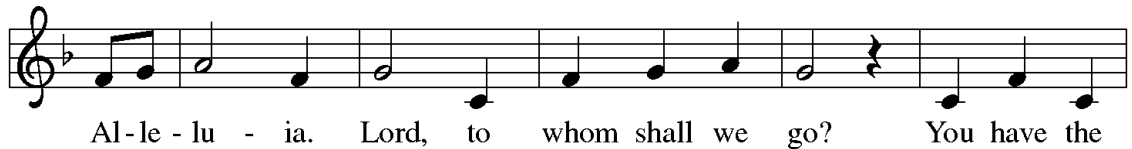
<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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 Matthew.

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

### Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

### HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“For the Fruit of All Creation

**WOV 760**



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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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)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly  
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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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:



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.

### **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.**

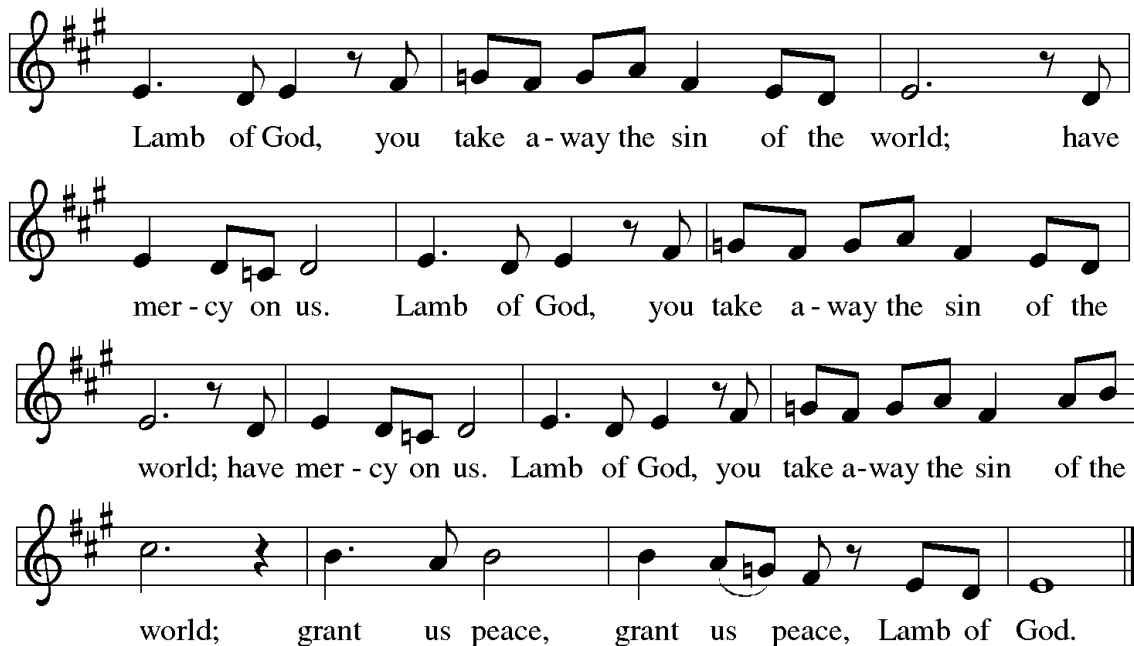
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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)*

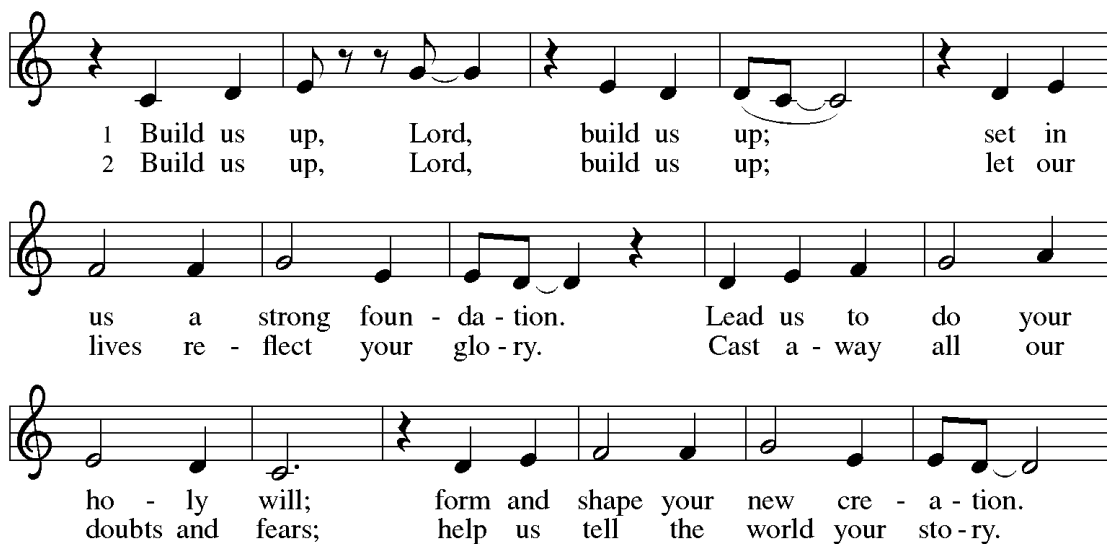
P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.



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 "Build Us Up, Lord"

R670



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our  
us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our  
ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

*(Hymn continued on next page)*

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us  
 guide and teach each oth-er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us  
 world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth-er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead-fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow-ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in  
 faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your  
 word to spread the news of your Son!

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Music: BUILD US UP, Mark Glaeser and Donna Hanna

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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...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.**

## SENDING HYMN

## "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

R547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



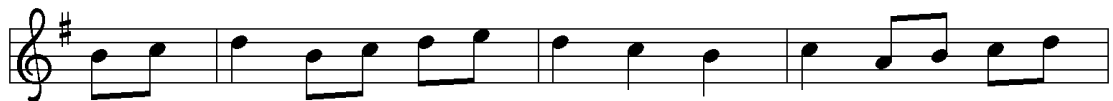
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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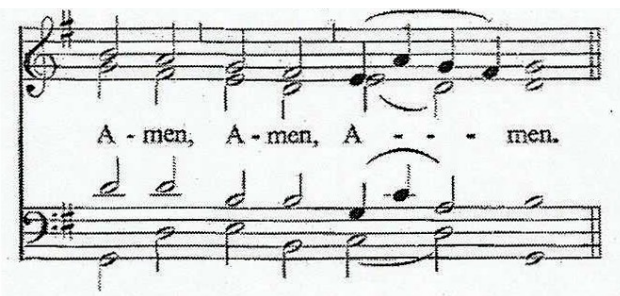
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**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.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Bob Stacey, Sandy Malaski, Tammy Furze, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jack Thompson, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the families of Sylvia Rouech (Sandy Welch's mother), who passed away on July 8th and the family of Marlene Ellsworth (Deb Weisel-Ellsworth's mother), who passed away on July 5th.

### **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 Intergenerational Messy Church at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Zion Lutheran Church/Freeland, Rev. Andreas Teich and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JULY 16**

After wrapping our survey of Lutheranism, it is time to think of what we want to compare about the ELCA Lutheran tradition with other denominations and faiths. So this Sunday we will put together our series of compare and contrast questions for the start of *Our Neighbor's Faith* series that begins later in August. Join us as we identify those things we will look for and learn about in other denominations. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

## **NEXT ADULT CE SERIES**

### **LEARN ABOUT OTHER CHRISTIAN AND FAITH TRADITIONS**

Our next Adult Christian Education series will be based on the book *Honoring My Neighbor's Faith: A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America*. The series will begin later in August and be held several times a month with the remaining Sunday classes each month on other topics. *The books are \$15. Sign up in the Office Lobby or can be ordered by letting Pastor Tom know or calling the office. Please order by July 23.*

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Summer means parties by the pool. This summer at Grace, kids will learn what a difference Jesus can make in their lives, when they are willing to dive in with him.

Don't miss our second summer VBS date scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 15th from 1-2:30pm.

All kids of Grace are welcome. Invite your friends!

Sign up by emailing Tracie Granata @ [Tracie@BayAthleticClub.com](mailto:Tracie@BayAthleticClub.com)

## **HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW THEIR FAITH!**

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

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

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

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

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

## **HAVE YOU COMPLETED A TIME AND TALENT SURVEY?**

**Next week we will begin working on our new schedules to start in October 2023.** If you have not done so, please help us by completing the survey that was emailed out this past week. It is very short and will only take a minute or two. This will help us get the new schedules in place. Thank you!! **(Paper copies are located in the Office Lobby if you would prefer to complete a written copy.)** *Please return the paper copy to the church office or place in the offering plate.*

## **GRACE LUTHERAN IS 150 YEARS OLD**

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

## **DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?**

The Quilters have lots of yarn. If you would like to start knitting/crocheting mittens or scarves for this year's Giving Tree, please come get some. The yarn is in a basket in the Office Lobby.

## **REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE MEETING - JULY 25 6:30 PM AT GRACE**

What is regenerative agriculture and why should you care? Regenerative agriculture involves methods of farming that help the planet. The July 25<sup>th</sup> evening event, will show the informative film, "Kiss the Ground," and hear from some local farmers, an Alpena representative of the US Department of Agriculture, and a representative of the Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District. Jan Charter is putting the event together for the community.

## **CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS**

Devotionals for July, August & September have arrived and are on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

## **THANK YOU TO GRACE CONGREGATION**

Pastor Tom Orth & The Congregation of Grace Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you for providing food and lodging to a woman in desperate need of assistance on July 5th. This individual had been released from our jail into a community she was not familiar with, without her wallet. She needed a dry place to sleep for the night and food to eat. Several service agencies turned her away but you stepped up and provided her with the help she needed. This act of kindness was truly a demonstration of how God wants us to treat our brothers and sisters!

Erik Smith, Alpena County Sheriff

## **NEW ADDRESS**

Harry Kautz has moved to Turning Brook. His new address is Apt. 207, 300 Oxbow Dr, Alpena, MI 49707. He would welcome cards. Thank you.

## **BRACELET FOUND**

A bracelet was found during our Spring cleaning of the kitchen. Please call the office to identify and claim.

## **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.

## **COVID TEST KITS FOR AT-HOME USE**

At-home COVID test kits are available in the office if you would like or need one. There are 2 tests per box and they are to be taken 24 hours apart. Just stop by or give a call to the church office.

*A list of July birthdays and anniversaries can be found on our website at  
[www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/news](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/news)*

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday – 16th**

**8:30 am**      **Worship**  
11:00 am      Adult CE - Lounge

**Monday - 17th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
8am-3pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Tuesday - 18th**

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

**Wednesday - 19th**

8am-noon      Church Office Open

**Thursday - 20th**

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

**Friday - 21st**

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

**Saturday - 22nd**

**5:00 pm**      **Worship**

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

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**SERVING JULY 15/16**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Organist/Pianist** ..... Amy Truth  
**Lector** ..... Jan Charter  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Sherie McTaggart/Jo Ann Smith  
**Ushers** ..... Dale Schultz, Jo Ann Smith,  
June Daly; Diane Prevost (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Altar Guild** ..... Chris Christopherson,  
Jeanne Pankey  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre  
**Counters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby Haske & Family

**SERVING JULY 22/23**

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**Lector** ..... Sharon Engstrom  
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