Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

November 4 & 5, 2023



All Saints' Weekend

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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 God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Steadfast and faithful God,
- C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, we are already and always forgiven.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"

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- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry This selection is in the public domain.

GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)



HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through 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

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

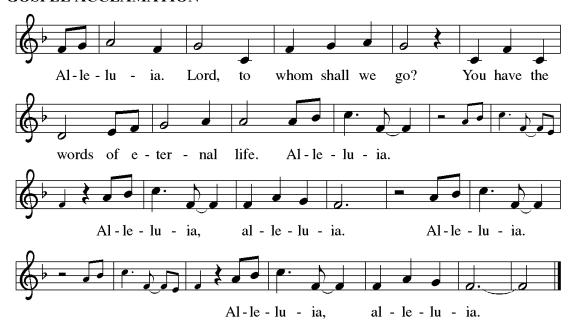
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)



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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: God of grace,

C: hear 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)



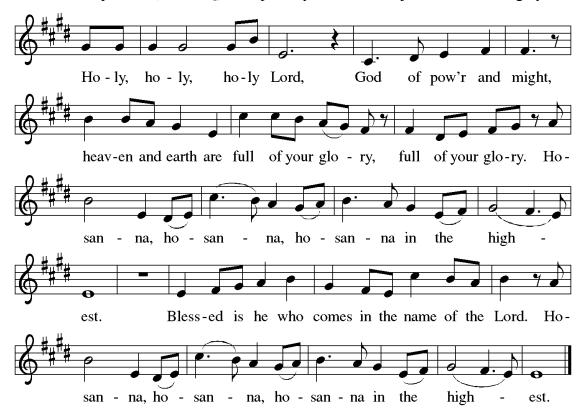
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P: Let us pray...God of power, God of plenty,

C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, 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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void,...(concluding)...Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

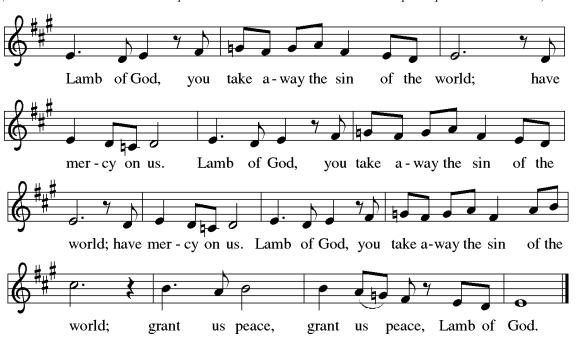
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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)





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Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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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.

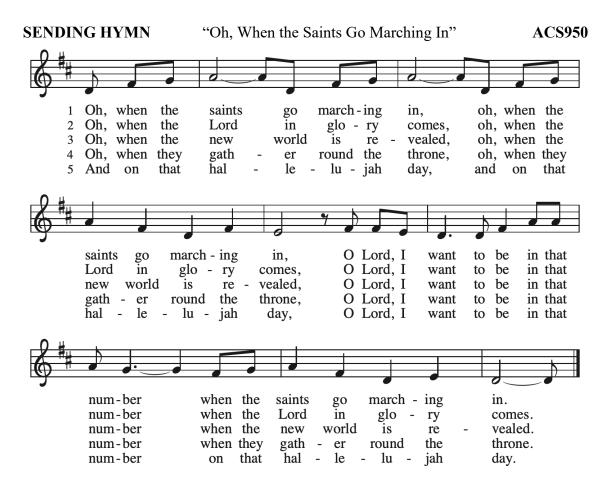
P: Let us pray...Blessed be your name, O God,

C: for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

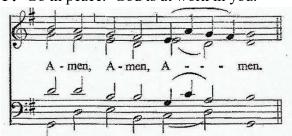


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. 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

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 -- Ann Suszek, Carl Smith, WMHRLD family, 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.

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 Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Galen Knutson, Intentional Interim, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

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DURING THE PAST YEAR Those who've joined the church triumphant:

| Gary Rich Tim Barrow Jack Thompson Rita Balm Sylvia Rouech | Danie Linda | e Nicholls el Spaulding Kamyszek ad Graves | | Marge Weber Charles Charter Joseph Bleau Karen (Cadarette) Rickle |
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| Sylvia Roacen | ₽ | r P | ₽ | |

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

You are invited to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting for Grace Lutheran on Sunday November 5 at 11 AM following worship and a bit of Fellowship Time. The Budget for 2024 and election of Officers are on the Agenda. Contact the Church Office for a Zoom link. *Meeting packets are available in the Office Narthex.*

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 11 & 12

For this collection, we would like to concentrate on packets of baby food, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and sauce, and toilet paper. On that weekend, please place the items at the altar and we will bless them along with our offering. Thank you.

GRACE LUTHERAN THANKSGIVING DINNER!

Thursday, November 23, 2023 ~ 5 p.m.

Grace Lutheran will provide a church family Thanksgiving Day dinner at 5:00 pm. The turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to pass – your favorite side, dessert, rolls, salads, whatever you feel inclined to bring! We will offer delivery to our Loving Care Members at 4:00 pm to allow them to also partake in our Thanksgiving Dinner. For delivery, please call Peggy at 989-354-2640. Delivery will be made shortly after 4:00 p.m. so our delivery crew can make it back to eat as well. If you can help with delivery please contact Peggy so she can list the drivers we will have as well.

Please sign up and include the number attending and the dish you wish to bring and share. (Sign-up sheets are located in the Office Narthex.) There is also a sign-up sheet for Set-Up Committee and Clean-Up Committee for those who want to assist. Requests for delivered meals need to be called in to the church by Monday, November 20 so deliveries can be coordinated. All are welcome!

BAKE SALE

Ruth Circle will be hosting the **Bake Sale**, **December 2**. Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake and donate. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

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.

PEACE VIGIL - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH AT 7 PM HERE AT GRACE

The Alpena Peace Community is inviting you to attend a Peace Vigil on Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 7:00pm to 7:30pm, at Grace Lutheran Church located at 119 W. Dunbar in Alpena. Meditations and prayers for peace are needed in all parts of our world, our country, our communities, and for our families and friends during these times of unrest. We hope that you will join us for a brief period of time on November 19th to focus meditatively on peaceful solutions to the many problems the human race is currently experiencing. ALL ARE WELCOME in this space!

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.





November

November 26

November 27

November 29

Brian Schiller

Ellie Walker

Beckett Granata

Scott Kuligowski

Bruno Hirzel

November 24Chris Christopherson

November 11 Jessica McKenzie Rodney Szymanski

Anniversaries

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Baptism

November 9

Mary Bock

November 12 Nicholas Schillerstrom

November 13 Norman Schillerstrom

November 21 Elaine Hatch

November 23 Ashley Timmreck-Walker Madison Timmreck Melissa Timmreck Nicholas Timmreck Paige Timmreck Dan VanEssen



November 2 Olivia Haske Cindy Suszek

November 4 Britni Nowak

November 5 Lori Graham Raylynn Suszek

November 7 Phyllis Colagross

November 8 Edward Jahnke Melissa Timmreck

November 10 Hannah Matzke

November 11 Linda Gapske Gracie Gillard Brent Welch

November 12 Diane O'Connor

November 13 Doug Chroninger

November 14 Mary Bock

Birthdays

November 17 Chloe Hayward Kassandra McInerney

November 18 Nancy Stachnik Karyn Vass

November 20 Kelli Liske Sherie McTaggart Chris Moors

November 21 Kevin Graham

November 24 Melissa Chabot

November 25 Jeffrey Diemond Monica Jahnke Erin McCourt

November 26 Bruno Hirzel

November 28 Janie Hansen Lisa McIntosh Brody Yuchasz

November 30 Matthew Timrick

Wedding Anniversaries

4th Bill & Mary Bock
9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek
25th Anthony & Laura Thompson
27th Alex & Anna-Marie Struble

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 18,344.00 Monthly Giving - September \$ 17,034.05

We received:

92 envelopes, 58 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

| 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am | Sunday School Choir Practice Worship Annual Meeting | |
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| Monday - 6th 8am-noon 6:00 pm | Church Office Open Remembering Our Children - Lounge | |
| Tuesday - 7th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am | Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge | |
| Wednesday - 8th 8am-noon 6:00 pm | Church Office Open Bell Choir Practice | |
| Thursday - 9th 8am-noon | Church Office Open | |
| Friday - 10th 8am-noon | Church Office Open | |
| Saturday - 11th | | |

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

5:00 pm

Worship

SERVING NOVEMBER 4/5

| BERVING NO VENIBER WE | | | |
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| MinistersGod's People | | | |
| Pastor Rev. Tom Orth | | | |
| Music DirectorClaire Schreiber | | | |
| Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski | | | |
| Lector Bob Greene | | | |
| Communion | | | |
| Assistants Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis | | | |
| Ushers Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel, | | | |
| Diane Prevost (Saturday) | | | |
| Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson | | | |
| Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght | | | |
| Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan | | | |
| Charter, Don LaBarre | | | |
| CountersCheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek | | | |
| Coffee HourJoe & Dawn Gentry | | | |
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SERVING NOVEMBER 11/12

| God's People | | | | |
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| Rev. Tom Orth | | | | |
| Claire Schreiber | | | | |
| Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski | | | | |
| Ruby Haske | | | | |
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| Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis | | | | |
| Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel, | | | | |
| Diane Prevost (Saturday) | | | | |
| Bill & Nancy Platt | | | | |
| Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght | | | | |
| Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan | | | | |
| Charter, Don LaBarre | | | | |
| Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek | | | | |
| Ruby Haske & Family | | | | |
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