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Grace Lutheran Church August 14 & 15 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."

<u>GATHERING</u>
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(The assembly stands as you are able)

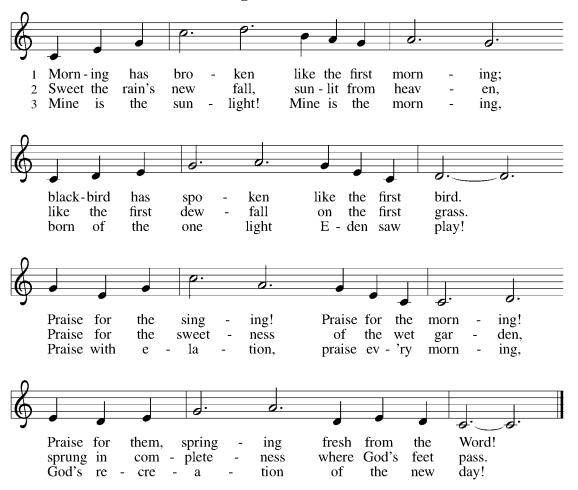
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our provider,
- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.

"Morning Has Broken" **GATHERING HYMN**



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GREETING

- P: The steadfast love of God never ceases.
- C: God's mercies never come to an end.
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:9-14

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

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. R

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Alleluia. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I abide in them. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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 "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo ple, food of an gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



we did not For these gifts la - bor, by your grace have we been fed: wis-dom sat-is - fy our deep-est needs. Ho - lv word and ho - ly liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out-poured,



a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored. giv-en as

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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: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

OFFERING

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

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine, as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand. These gifts of yours for higher use, we offer up as you command.

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- P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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:
- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God...

 Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- 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)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN "Around You, O Lord Jesus"



- 1 A round you, O Lord Je sus, your own you gath er still
- 2 We hear your in vi ta tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for ev er; un til our fi nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all. we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is to us so my lov - ing heart; It draws brings to us to your it your de - part from you, a - mong your peo - ple for you are still



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The assembly stands as you are able)

P: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING OF VALERIE SLAGHT TO SEMINARY

SENDING

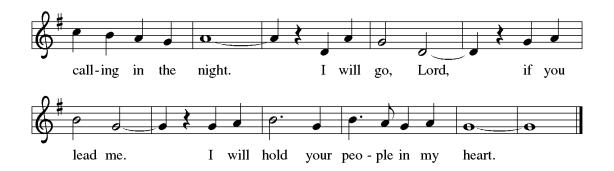
BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



PRAYERS

Ruby Haske, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Betty Dulebohn, 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, Ken & Carole Liske, 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. We also remember the family of Thomas Kwiatkowski (Pam Gohlke's father), who passed away August 2nd.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Loving Care Members at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Rev. Karsten Voskuil (RCA).

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Valerie Slaght, given by her Grace family.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask for your circumstances, or if your wearing a mask helps other people be safer we welcome your doing so. Thank you for helping end this pandemic and take the steps that care for others.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Appointments are being taken for your portrait times on August 19, 20 and 21. Daytime and evening sessions are available. Sign up online at www.ucdir.com, with church code mi1583 and password photos. Or you can also call Gary and Kay Grove at 727.2054 to get signed up. For having your portrait done, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 and church directory. If you are not available during the photography times at Grace, you could also have your portrait done at another church and be included in our directory. Call Gary for details.

FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION FOR VAL SLAGHT

Join us after worship this Sunday, for a time with Val Slaght as she prepares to leave for Trinity Lutheran Seminary this week. We will have some light food and send Val off with our best wishes and some gifts as she as begins her studies for a Master of Divinity degree and ordination as an ELCA pastor. During worship, we will have a sending liturgy for her.

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18TH AT 5:30 PM

This Wednesday evening August 18th join with other church members and families as we together work on the 1 Million Challenge - picking up 1 million pieces of litter before they reach the Great Lakes. We'll meet at 5:30 pm at the Starlite Pavilion to get supplies and assigned areas. Then disperse to our sites. After pickup, we will have a pizza supper back at the pavilion supporting 1 of our local restaurants. Church will provide the pizza. Please bring your own drinks. Call or email the church to register. Check out https://www.greatlakeslove.org/ for more info on their work.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

AMELIA GRADUATED AIR FORCE ACADEMY BASIC ON HER BIRTHDAY

Since the academy year has begun, she can now receive cards and letters. Her address is:

Cadet Amelia Berles PO Box 2512 USAF Academy, CO 80841

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Now that we are back to weekly fellowship, we are in need of members to help set up, make coffee, and clean up for coffee hour. We are using frozen donuts and cookies from Gordon Food Service which will be thawed and ready to put out on Sunday morning. Please sign up on the schedule in the Office Narthex if you are able to help with this. Please see Jeanne Pankey if you have questions.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Fresh eggs, homemade bread and so much more is leaving our pantry and helping with food insecurities in our community. A huge thank you for all the donations that have come into the Little Food Pantry the last several weeks! We might not know exactly who you are but wish we could send a personal touch to the people who are helping us fill a need of hunger in our community. Many times you want to remain anonymous but through this bulletin we want to thank you and know your donation is going to a good cause! This is another way Grace is helping others share God's love and for others also to make a Christ-like difference in our community. Thank you to the members of Grace for supporting the Little Food Pantry.

COMMUNION - IN BOTH KINDS

We have returned to communion with wafer and the cup. Communion will be received by leaving your pew and coming forward in the circular flow as was done in the past to receive the wafer from Pastor Tom and the cup from a communion assistant across the front of the chancel rail.

We ask that you space yourselves out as you come forward giving others the room that allows them to feel comfortable. Communion will also be brought to the pews if you are unable to come forward or do not wish to come forward. Any questions, please call Pastor Tom at the church.

CATNIP NEEDED FOR SEWING PROJECT

The Sewing Group is in need of catnip for a small project several are working on, in addition to their weekly quilting. If you have catnip plants and would be able to bring some cut stems in, please place them in a paper bag and drop off at the office or place in a labeled paper bag on a table in the sewing area of the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

GEAR UP AT MEIJER SPONSORED BY UNITED WAY OF NE MICHIGAN

Wednesday, August 18th at 6 pm we are sponsoring Gear Up at Meijer. 50 disadvantaged youth will participate in a before school clothes shopping trip. Each youth is provided a \$200 gift card along with an adult volunteer. We need 50 adult volunteers to assist the youth in making good decisions while shopping. Shopping usually takes 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Any adult volunteer that is interested can contact the United Way office at (989) 354-2221 or email at uwnemi@unitedwaynemi.org.

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.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS AND ENVELOPES

You can place your bulletin and communion wafer envelope in the labelled 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 - August 8

2,251.00

We received:

22 envelopes, 3 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 1 Give+ payment made from our website

Anniversaries of Baptism



Kiowa Kirchoff

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs Margaret O'Connor

August 5 Grace Hoeft Ryan Reynolds Anthony Thompson

August 6 Margaret Clemens Myra Cross Anna Lewis

August 7 Sandra Weise-Maiuri

August 10 Shelly Olsen

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik

August 13 Trey Garant James Malaski

August 14 Brett Werblow



August 17 Jakob Bauer

August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Corinne Fraley

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 21 William Matzke

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds

August 26 Fred Kindt

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 29 Anne Gentry

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August 5
Norman Schillerstrom

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fraley Aaron Nowak

August 7 Shirley Diemond Fred Kindt

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

August 9 Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth Anne Wilson

August 11 Joann Smith



August 12 Carey Schiller Kristina Wilson

August 13 Jamie Gentry Grace Hoeft

August 15 Colt Gray

August 18 Ed Czarnecki

August 19 Charity Corwin

August 20 Drew Gentry Wayne Lewis

August 21 Donna Morgan Brody Nowak

August 22 Rachel Engstrom Jeffrey Welch

August 23 Ruby Haske Travis Konarzewski

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 29 Jade Gray

August 31 Jerry Timm

Wedding Anniversaries

3rd James & Sandra Malaski
5th Allen & Judith Douglas
Gary & Kay Grove
7th Jorden & Heather Seck
14th Larry & Connie Suszek
15th Randall & Gloria Moore
16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek
19th Phil & Pamela Agius

21st Richard & Sharon Engstrom
22nd Jerry & Jan Charter
24th Whitney & Pamela Barrow Randy & Kenda Yochum
26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki
27th Pat & June Daly Jason & Jessica Slominski
30th James & Margaret Clemens

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

HAITENING THIS WEEK:		
Sunday - 15th 9:30 a.m.	Worship	
Monday - 16th 8am-2pm	Church Office Closed Kitchen Reserved	
Tuesday - 17th 8am-noon 9:00 a.m. 11am-3pm	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Kitchen Reserved	

6:00 p.m. **Wednesday - 18th**

8am-noon	Church Office Open
4:00-9:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
1	Reserved
5:30 pm	Litter Pick Up -
1	Starlite Pavilion

Church Council

Thursday - 19th

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 20th

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

8am-noon Church Office Open 10am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 21st

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS 5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING AUGUST 14/15

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	David Delano	
Lector	Sharon Engstrom	
	sistant	
	ayne & Chris Christopherson,	
Ju	ne Daly	
(Saturday) Steve & Janie Hansen		
Altar GuildKaren Suszek, Jo Ann Smith		
Livestream Tear	n Phran Ludington,	
	Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter	
	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek	
Coffee Hour	Jeanne Pankey, Pam Kirchoff	

SERVING AUGUST 21/22

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	David Delano	
Lector	Anna Lewis	
Communion Assistant		
Ushers (Sunday) Wayne &	Chris Christopherson,	
June Daly		
(Saturday) Steve & Janie Hansen		
Altar Guild Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith		
Livestream Team Phran Ludington,		
Daw	n Anderson, Jan Charter	
CountersChery	yl Lang, Cindy Suszek	
Coffee Hour		

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