Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

September 2 & 3, 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

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.) (the assembly stands as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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- 1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light, the par - ent, child, For joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,
- 5 For each per-fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for love which from our birth the o - ver and a - round lies: hill vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars light: and mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound for the and sight: earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild: friends on gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly for thy - self, best giv'n:



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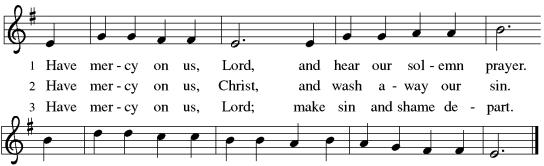
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GREETING

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



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.

Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE



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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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	sound	in	you	and	you	in	me?"	
	grow	in	you	and	you	in	me.	

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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.

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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)



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P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

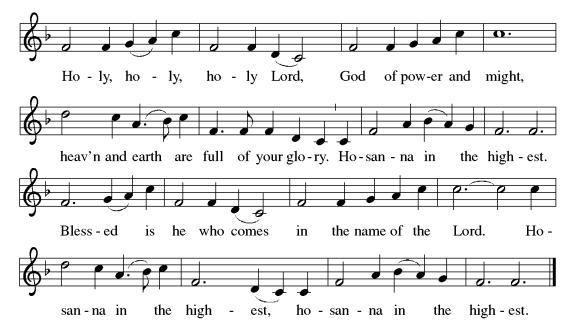
P: Lift up your hearts.

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: 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.

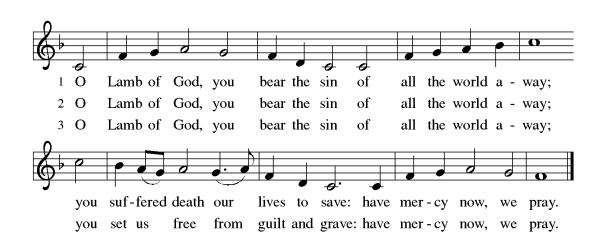
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

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: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.



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

COMMUNION HYMN "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

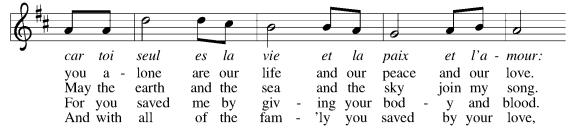
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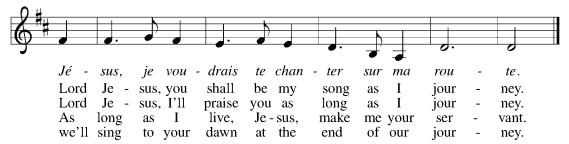
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car - ry your cross and to share all your bur-dens and tears. but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.





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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...God of the welcome table,

C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

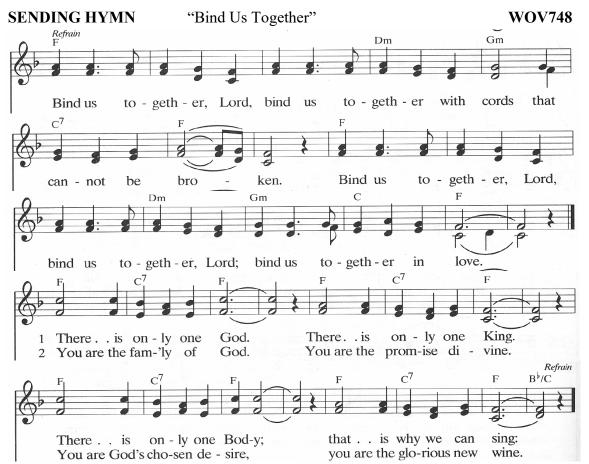
BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Kimberly Moors, given by Geraldine Moors.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Kay Grove, Logan Suszek, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, 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, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, 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 Youth Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Faith Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith - September 3

The new Adult Ed series of exploring other Christian and faith traditions begins Sunday. This week we are looking at the other Lutheran traditions and comparing them to the ELCA. Join us at 11 in the Lounge for class.

COMMUNION AT THE RAIL

We will start serving communion at the rail on the weekend of the first Sunday of the month, beginning in September. As always, you may knee if you wish, or remain standing as you are comfortable. The entire table, group of people at the rail, are dismissed from the rail with words from the pastor at the same time after all have received the elements.

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY MONTHLY DISCUSSION SERIES - HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The Beloved Community Monthly Discussion from the MLK Committee of Northeast Michigan resumes on Wednesday September 6 at 7 PM here at Grace. Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis leads the conversation on the work of Cesar Chavez and Delores Huerta in the Hispanic community. This year the discussion will be on-line as well as an in-person discussion here at Grace. For a list of the resource material and for the Zoom link, contact Pastor Tom.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

In celebration of God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Grace will be assisting Samaritas Senior Living on Wilson Street with a fall cleanup of individual residents' garden plots and raised flowerbeds in the facility patio area. After the cleanup, we will host a Sweets and Treats fellowship hour with the Samaritas residents. The cleanup will be done from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with the fellowship hour to follow. Signup sheets will be placed in the Office Lobby for the clean up - bring tools - and for the Fellowship Hour where you can list your Sweets & Treats . This is a wonderful opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in our community!

MUSIC SEASON POTLUCK - SEPTEMBER 13

We will be having our start of the music season potluck on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 pm at the church. Everyone interested in Choir and/or Bell Choir is welcome! Please sign your name/what dish you plan on bringing on the sign-up sheet in the Office Lobby if you plan on attending.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER 14 with Rabbi Howard Morrison and Pastor Tom Orth

The program "Unity and Diversity Within and Between Judaism and Christianity presented by Rabbi Morrison and Pastor Orth will meet September 14 from 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. at Grace Lutheran Church. From 6:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M. Rabbi Morrison and Pastor Orth with focus on prayer and worship traditions. After a short break with some hospitality, they will discuss the range of traditions within Judaism and Christianity.

JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 5:30 PM

Join with church members as we fill bags with meals for students to take home on the weekend, the Feeding Kids Ministry program. Meet at the old Sunset School on Hobbs Drive using the kitchen entrance on the left side of the building toward the back. We could use 15 - 20 people including children 5 and older to do this project for about 1 - 1 ½ hours. It involves gathering all the items together for the meals sent home with students on the weekend. Please sign up in the Office Lobby. Thanks.

BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!

October 26 - Game Night hosted by the Quilters.

Watch upcoming bulletins for more details as we get closer the event.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

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

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JULY 2023

Average needed in July (5 weeks) to meet budget \$22,930.00 Monthly Giving - July \$16,491.70

We received:

102 envelopes, 69 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website





Anniversories of Baptism



September 1 Britni Nowak

September 2 Joanne Kindt

September 5 Jon Crow Aaron Nowak

September 10 Dawn Gentry Jim Hansen Brian Nelson

September 14 Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 15 Scott Henning

September 20

Mark Freel Caileigh Nitchman

September 22 William Whitscell

September 27 Jonathan Lang Wavne Lewis Marco Wade Owen Wade

September 28 Rachel Engstrom

September 29 T. J. Lappan Chuck McKay

Birthdays



September 5 Bill Platt

September 10 Ryan Werblow

September 11 Donald Cross Steven Garant Marjorie Weber

September 12 Shane Bullard Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14 Izzy Denstaedt Nic Timmreck

September 15 Thomas Bertrand

September 17 William Bock



September 18 Maia Slominski

September 21 Lawrence Nelson

September 24 Judith Douglas

September 26 Joseph Gentry

September 27 Cheryl Lang

September 28 Darlene Freel Ann O'Connor

September 29 John Kuligowski Jessica McKenzie Dennis Werblow

September 30 Ella Sandula Kady Sandula Connie Suszek



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross 11th Jim & Laurie Hansen

16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie 17th Gordon & Karen Suszek

19th Joel & Cindy Suszek

20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson 29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey

30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 3rd

9:30 am Worship

Adult CE - Lounge 11:00 am

Monday - 4th - Labor Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved 6:00 pm ROC - Lounge

Tuesday - 5th

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

Lounge

Wednesday - 6th

8am-noon Church Office Open 7:00 pm MLK Committee Monthly Discussion -

Lounge

Thursday - 7th

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

Friday - 8th

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

Saturday - 9th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING SEPTEMBER 2/3

MinistersGod's People					
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth					
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber					
LectorBill & Nancy Platt					
Communion					
Assistants Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis					
UshersMatt, Everett & Olivia Haske,					
Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)					
Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson					
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Bonnie Cross					
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan					
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre					
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,					
Darlene Freel					
Coffee HourJoe & Dawn Gentry					

SERVING SEPTEMBER 9/10

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director.	Claire Schreiber
Lector	Anne Gentry
Communion	
Assistants	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers	Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,
	Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
Greeters	Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry
Altar Guild	Sherie McTaggart,
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Coffee HourJoel & Cindy Suszek

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