Worship Folder



Grace Lutheran Church August 21 & 22 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)

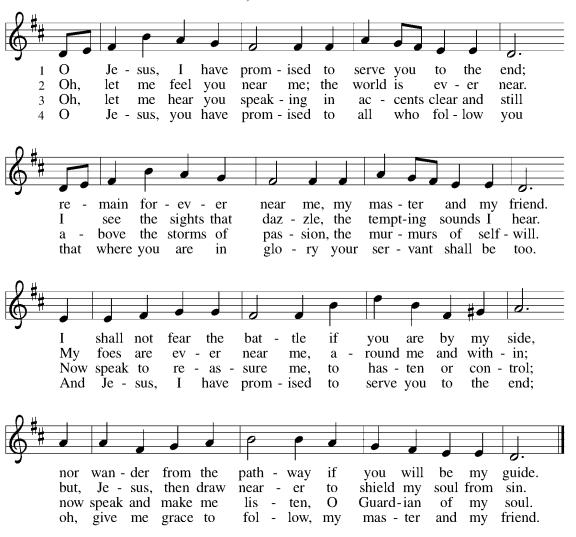
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

- 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.

GATHERING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised"



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Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in

whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

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

Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so

that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

- 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. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
- C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:56-69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,] 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." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go

away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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 "Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908 This selection is in the public domain.

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 "As We Gather at Your Table"



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave; There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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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

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 "On Our Way Rejoicing"



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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.

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 Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Faith Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Rick & Sharon Engstrom's 50th Wedding Anniversary (August 21).

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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - AUGUST 21ST AND ^{22ND}

We are hoping to worship across the street this Saturday, August 21, and Sunday, August 22, at our usual worship times. Please bring your own lawn chairs. In case of questionable weather, the latest info on the service will be on our website and Facebook page. The answering machine at church will also have the status of the outdoor services.

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.

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 further across the front of the chancel rail from a communion assistant. 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.

AMELIA BERLES HAS STARTED THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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 NEEDS

The Little Food Pantry is in need of the following items: small containers of shampoo, lotions, and soap, toilet paper and paper towels, fresh vegetables or fruit from a garden, and bread. Thanks for your donations!

Children's books wanted! The Little Food Pantry is looking for new or gently used children's books to promote reading! Looking for picture books, easy reading books, and chapter books. If you have any tucked away in your home please consider donating in September to our pantry.

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!

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 15

4,332.13

We received:

23 envelopes, 17 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

August

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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!

Sunday - 22nd 9:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday - 23rd	Church Office Closed
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - 24th 8am-noon 9:00 a.m. 11am-3pm	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Kitchen Reserved
Wednesday - 25th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Thursday - 26th 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Friday - 27th 8am-noon 10am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Wedding Rehearsal - Gentry/LaBarre
<u>Saturday - 28th</u> 5:00 p.m.	Gentry/LaBarre Wedding Worship

Large print worship folders are available from ushers

SERVING AUGUST 21/22

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	David Delano
Lector	Anna Lewis
Communion Assistant	Dale Schultz,
	Sherie McTaggart
Ushers (Sunday) Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
June Daly	
(Saturday) Steve & Janie Hansen	
Altar GuildKaren S	Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Livestream Team Phran Ludington,	
Dawn	Anderson, Jan Charter
CountersCheryl	Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	

SERVING AUGUST 28/29

Ministers God'	s People
Pastor Rev. T	
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LectorBob	Greene
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