Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

June 21 & 22, 2025



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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 comfortable)

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

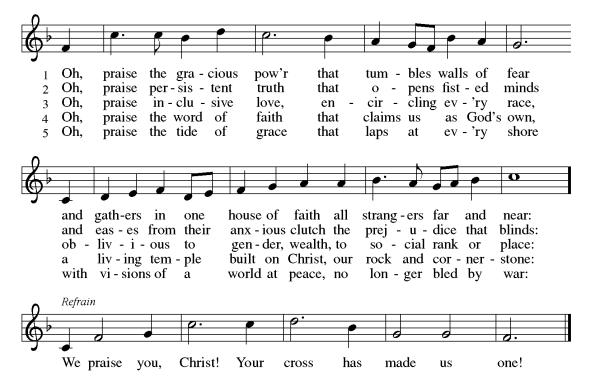
(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.



- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide. Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, praise Christ the crucified: Refrain
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ with faith's bright songful voice! Announce the gospel to the world and with these words rejoice: Refrain

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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 (verses 1 & 4)





HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 65:1-9

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The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; 5 who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. 8 Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

- ²² I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- ²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The word of the Lord.

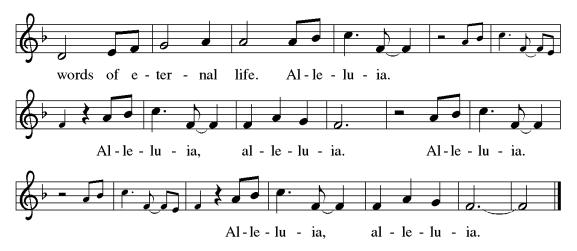
C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man

from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)



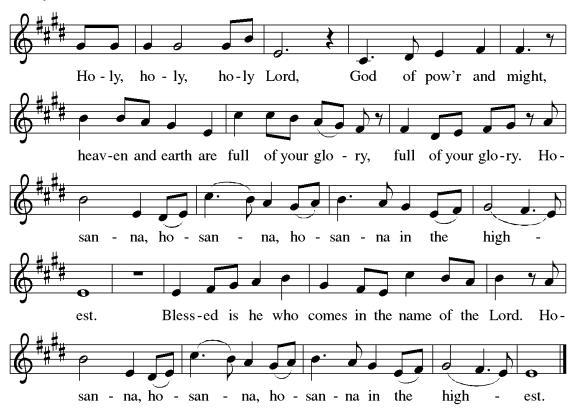
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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through 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 right, 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: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C: 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;

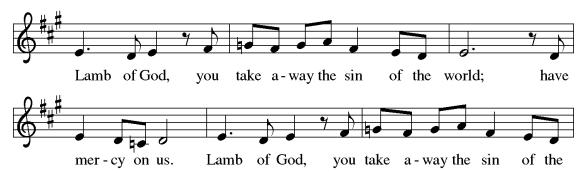
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Eat and rejoice.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

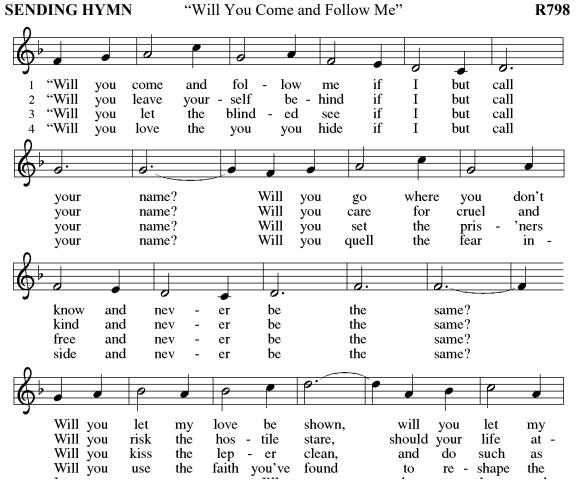
C: Amen.

- P: Let us pray...Loving God,
- C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

<u>SENDING</u>

BLESSING

- P: The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.
- C: Amen.



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Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of Ryan's 19th Birthday With All Our Love ~ In Our Hearts Always The Szymanski Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Sandra Christopherson, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Bonnie Urlaub, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas.

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 PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Homebound Parishioners at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Faith Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan; and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

PRAYER LETTERS

Please sign the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JUNE 22 Luke's Gospel, Chapter 8

We will wrap up Chapter 8 in Luke this week. Listening to what has come before and how that informs our understanding of the current verses. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday June 29th following Worship

Purpose: Adoption of the new Grace Lutheran Constitution

Congregation Council has called a Special Congregation Meeting for the purpose of adopting a new Congregation Constitution. The meeting shall be at 11 AM on Sunday, June 29th at Grace Lutheran. Anyone wishing to view the Constitution may do so at the church office, or pick up a printed copy or have it emailed to them.

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - STARLITE CLEAN UP - JUNE 30 AT 5:30 PM

We're going down to the Park and Beach to clean up again, helping Alpena welcome our July 4th visitors. Join us for a good time and pizza. Will do some work and then have supper together. Sign up sheet in the Office Lobby.

QUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE

The Quilters Rummage Sale is coming soon...Friday & Saturday, August 22 & 23.

Donations of items will be greatly appreciated. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items. Also, please keep your items until close to the dates, so moving them from the basement to the Fellowship Hall is eliminated. Thank you in advance!

THE STORY PROPERTY - HOW SHOULD WE USE IT?

Our empty lot across the street, the former home of Homer Story, is a resource for the church. Council is seeking ideas of how it can be used to support the ministry and mission of the church and be of benefit to the community. Let's brainstorm and see what use we can put it to. Send your ideas to the Church Office. Thanks.

MEMORIAL & GIFT LIST

Several years ago, Grace established the Memorial and Gift List. The List is comprised of items that have come from suggestions of the Work Groups or individuals through the Work Groups to support the ministry and mission of Grace Lutheran. Council then selects the ones to be placed on the Memorial and Gift List in a range of costs so that as memorials or gifts come in the donor may designate the gift toward a specific item until sufficient funds accumulate to purchase it.

150TH BALLOONS - ARE THEY EVER GOING TO FALL??????

It's been a year since our 150th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner. Three balloons are still floating. And *ONLY TWO* people's guesses are still possible. You can still enter your guess when the last one will fall down. The PRIZE is getting bigger all the time.

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.

MAY 22, 2025 6:00 P.M. GRACE LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Secretary's minutes approved by Council as printed

Correspondence and Communication-transfer in Delores and George Curtis Membership by Proclamation and Faith -Martin Marvar Letter to transfer out - Vicki Piontkowski to St. Paul Lutheran, Alpena

Pastor's report - see Council minutes . (Posted near office)

Treasurer's/Finance Report- given by Dennis Werblow accepted by Council. See posted minutes.

Work Group Reports-

Discipleship

ReBoot - brief report given Donna Morgan and Pastor Orth

Syzmanski Run/Walk in memory of Ryan Marie - June 21

Beach Clean June 30

Block Party - August 6

Rummage sale for quilters - August 22 &23

Little Food Pantry - given by Mary Lappan discussion and going well

Picnic tables possibly across the street on Story property

Education - report given by Elsa Phillips - Sunday school ended and will continue in the fall

Fellowship -report given by Donna Morgan - Taco night a great success and upcoming activities discussed - beach clean up June 30, block party August 6, rummage sale August 22 and 23.

Finance and Stewardship - given by Jessica Slominski and Dennis Werblow

Property - given by Ed Czarnecki -detailed report with slides

Worship - discussion on banners, Claire gone for her wedding and honeymoon June 28 thru July 13

Old Business - Constitution accepted by the Synod and now meeting scheduled for our acceptance on June 29, 2025. Asking a church members to attend.

New Business - discussion on Memorial and Gift Policy, discussion on our policy on attaching plaques, and new copier in the office.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting scheduled for August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -22nd

9:30 am Worship

Adult CE - Lounge 11:00 am

Monday - 23rd

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

Tuesday - 24th

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

Lounge

Wednesday - 25th

Church Office Open 8am-noon

Thursday - 26th

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

Friday - 27th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 28th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JUNE 21/22

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Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Comm. Asst Sh	erie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith
Lector	Cindy Domrase
UshersWayne & Chris Christopherson, June Daly	
Greeters	Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild K	athy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske
Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,	
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
CountersCh	neryl Lang, Sherie McTaggart,
Ci	ndy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Anne Gentry, Brandi Stone,
	Jo Ann Smith

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