Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

July 6 & 7, 2024



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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

GATHERING

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

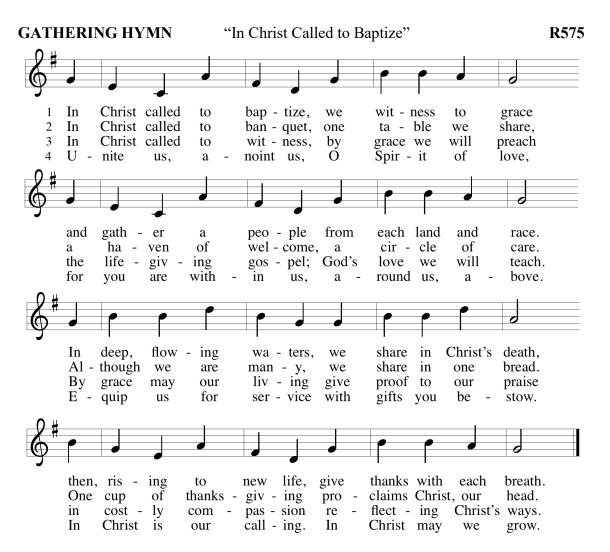
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- 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.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: St. Denio, Welsh traditional

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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.

P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

- ³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- ⁴ too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

P: 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 Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

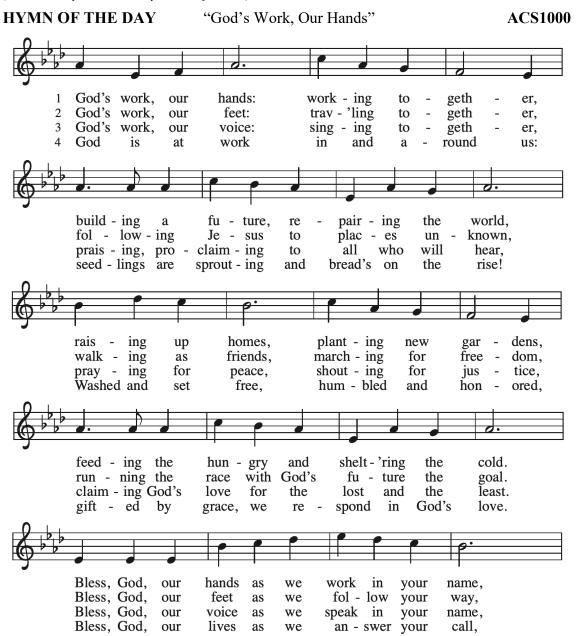
¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)





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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

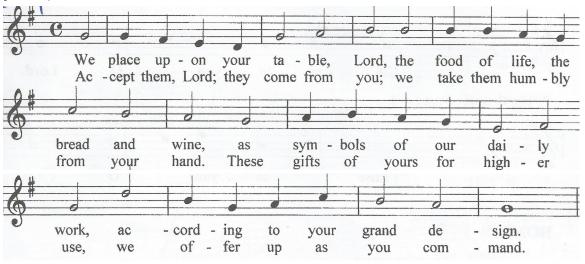
P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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...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.

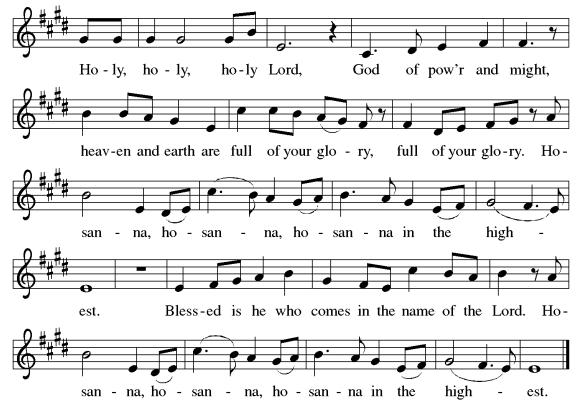
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 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: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,...(concluding)...Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

HOLY COMMUNION

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



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(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

seal up - on my

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

heart

and

live

in

me.

C: Amen.

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.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 Thanksgiving for God's Blessings by Jeff & Sandy Welch

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Whitscell, Bill Platt, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, 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 -- Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

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 LARCC Clergy at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Faith Lutheran Church/Saginaw, Rev. Tina Schultz and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Hinduism

This week in our class we will look at the religion of Hinduism and learn more about approach to God and living. This is first non-Christian religion we will look at. You are invited to join us at 11 in the Lounge. Bring your questions and any additional reading you have done on Hinduism. See you there. Pastor Tom

ONE BOX FOR UKRAINE

Grace's giving mission for June is ONE BOX FOR UKRAINE. Cash donations will go toward purchasing a washing machine (\$275) and solar lanterns with a USB plug (\$10). Please note on giving envelope "ONE BOX" and preference of item if you wish. (Checks payable to Grace Lutheran; ONE BOX in memo line). Boyd Byelich from Rogers City started this project when he had a calling to aid the Ukrainian people during the war. For more information about this amazing 501c3 non-profit organization: https://www.one-box.org. For more info contact Dawn Gentry 989.356.2816.

HELP GRACE LUTHERAN WITH OUR MINISTRIES

Please let us know how you want to help Grace do what God and Jesus are calling us to. There are many ways to serve in worship and the Work Groups (Committees) of the church. An online survey was sent out to all on our email list. It takes only a few minutes. Paper copies are also available in the Office Lobby which can be returned to the Church Office or at weekend worships. Completing it by **JULY 14** allows schedules to be ready for the fall. THANK YOU.

PEACE GATHERING FROM THE ALPENA PEACE COMMUNITY Sunday July 14 from 7 - 8 PM at Grace Lutheran Church

Mediations and prayers with music by Charles Madison. Everyone is welcome. Non-perishable food donation to the Little Food Pantry appreciated.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - JULY 20 & 21

Join us for outside Worship that Saturday and Sunday. And hopefully, it will be truly summer on both those days. Bring a lawn chair and maybe sunscreen. Worship is at our usual times

SAVE THE DATE - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7 - NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Put it on your calendar and invite friends to join us as Grace hosts a Neighborhood Picnic with games and activities for the church and the neighborhood. More info to come.

RUMMAGE SALE - AUGUST 23 & 24

Please remember our Rummage Sale as you are Spring cleaning. Your donations will be accepted at the church starting Saturday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 21, just before the sale. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Little Free Library is getting steady usage. If you have any books you are no longer using, please consider donating them to the library, especially children's books which go quite fast.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

We are looking for a volunteer to fill the Little Food Pantry on Fridays. If you might be interested please contact Mary Lappan at tomala49707@yahoo.com or 989.255.7511 (call or text). The pantry is currently in need of toilet paper, small soaps and shampoo. Please think of us as you shop this week.

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.

Anniversaries of Baptism





July 1 Sharon Engstrom Kelly Pankey

July 15

July 14

Richard Carlson

Scott Lancaster July 4 Caitlin Wade

July 17 Michele Amelotte July 5 Myles Granata

Ann O'Connor July 20 July 6 Rachel Chroninger Amelia Kamyszek Taylor Chroninger

July 22 Mike Schiller July 7 Grace Kuligowski

Harper Suszek July 24

> July 29 Kathy Piontkowski Oliviah Viegelahn

Rhonda Anderson Christopher Carlson

Vicki VanEssen

July 11 Emily Szymanski

Charity Corwin

July 8

Wedding **Anniversaries**

6th Ken & Nancy Amelotte 8th Brady & Taylor Loop 14th Jim & Denise Timrick Dennis & Cheryl Werblow 15th Jeff & Shirley Diemond 19th Fred & Joanne Kindt Scott & Judy Black 27th 30th Ray & Leslie Reynolds

July 1 Christopher Carlson Dale Schultz

July 2 Jonathan Lang

July 4 Riley Gohlke

July 6 Wayne Christopherson Jon Crow Donald LaBarre

July 7 Elaine Hatch

July 10 Stephanie Suszek

July 12 Britni Nowak Hadleigh Suszek

July 15 Myra Cross Vicki Denstaedt

July 16 Clarence Cross July 17 Leslie Reynolds

July 18 Scott Kuligowski

July 21 Margaret Clemens Dorothy Hansen Brian Nelson Patti Tucker

July 22 Joel Fraley Kay Grove

July 23 Scott Henning

July 24 Christena Christopherson Jim Hansen

July 27 Pam Gohlke Anthony Thompson

July 28 Paige Timmreck

July 31 Rodney Szymanski



HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –7th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 8th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 6:00 pm ROC - Lounge

Tuesday - 9th

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

6:00 pm Worship WG

Wednesday - 10th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
11:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved

Thursday - 11th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved 1:30 pm ReBoot Mtg

Friday - 12th

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

Saturday - 13th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JULY 6/7

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Lector	Ruby Haske
Comm. Asst	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
	Dale Schultz, June Daly
	Diane Prevost (Saturday)
Greeter Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
Altar Guild	Chris Christopherson
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Joel & Cindy Suszek

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