

Worship Folder



Grace Lutheran Church

July 3 & 4, 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."

GATHERING

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 “How Firm a Foundation”



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American *This selection is in the public domain.*

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

**Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.
Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow
in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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.

²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He 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. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

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

¹To 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.**

³Have 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.

²I 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. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But 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, ⁷even 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. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but 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. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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. I will boast gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. 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. ²On 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! ³Is 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. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If 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." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They 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

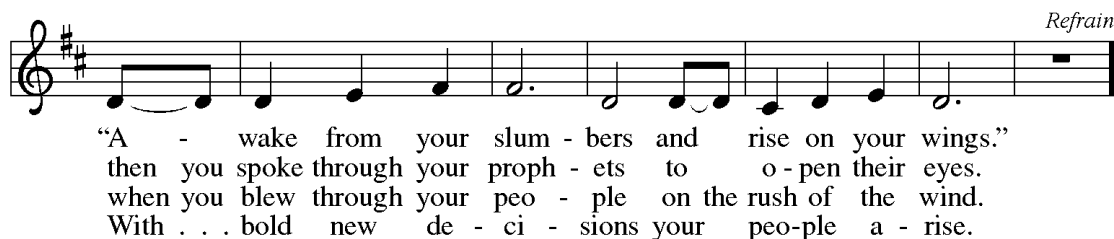
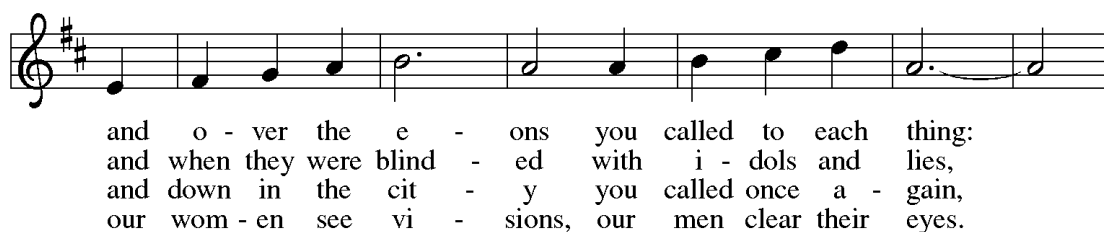
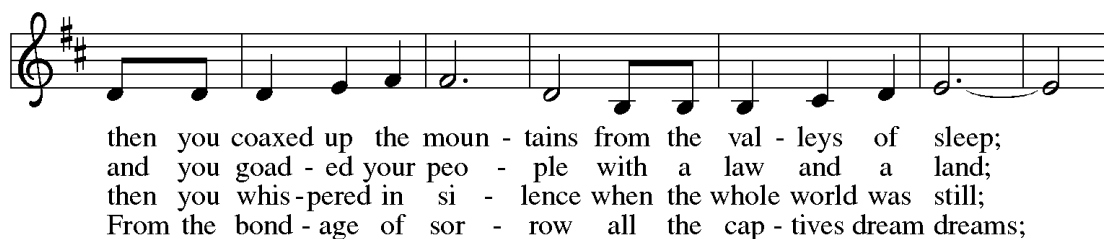
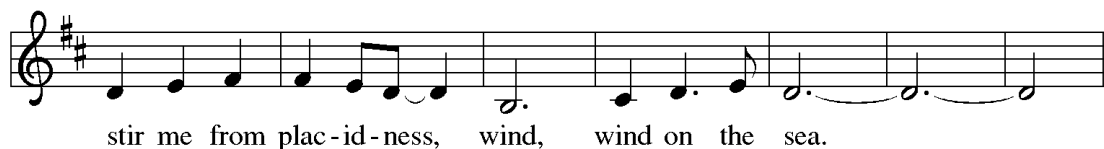
(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness

call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



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Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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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 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 “Let Us Break Bread Together”



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual *This selection is in the public domain.*

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 “We All Are One in Mission”



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

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, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Genie Diamond, 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 Environmental Sensitivity at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Zion Lutheran Church/Freeland, Rev. Robert Schmidt.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This Sunday morning we are taking a break from our study of the Gospel of Mark and discussing a recent survey about God and Faith. What are the beliefs and feelings in the world right now? Join us to consider how we talk about our faith and beliefs in the world today at 11 in the Fellowship Hall.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Following the CDC and Michigan DHHS guidelines for fully vaccinated people, masks are now optional at Grace. 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.

COMMUNION – IN BOTH KINDS

We return to communion with wafer and the cup this weekend. 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.

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 posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen if you are able to help with this.

VALERIE SLAGHT STARTS TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY THIS FALL

We will be sending Val off to seminary at the Sunday service on August 15th. Please join us for this momentous event for Val. There are a few gifts of books, software and other things that we would like to give Val as she starts classes in Columbus, Ohio. If you would **like to contribute toward these items**, please send your contribution to church office marked for Val. These gifts are in addition to financial support the church is also giving her during her time in seminary. **Please have any gift you wish to make to the church office by Sunday, July 25th. Thank You**

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AMELIA

Amelia Berles will be attending basic training at the US Air Force Academy from June 24 - August 7. The only way to communicate with her is by writing letters on white paper and sending them in plain white envelopes. After the academic year begins August 9, the word "Basic" is dropped from the address and cards are once again allowed. She will greatly appreciate any correspondence!

Basic Cadet Amelia Berles
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THANK YOU!

We collected 46 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to all who helped make a Christ-like difference in our community and world. -- Discipleship Work Group

OUTDOOR WORSHIP – JULY 24TH & 25TH – *ANOTHER TRY*

Once again we will try to worship across the street on Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th at our usual worship times. *We will get the chance one time this summer, I'm sure.* Or we'll just schedule them when we need more rain. We seem to be pretty good at having rain when we schedule one.

ADULT DENIM JEANS NEEDED

The quilters are collecting used adult denim jeans (no children's sizes please) for a project they are working on. Jeans may be dropped off anytime the church is open and left in the quilting/sewing area in the Fellowship Hall.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We have had a lot of donations this week at the Little Food Pantry and also a lot of usage. We sure are grateful for those donations and asking if you have any **sample soaps, shampoos or conditioners** to donate we would appreciate you dropping them off at Grace. -- Blessings, Mary Lappan

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DEVOTIONAL FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER

Christ in Our Homes Devotional for July-September is available in the Office Lobby. Pick one up during office hours of Tuesday - Thursday 8 am to noon or call the office and we will mail one to you.

Church Office Hours This Week

Tuesday, July 6 - Friday, July 9 ~ 8 a.m. - Noon

Closed Monday, July 5

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,489.00
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Weekly giving - June 27	3,825.13
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We received:

25 envelopes, 9 Simply Giving recurring payments,
and 2 Give+ payments made from our website

Anniversaries of Baptism



July 1
Sharon Engstrom
Kelly Pankey

July 4
Caitlin Wade

July 5
Myles Granata
Ann O'Connor

July 6
Rachel Chroninger
Taylor Chroninger

July 7
Whitney Barrow
Grace Kuligowski
Harper Suszek

July 8
Charity Corwin

July 14
Richard Carlson

July 15
Scott Lancaster

July 17
Michele Amelotte

July 20
Rhonda Anderson
Christopher Carlson
Amelia Kamyszek

July 22
Mike Schiller

July 24
Vicki VanEssen

July 29
Kathy Piontkowski
Olivia Viegelaan



Wedding Anniversaries

3rd	Ken & Jo Ann Apsey
6th	Ken & Nancy Amelotte
14th	Jim & Denise Timrick
	Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
15th	Jeff & Shirley Diamond
19th	Fred & Joanne Kindt
27th	Scott & Judy Black
29th	Greg & Ellie Walker
30th	Ray & Leslie Reynolds

Birthdays

July 1
Christopher Carlson
Dale Schultz

July 2
Jonathan Lang

July 3
Kay Zinsli

July 4
Riley Gohlke

July 6
Wayne Christopherson
Jon Crow
Donald LaBarre

July 7
Grant Anderson
Larry Garant
Elaine Hatch

July 9
Joanne Nicholls

July 10
Stephanie Suszek

July 12
Gloria Moore
Brittany 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



HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 4th

9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed -
Fellowship Hall

Monday - 5th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 6th

9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting

Thursday - 8th

8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 9th

10am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 10th

5:00 p.m. Worship

**Large print worship folders
are available from ushers**

SERVING JULY 3-4

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... David Delano
Lector Mike Urlaub
Ushers..... Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey (Sunday)
Altar Guild Chris Christopherson,
Jeanne Pankey, Nancy Platt
Counters..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour .. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Jo Ann Smith

SERVING JULY 10-11

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... David Delano
Lector Dawn Anderson
Ushers..... Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey (Sunday)
Altar Guild Chris Christopherson,
Jeanne Pankey, Nancy Platt
Counters..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour

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