Grace Lutheran Worship Folder October 21 & 22, 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

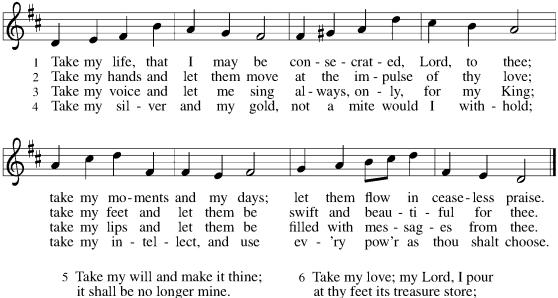
PRELUDE

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

- P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Steadfast and faithful God,
- C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, we are already and always forgiven.
- C: Amen.



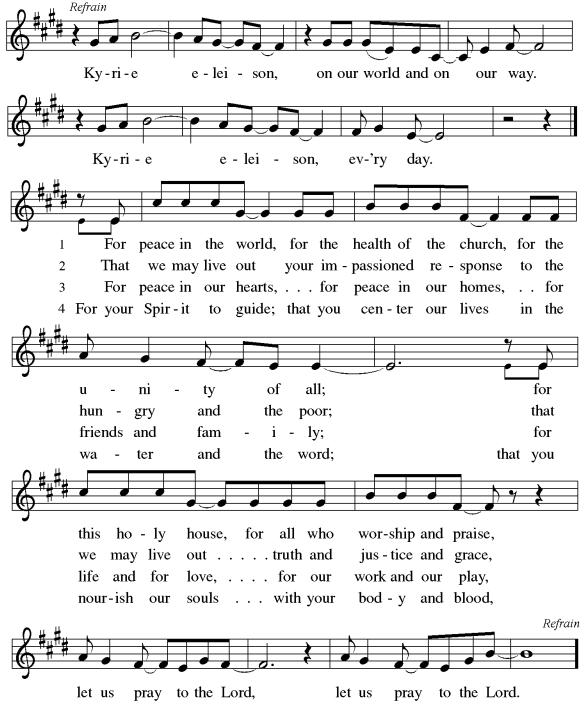
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. R685

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: Ратмоs, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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 (verses 1 & 4)



HYMN OF PRAISE





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9[10-13]

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

- ⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is

therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

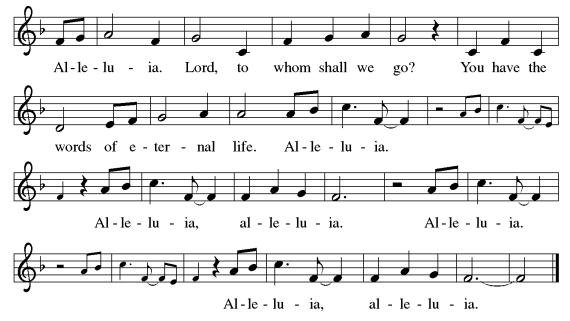
¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 22:15-22

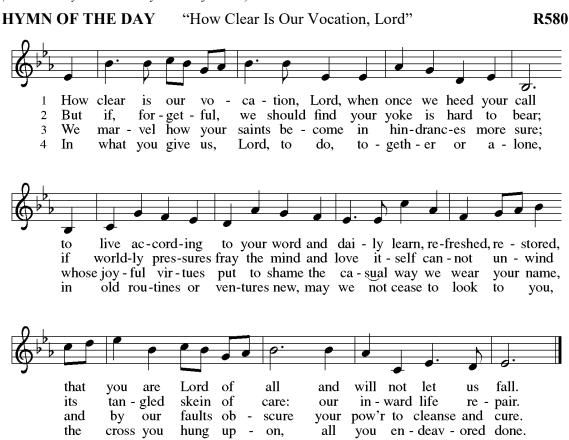
After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

- **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: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

<u>MEAL</u> God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

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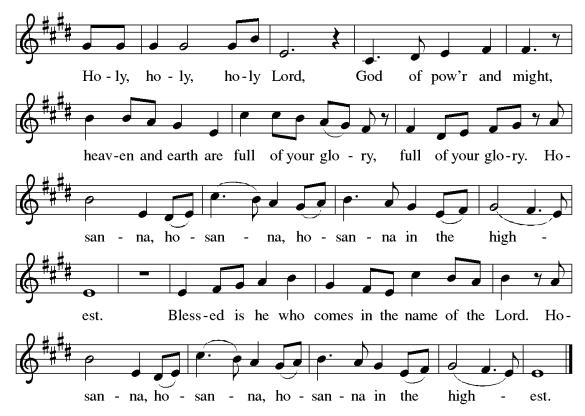
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- P: Let us pray...God of power, God of plenty,
- C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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 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: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void,...*(concluding)*...Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, 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,
 - 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)

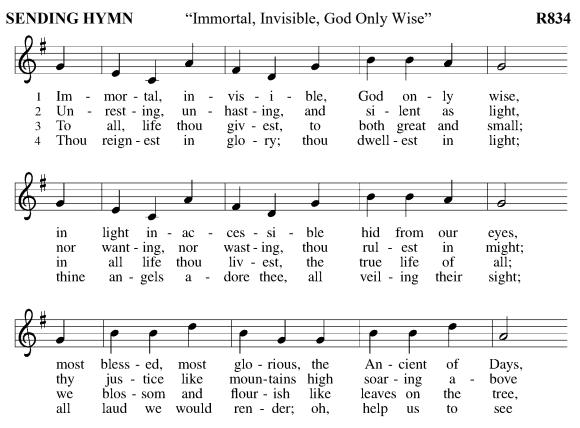


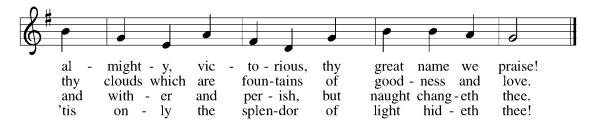
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- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- **P:** Let us pray...Blessed be your name, O God,
- C: for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.





Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Dale & Pat Schultz's 59th wedding anniversary, October 24th.

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.

CARDS TO SIGN

Please be sure to stop in the Office Narthex this weekend and sign Halloween cards for our Loving Care Members.

NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO

We have placed an ad for a new accompanist in the Alpena News and posted it on our Facebook page. If you would share that post, it will be spread to all your friends and get the word out even more. That will help us immensely to find someone. Thank you.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, 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 -- Joseph Bleau, WMHRLD family, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, 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. We also remember the family of Stretch (Steve) Lee, who passed away October 4th.

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 Church Leadership at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/Holland, Rev. Jessica Rivera-Walker, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - Sunday, October 22

We will continue our exploration of other Christian traditions looking at Episcopal/ Anglican traditions. The Episcopal Church USA is an ecumenical partner to the ELCA. Everyone is invited to join us at 11 in the Lounge.

NEW SCHEDULES ARE OUT

New schedules have been completed and are available to be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall or viewed online on our web page under the "schedules" tab. Copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Please check the new schedules, which began October 1, if you have volunteered to serve.

GAME NIGHT AT GRACE Thursday, October 26 ~ \$10.00/person

Doors open at 4:30 pm. Serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato bar and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. Limited seating/reservations required. Please call Chris (989.356.0430), if no answer leave message. *Proceeds to support our quilting ministry*. We are in need of card tables for this event. If you would be willing to loan a card table, please make sure your name is on the bottom of the table and leave it under the coat rack by Sunday, October 22. Thanks!

NEIGHBORHOOD TRUNK OR TREAT - Tuesday, October 31

Grace is in need of volunteers for a Trick-or-Treating station in front of the church on Tuesday, October 31st, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The exact times may be adjusted to the official city of Alpena Trick or Treat times. Donations of treats to be given out are also needed and can be placed in the basket on the pew by the church office. We had over 100 kids stop by last year! This is great opportunity to Meet and Greet Grace's neighborhood families, see all of the wonderful costumes, AND snitch a few pieces of candy while handing out treats! <u>Please sign up on the sheet located in the Office Narthex or email/call the office to be added to list</u>. Thanks!

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, November 5

You are invited to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting for Grace Lutheran on Sunday November 5 at 11 AM following worship and a bit of Fellowship Time. The Budget for 2024 and election of Officers are on the Agenda.

BAKE SALE

Ruth Circle will be hosting the **Bake Sale**, **December 2**. Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake and donate. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

THANK YOU

Thank you Grace family for your thoughts and prayers! I am back home, upright, and back to work. -- Logan Suszek

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Little Food Pantry could use loaves of bread a a jar of jam or peanut butter.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH FUNDRAISER AUCTION

Friday, October 27 ~ 5PM Silent Auction ~ 7PM Live Auction ~ Public Invited! Sloppy Joes, nachos, hotdogs, & fresh apple cider available by donation. Check out some of the great auction items listed on the poster located on the bulletin board in the entrance.

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.





Annversaries

of

<u>Baptism</u>

October 4 Madelyn Boyd

October 10 Wayne Christopherson October 27

October 12 Kay Grove

October 15 Matthew Anderson Molly O'Connor

October 20 Shane Bullard





October 21 Thomas Bertrand Drew Gentry

October 27 Piper Slominski

October 29 Michael Pankey Mya Styma

October 30 Marcie Law Connie Suszek

Birthdays

October 2 Jim Berles Adam Kirchoff

October 3 Ellie Walker

October 5 Mike Morgan

October 6 Christopher Piontkowski

October 7 Ken Amlotte Kristin Berles Richard Carlson Kimberly McCourt Michael Pankey

October 10 Gary Grove Steve Lappan

October 13 David Dekett

October 14 Tamar Furze

October 15 Kody Bertrand

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Dawn & Brett Anderson 3rd Matt & Ruby Haske 4th Bill & Nancy Platt 6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave 17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith 24th Dale & Patricia Schultz October 18 Brian Schiller Jim Timrick

October 20 Erika Nicholls

October 21 Jewel Lancaster

October 22 Jessica Slominski

October 23 Emma Nelson

October 25 Staci Chroninger

October 26 Dan VanEssen

October 27 Clayton Lee

October 28 Cindy Domrase Andrea Matzke

October 29 Caileigh Nitchman

October 31 Jessica Konarzewski Sandra Welch

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - September \$ 18,344.00 17,034.05

We received:

92 envelopes, 58 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 22nd

| 9:00 am | |
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| 9:00 am | |
| 9:30 am | |
| 11:00 am | |

Sunday School Choir Practice Worship Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 23rd

8am-noon

Church Office Open

Tuesday - 24th

8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am

Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study -Lounge

Wednesday - 25th All Da

| All Day | Kitchen/Hall Reserved |
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| 8am-noon | Church Office Open |
| 6:00 pm | Bell Choir Practice |

Thursday - 26th

All Dav Kitchen/Hall Reserved 8am-noon Church Office Open Game Night 4:30 pm

Friday - 27th

Church Office Open

Saturday - 28th

8am-noon

5:00 pm

Worship

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

SERVING OCTOBER 21/22

| Ministers | | | | |
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| Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski | | | | |
| LectorDonna Czarnecki | | | | |
| Communion | | | | |
| Assistants Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith | | | | |
| Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, | | | | |
| June Daly, Cindy Domrase | | | | |
| Greeters Cindy Domrase, Mary Rowader | | | | |
| Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow | | | | |
| Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan | | | | |
| Charter, Don LaBarre | | | | |
| Counters | | | | |
| Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom | | | | |

SERVING OCTOBER 28/29

| Ministers | God's People |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pastor | |
| Music Director | |
| Recorded Accompanin | nentKat Tomaszewski |
| Lector | Anna Lewis |
| Communion | |
| Assistants Sherie M | cTaggart, JoAnn Smith |
| Ushers Wayne & | chris Christopherson, |
| June Dal | y, Cindy Domrase |
| Greeters | Joe & Dawn Gentry |
| Altar Guild Cindy Su | uszek, Cheryl Werblow |
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