

Worship Folder



Grace Lutheran Church

September 11 & 12 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.

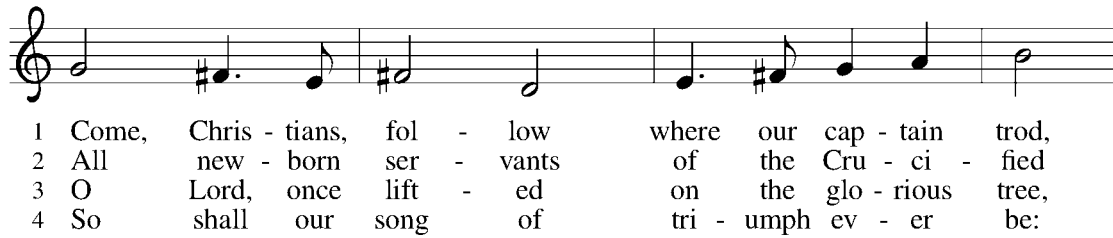
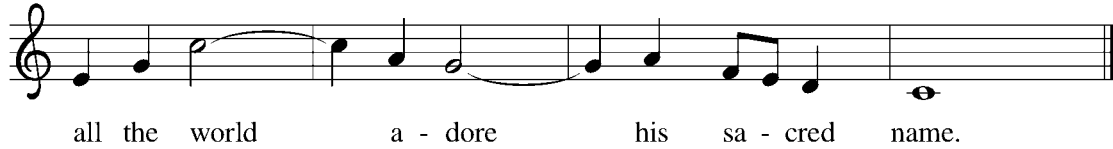
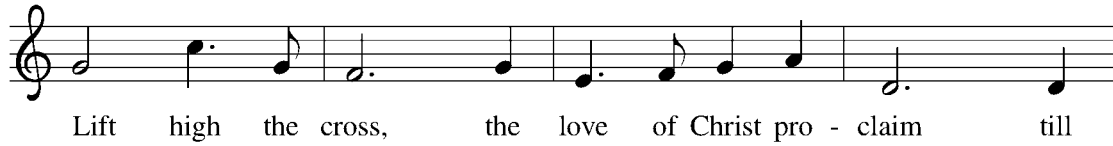
P: God, our provider,

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.

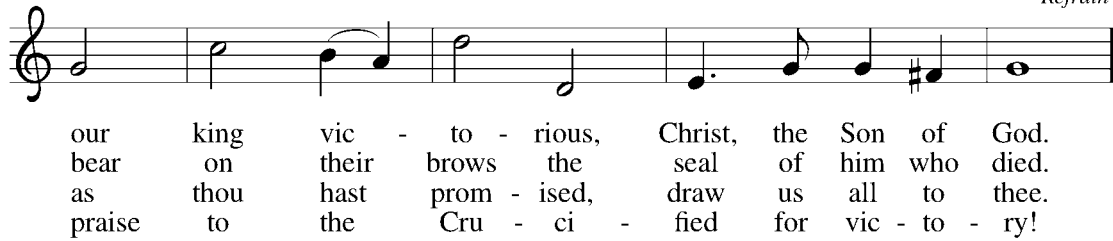
P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Lift High the Cross”



Refrain



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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

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who

vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small

rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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. Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they

give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

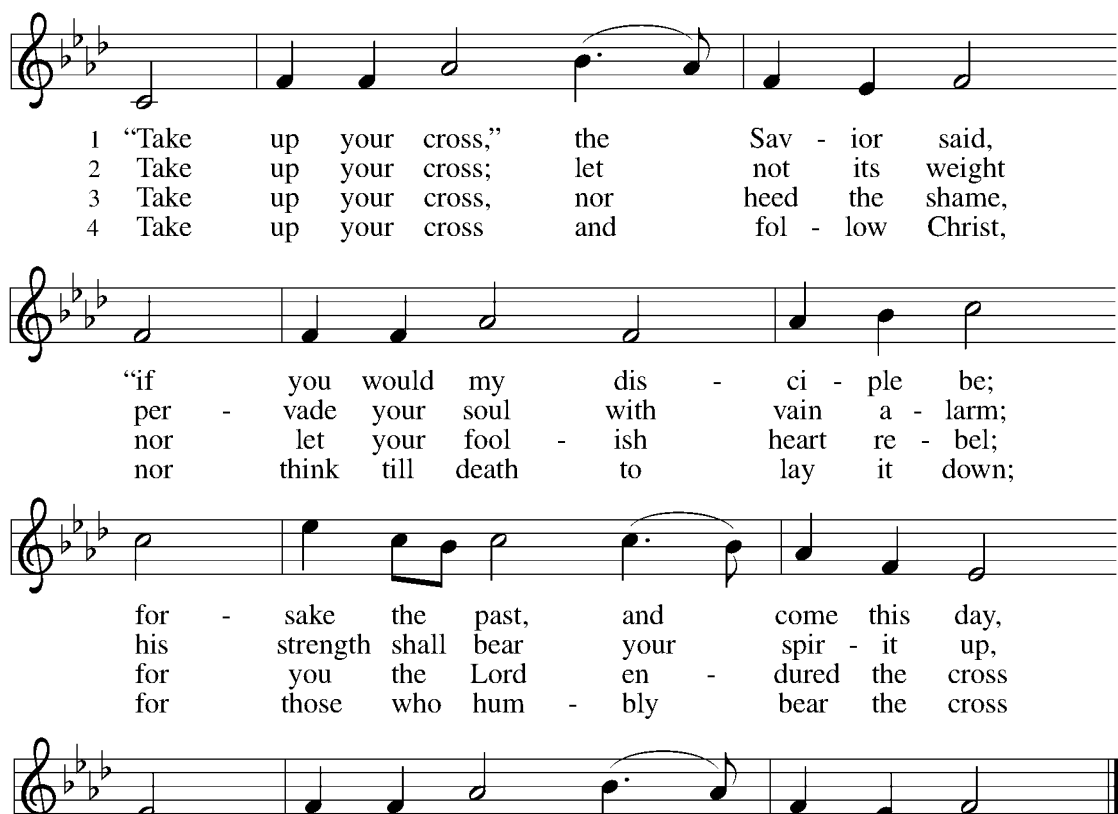
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”



1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

“if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848 *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 “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

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

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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional *This selection is in the public domain.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS

Ann Haske, Mike & Donna, 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.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for all who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. John Lutheran Church/Grayling, Supply Pastors.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we welcome your doing so. Let us take care of each other and help end this pandemic.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All women are welcome!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will be starting on September 19th.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Looking back on 9/11 from 20 years, "What Are the Lessons From the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks?" The terror attack of 9/11 changed world history and with the response to it has dictated the course of world and national events for these two decades. There have been profound religious implications and responses. We gather at 11 in the Lounge to discuss our experiences and reactions to this event and its continuing influences on the world.

PLEASE COMPLETE A SCHEDULING SURVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Please complete the survey that was emailed to everyone receiving our emails as soon as possible . It is very short and will only take a minute or two. This will help us get the new schedules in place beginning in October. Thank you!! **Paper copies are located in the Office Narthex if you would prefer to complete a written copy. Please return the paper copy to the church office or place in the offering plate.**

DISASTER RESPONSE FUNDS

The Lutheran Disaster Response has put out a request for funds to deal with all they are responding to currently - wildfires, Haiti earthquake and Hurricane Ida. We will collect contributions until Sunday September 26 and send them on along with some church funds too. Any contributions can be placed with your regular offering or use envelopes next to the collection plates marking them LDR or just disaster. Or you could mail a contribution in also. **THANKS**

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY - THANK YOU!

The Rotary Club of Alpena made a \$1000 grant to support the Little Food Pantry. Thanks to Bob Stacey, a Rotary member and a Grace member, for submitting the request to the Rotary Grant Committee. If you are a member of an organization or company that gives grants to charitable organizations, contact Pastor Tom for the info on the Little Food Pantry. **Thanks Bob.**

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.

WEEKLY BULLETINS SENT OUT WEEKLY

Bulletins are mailed out weekly to those who wish a printed copy. For everyone we have an email address for, an email is sent out on Friday with highlights and a link to the full copy of the bulletin. If you are not receiving the bulletin or wish to change the way you receive the bulletin, to an email or to a printed copy, please contact the office. If you know of someone who would like to receive the bulletin, please have them contact the office or send us the info. Thanks.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP RAISE LITTLE FOOD PANTRY FUNDS

Two tickets to a University of Michigan football game against Northern Illinois (scheduled for September 18) have been anonymously donated to 107.7 the Bay radio station. These tickets will be auctioned off and all proceeds raised will be given to Grace Lutheran's Little Food Pantry. Bid online through the Bay's website (<https://www.truenorthradionetwork.com/stations/the-bay/>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TrueNorthRadioNetwork/>) beginning September 8 through September 15. This pair of tickets (with an opening bid of \$100) will go to the highest bidder to be announced the afternoon of September 15. These are great seats on the 20-yard line in row 3. Any questions, contact the church office (354-2640).

ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER - Take out only

October 3 from 12:30-5 p.m. ~ Adults \$15.00

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 22000 County Road 452, Hillman



Anniversaries of Baptism



September 1
Britni Nowak

September 2
Joanne Kindt

September 5
Jon Crow
Aaron Nowak

September 10
Dawn Gentry
Jim Hansen
Brian Nelson

September 14
Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 15
Scott Henning

September 20
Mark Freel
Caileigh Nitchman

September 22
William Whitscell

September 27
Jonathan Lang
Wayne Lewis
Marco Wade
Owen Wade

September 28
Rachel Engstrom

September 29
T. J. Lappan



2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Michael & Anne Wilson
11th Jim & Laurie Hansen
16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie
17th Gordon & Karen Suszek

Birthdays



September 4
Kiowa Kirchoff
Marcie Law
Emily Townsend

September 5
Bill Platt

September 6
Mark Upham

September 10
Ryan Werblow

September 11
Donald Cross
Steven Garant
Marjorie Weber

September 12
Shane Bullard
Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14
Isabelle Denstaedt
Nic Timmreck

September 15
Thomas Bertrand

September 17
William Bock

September 18
Maia Slominski

September 21
Lawrence Nelson

September 24
Judith Douglas

September 26
Joseph Gentry

September 27
Cheryl Lang

September 28
Darlene Freel
Ann O'Connor

September 29
John Kuligowski
Jessica McKenzie
Dennis Werblow

September 30
Ella Sandula
Kady Sandula
Connie Suszek

Wedding Anniversaries

19th Joel & Cindy Suszek
Jim & Amy Townsend
20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson
29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

<u>Sunday - 12th</u> 9:30 a.m.	Worship
<u>Monday - 13th</u> 8am-noon 8am-2pm 6:00 pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Remembering Our Children - Lounge
<u>Tuesday - 14th</u> 8am-noon 9:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting
<u>Wednesday - 15th</u> 8am-noon 1:00 pm	Church Office Open Ruth Circle - Lounge
<u>Thursday - 16th</u> 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
<u>Friday - 17th</u> 8am-noon 10am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
<u>Saturday - 18th</u> 5:00 p.m.	Worship

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

SERVING SEPTEMBER 11/12

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... David Delano
Lector Corinne Fraley
Communion
Assistants Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers (Sunday) ...JoAnn Smith, Rick Engstrom,
Gary Grove
(Saturday) Steve & Janie Hansen
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy
Malaski, Bonnie Cross
Livestream Team Phran Ludington,
Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter
Counters..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour Ruby Haske & Family

SERVING SEPTEMBER 18/19

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Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

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