Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

June 24 & 25, 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

(the assembly stands as they are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
 - Merciful God,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Righteous God,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.



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GREETING

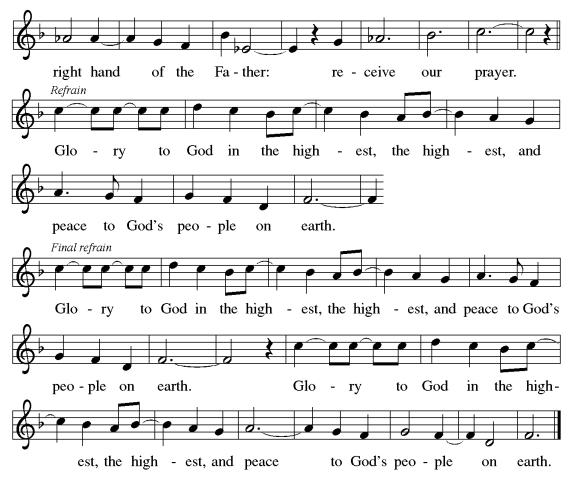
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE (vs. 1 & 4)



HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.

[11] put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

¹²Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.]

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

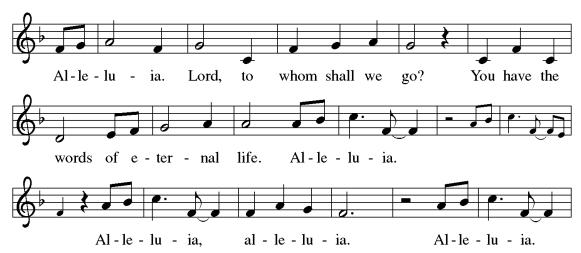
^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY



Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

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



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P: Let us pray...God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

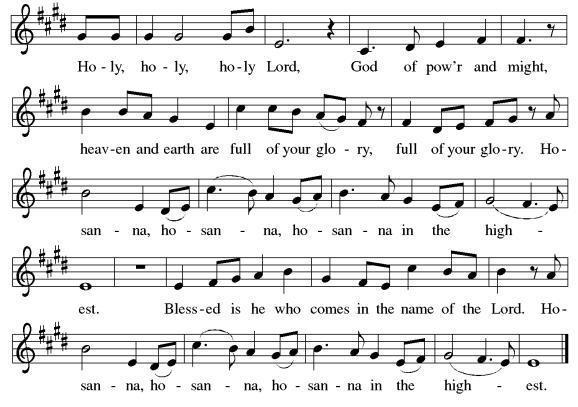
P: Lift up your hearts.

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: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory... *(concluding)*...to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

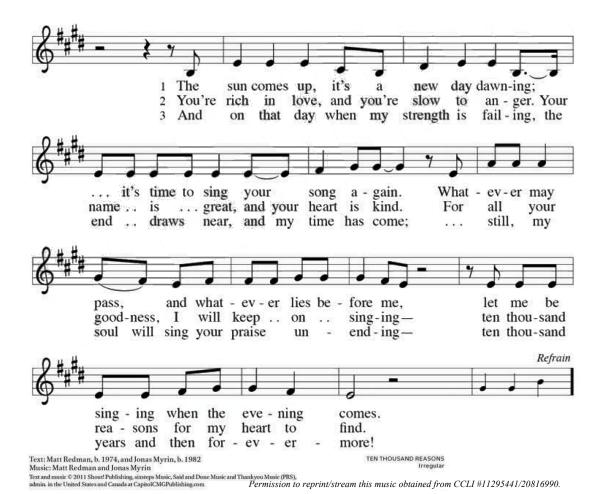
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.



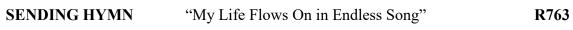


(the assembly stands as they are able)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...We thank you, generous God,
- C: for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C: Amen.





- 1 My life flows on in end less song; a bove earth's lam-en ta tion,
- 2 Through all the tu mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt. This selection is in the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Malaski, Tammy Furze, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, 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, Joanne Nicholls, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jack Thompson, Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

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 Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Our Savior's Lutheran Church/Edmore, Rev. John Autio and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Together by Grace - Lutheran History, Tradition and Thinking

Our series continues this week with the topic "Faith Active in Love" at 11 in the Lounge. Everyone is welcome to join us for any session. We have wide ranging discussions that are lively and go where the conversation leads us at any one time.

GRACE LUTHERAN IS 150 YEARS OLD

We received our anniversary recognition at Synod Assembly in May. As we start this year, we want to celebrate with a few activities giving thanks for what this church has received from Jesus and all those who have faithfully done Christ's work over time in this place. And want to prepare for the future work God and Jesus have for us here and now.

Council adopted this plan of Celebration for over the next year.

- 1) A Celebration dinner that is catered.

 A team is needed to organize and plan for the date, meal and program.
- 2) 150th Anniversary Campaign that will add to our endowment and provide resources for the future. Council agreed that 10% of funds donated will be toward a Community Outreach Fund to continue making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.
 - Several people have offered to do this work. And more can be involved.
- 3) Displays of the history of the church over time. Don LaBarre has agreed to lead this.
- 4) Collecting more history of Grace from throughout the 150 years, but especially over the last 50 years since the last major anniversary of 100 years.

Don LaBarre and Pastor Tom are two willing to work on this with more help needed.

For both of these last 2 projects, we can use items you may have, photographs and documents and a willingness of many to sit down for a recording of your memories of Grace. We have already collected some old bulletins, documents and artifacts (like Dorothy Gentry's Sunday School pin.)

Please contact Pastor Tom if you are interested in helping in any aspect of the Celebration Year. Or have some other ideas.

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE – TO THE COMMUNITY – MARK YOUR CALENDARS Wednesday June 28 @ 5:30 PM

Help Alpena look good for the long Fourth of July weekend and join us for some litter pickup at Starlite and Mich-e-ke-wis Parks. And have pizza with us. Details to come.

PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE OUR NEW SCHEDULES

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 this Fall. 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.)

GIVE A MEAL - LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – JULY 15 & 16

How about giving a meal to the Little Food Pantry! Mary Lappan is suggesting these combinations.

Breakfast

cereal & non-perishable mik

Lunch

peanut butter, jam/jelly & bread

Supper

tomato sauces & pastas

Always needed toilet paper & feminine hygiene products

Combine with others and give a meal to those who need food.

Thanks

ALPENA LIONS TUESDAY NOON CLUB - THANK YOU

Our Little Food Pantry received a \$1500 gift from the proceeds of their recent Bowlathon. They also contributed to Sunday Supper at Trinity, Friendship Room, Senior Center meals program, Baby Pantry and Boys and Girls Club. That is a lot of caring and serving for the community. Thank You Lions. And if you know a Lion thank them, too.

BRACELET FOUND

A bracelet was found during our Spring cleaning of the kitchen. Please call the office to identify and claim.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

Devotionals for July, August & September have arrived and are on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR MAY 2023

Average needed in April (5 weeks) to meet budget \$22,930.00 Monthly Giving - May 16,427.81

We received:

97 envelopes, 63 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 6 Give+ payments made from our website





June 2 Matthew Gillard

June 3 Nancy Amelotte

June 6 June Daly

June 7 Kendra McInerney

June 8 Dawn Anderson Emma Barber Laurie Hansen

June 12 Jan Charter Peggy Tomaszewski

June 13 Amelia Berles

June 14 Pamela Nowak

June 15 Connor Freel Craig Weise

June 16 Brianna Himes

Anniversaries **Baptism**

June 20 Pamela Agius Kayla Bertrand Everett Haske

June 21 Tiffany Oliver Kimberly Poirier Kristin Rich Bryan Stafford

June 24 Betty Bedford Dale Schultz

June 25 Nicholas Fraley

June 26 Alecia Lewis Tyler McKenzie

June 27 Tracie Granata Roger Pankey

June 29 Josie LeMonds Chad Lewis Erin Nowak Karen Suszek

June 30 Lorah Lappan

Birthdays

June 1 Raymond Reynolds

June 4 Hope Kamyszek

June 5 Shelly Olsen Katherine Rettell Nicklas Schultz Valerie Slaght

June 9 Thomas Brennan

June 11 William Matzke

June 13 Nicholas Fraley Izzy Szymanski

June 16 Beckett Granata Harry Kautz William Whitscell

June 18 Jessica Gillard Erin Nowak

June 19 Josie LeMonds



June 20 Rhonda Anderson Angie Indish Sara Lappan

June 21 Amelia Kamyszek

June 22 Ava Lappan

June 25 Kelly Pankey Vicki VanEssen

June 26 Savannah Kamyszek

June 27 Jo Ann Reinholz

June 29 Nathan Engstrom Anne Gentry Isaac Matzke Gerri Moors

June 30 Trey Garant Andrew Lappan Mary Lappan Lucas Palmer Marco Wade Owen Wade



Wedding .Anniversaries

Larry & Katherine Rettell 18th Bradley & Angela Indish Peter & Pamela Nowak 14th Mark & Rhonda Himes

17th Jerry & Jacquelyn Timm

23rd Mark; & Tawny Freel 30th Wayne & Chris Christopherson 30th Rodney & Emily Szymanski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 26th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 27th

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

Wednesday - 28th

8am-noon Church Office Open
5:30 pm Random Act of Grace Starlite Pavilion

Thursday - 29th

8am-noon Church Office Open 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved 4:00 pm Lounge Reserved

Friday - 30th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 1st 5:00 pm

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

SERVING JUNE 24/25

SERVING JULY 1/2 MinistersGod's People

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Pastor Rev. Tom O	rth
Music DirectorClaire Schreil	ber
Organist/PianistAmy Tri	uth
Lector Bob Gree	ene
Communion	
Assistants Sherie McTaggart/Jo Ann Sm	ith
Ushers Dale Schultz, Jo Ann Smi	ith,
June Daly; Diane Prevost (S	Sat.)
GreetersDawn Anderson, Anne Gen	try
Altar GuildChris Christopherse	on,
Jeanne Pankey	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, J	Jan
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBa	ırre
CountersClarence & Bonnie Cro	oss
Coffee HourJoel & Cindy Susz	zek

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