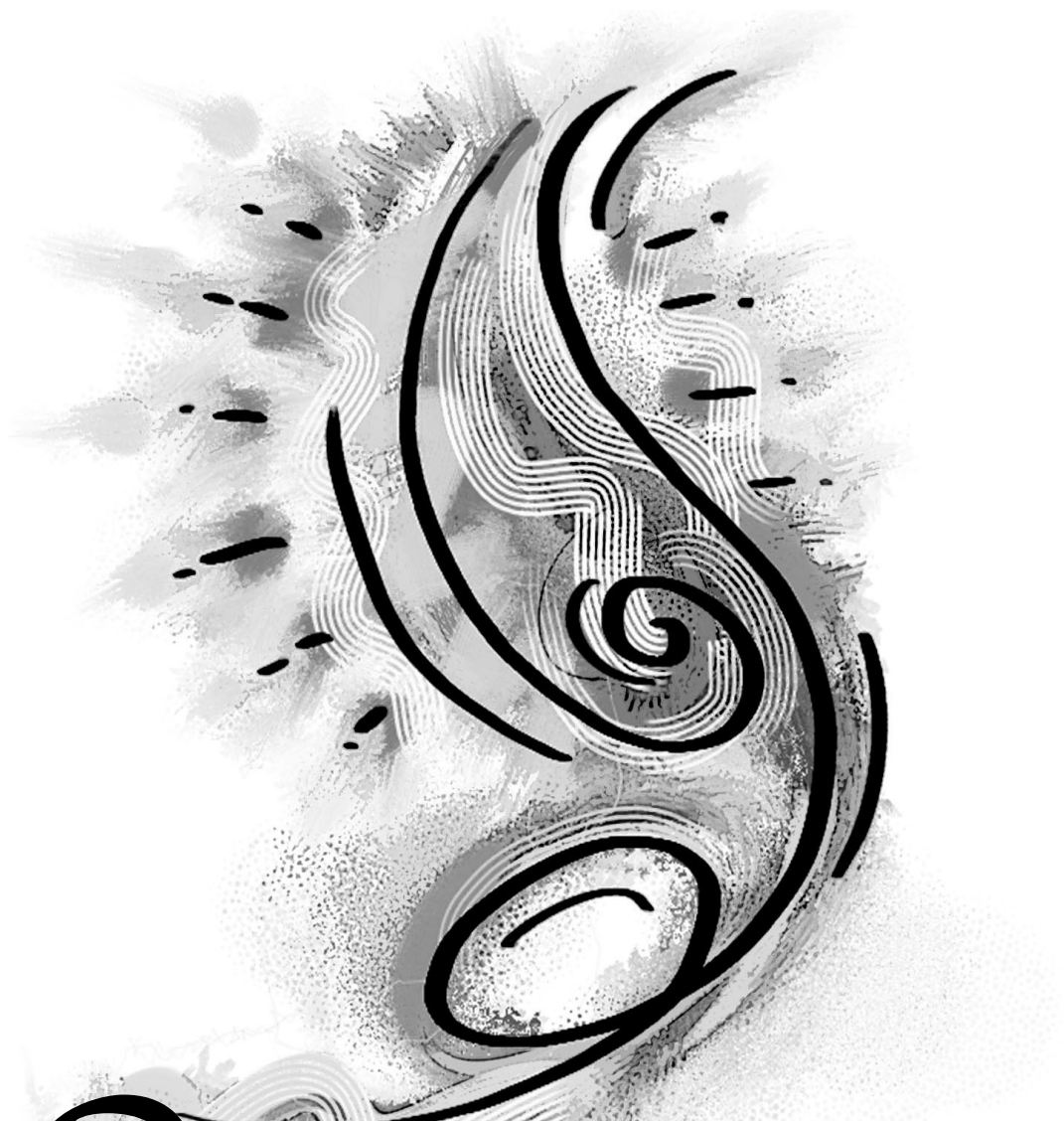


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Grace Lutheran Church

September 18 & 19, 2021

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

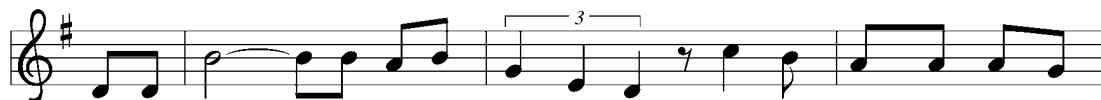
"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

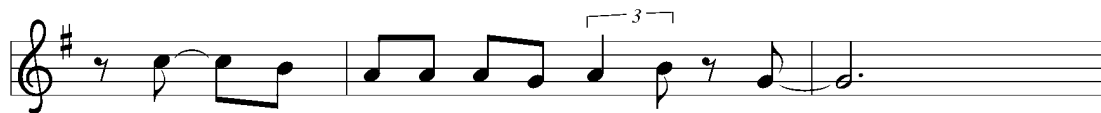
PRELUDE "We Are Marching in the Light" Sunday School Rally Day Kick Off



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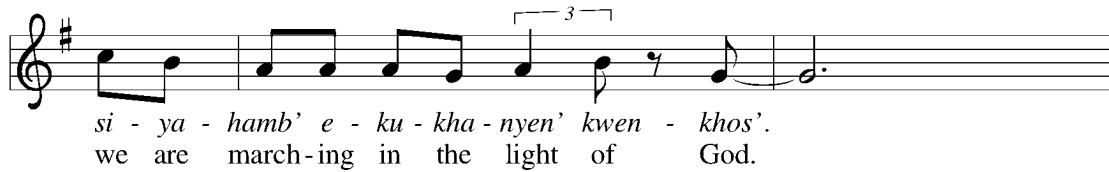
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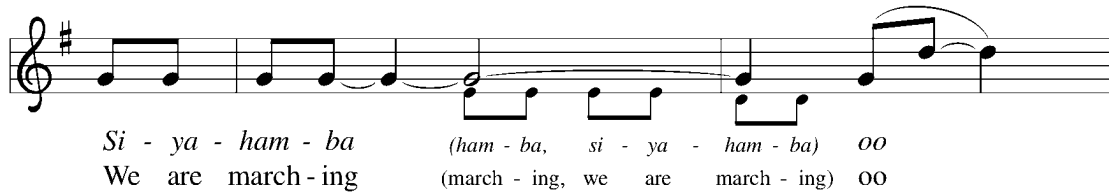


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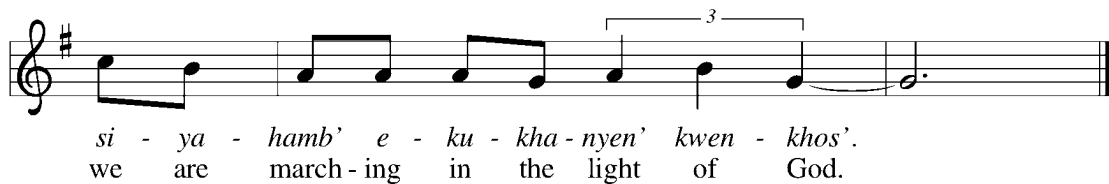
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We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
 We are praying ...
 We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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(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.

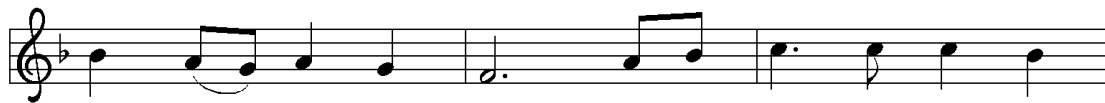
GATHERING HYMN “All Are Welcome”



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God’s chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God’s reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they’ve known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God’s grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God’s face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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. God has called us through the proclamation of the good news, that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying

and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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 “Loving Spirit”



1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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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/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 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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 Give Thee but Thine Own”



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

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, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Genie Diamond, Ann Haske, 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 the Sunday School Program at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Paul Lutheran Church/Greenville, Rev. Betsy Kamphuis.

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.

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

TOO MUCH – Daily Bad News – Losing Hope

The “bad news” seems to be weighing us down even more right now. We struggle under it. So lets talk about where we are individually and as society. And of the resources and methods we have available to us to counter such feelings. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

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.***

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,489.00
Weekly giving - September 5	2,401.00
Weekly giving - September 12	3,500.05

We received:

37 envelopes, 34 Simply Giving recurring payments,
and 2 Give+ payments made from our website

September 10, 2021

Dear Grace Lutheran,

Greetings from Columbus! Now that I am more settled into my new place and routine, I wanted to give you all an update on what is going on in my life.

First of all, thank you SO MUCH for your gifts. I have already drunk a lot at Starbucks and I'm barely into my third week. Thank you all so much for a beautiful send off a few weeks ago. I feel blessed to call Grace Lutheran my home congregation.

Which brings me to tell you about my new home here in Columbus! At first, I was very nervous to move to a large city and live by myself. I was worried about making friends and finding my way around. Sure enough, I was wrong. I have already made friends whom I hang out with almost on a daily basis. Most of the young adults in my cohort all live in the same on campus apartment building with me. The first-year cohort I am in is only 13 people, so all of my classes are with the same people more or less with second-year cohort students. I have also been out exploring Columbus a bit with them. There are some great Farmer's Markets and Restaurants in the city. I have yet to explore the museums, but am looking forward to an outing with my cohort to one in the near future!

My classes are going somewhat smoothly. I was definitely a little blindsided by the amount of reading per class, but the content is very interesting. I am hooked in every class I am taking. Greek is my hardest class, as learning an ancient language has its expected challenges. Old Testament is my favorite class. My instructor is absolutely delightful. Dr. Wrenn makes learning about the Old Testament interesting. She is extremely insightful and fosters reading the Old Testament in different lenses to better fully understand what is being said. I am excited to continue learning.

I would like to write to you all more about what I am learning in my classes. I would like to give you all a quick summary of something I am learning, a snapshot of what I am doing in a class and how I feel about it. I am planning to write these snapshots once or twice a month starting in October.

Again, thank you all so much for the gifts and prayers for my seminary journey. I look forward to writing to you again, and hopefully being home soon to worship with you!

Best wishes, Val Slaght

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 19th
9:30 a.m. **Worship**

Monday - 20th
8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 21st
8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
6:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday - 22nd
8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Thursday - 23rd
8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 24th
8am-noon Church Office Open
10am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 25th
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

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

SERVING SEPTEMBER 18/19

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Pat Daly
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 Rich & Sherie McTaggart

SERVING SEPTEMBER 25/26

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Lector Bill & Nancy Platt
Communion
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