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Pentecost

Grace Lutheran Church October 30 & 31, 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: Trusting in the Word of life given in Baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: We give you thanks, O God,
- C: for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



- re -
- No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost,
- Though hordes of dev - ils fill the all threat - 'ning to de land
- Word for ev er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes,



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GREETING

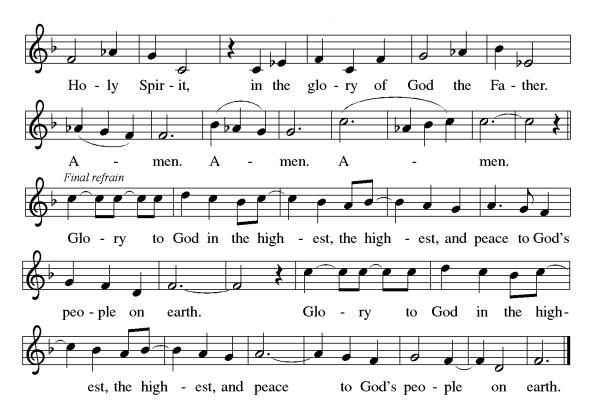
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

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HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 3:19-28

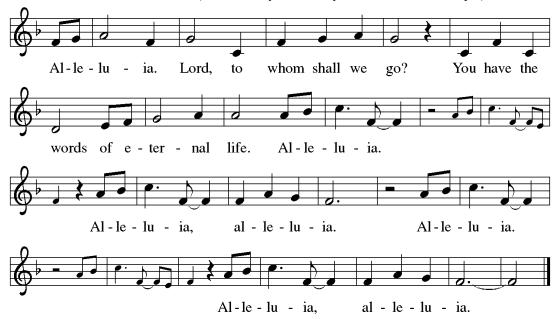
Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

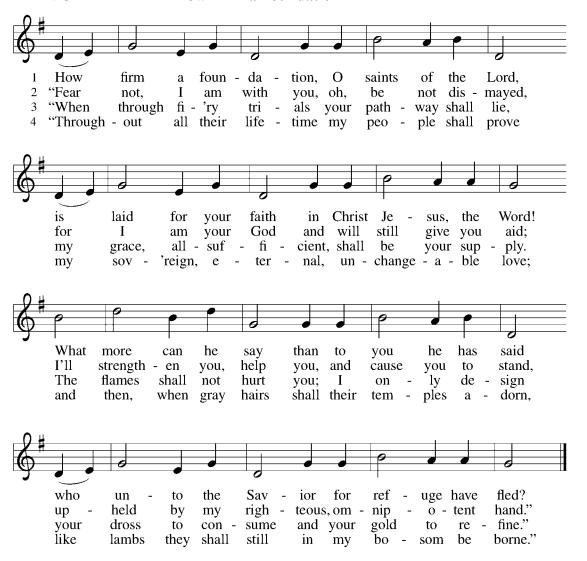
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Firm a Foundation"



Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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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: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

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.

Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life: Our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

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.

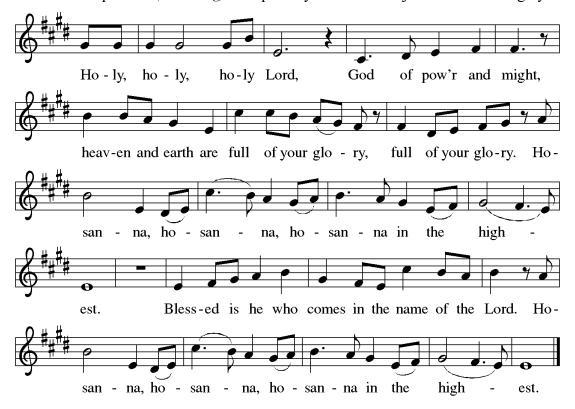
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- P: Let us pray...God of abundance,
- C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

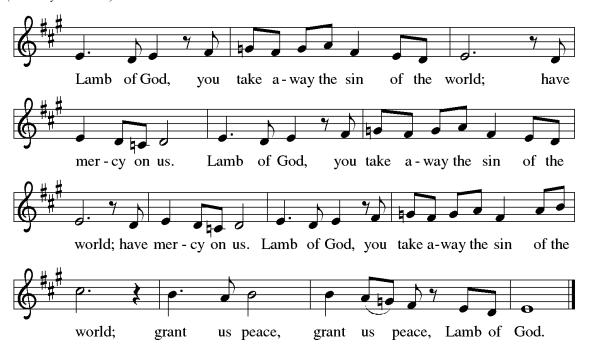
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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)



COMMUNION HYMN "One Bread, One Body"



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The assembly stands as you 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...Lord of life,
- C: in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"



- 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

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Roger Pankey, Dale Schultz, Mike & Donna, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, 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, Gus Gillard, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Genie Diamond, Ann Haske, 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 Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Bread of Life Lutheran Church/Hudsonville, Rev. Katherine VanValkenburg.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Would you like to serve the church and help share God's love and welcome. Talk to Council President Tom Lappan, Vice President Rick Engstrom or Pastor Tom about the tasks and joy of being a Council Member.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Michael Moors, given by Geraldine Moors.

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

"Nice is not a Biblical word."

How does that sentence strike you? Do you disagree? Or agree? "Nice is not a Biblical word, kindness is." Is that statement different? Do you see a distinction between the two words? What did Jesus exhibit and do? Or what do other stories from the Bible show? How do those two words inform our faith as live it out? Bring your thoughts and examples from the Bible and living our faith to our class. Join us in the Lounge after our Farewell Brunch for David.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 11 A.M.

On the agenda will be budget for 2022 and election of officers. In addition, a presentation on RE-BOOT team and their work will be given. This will be a combined in-person in the sanctuary as well as online meeting. Please plan to attend. There will be a practice session for anyone wanting to be more familiar with using Zoom on Thursday November 4th at 7 pm. Contact Pastor Tom for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK OR TREAT

Grace is in need of volunteers for a Trick-or-Treating station in front of the church on Sunday, October 31 from 5:00-7:00. If we get enough volunteers we will be able to offer a trunk-or-treat set-up, so the more participating even better. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. And if you cannot get to the sheet to sign up please send an email to jessie_dorr1@yahoo.com.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

For the month of November the Little Food Pantry is collecting children's hats, gloves and mittens to be donated. Non-perishable food items are also needed.



<u>Reminder</u> Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend (Nov. 7 at 2 am). Don't forget to set your clocks back.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget

\$ 4,489.00

Weekly giving - October 24

8,324.13

We received:

28 envelopes, 10 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 1 Give+ payment made from our website

OCTOBER SEMINARY SNAPSHOT FROM VAL SLAGHT

It's midterm week! This means I am chin deep in studying materials and mid semester projects. However, all is not as stressful as it may seem. I am catching on quickly how to go about my assignments and goals without feeling like I am drowning.

It is literally impossible to do all the reading that is assigned. As much as I would love to do it, I just can't. I am reading my bible, don't worry. That is the reading I can't skim over. However, all the other reading that I don't get to submerse myself in deeply has been noted and set aside for when I have more time to engage with it. I look forward to that.

The concepts that we are learning right now are overwhelming to say the least. This is the first time I have truly broken down, deconstructed, reconstructed, and fully engaged with the texts in the bible. Which brings me to sharing just one seminary snapshot with you all. Mind you all reading, this is a very fresh concept for me, and I suspect that I will come to new conclusions and insights over and over again. And that is okay.

Snapshot: What does it mean to carry God's name?

This is a question I have encountered multiple times in the last month. The first time it was asked was in my Old Testament course a few weeks back. We talked about how we are commissioned to represent God to the rest of the world. God has inscribed this holiness to us, we see it in Exodus 19, Deuteronomy 26, Psalm 23. God has commissioned us to be a follower, servant, and representation of love.

This concept clicked for me when I heard a sermon later that week on how Jesus calls us to not be a stumbling block to others. This is the story in Mark 9 about the disciples who went to Jesus about a person casting out demons in his name even though he was not a follower like they were. Jesus says to them, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able to soon afterward speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us."

We are all inscribed with the name of God. We are all called to that commission, even when we don't want to see the inscription on other people. Anyone who truly speaks about Jesus realizes awesome holiness, awesome inscription upon them, awesome commission to act in love. We must act accordingly to that call because God is concerned about the divine representation inscribed upon us. We represent God to other people, and we need to make sure that we are acting out of love and trust to everyone we encounter, even when it's hard and we don't agree.

To me, this is the pinnacle of being Christian. The purpose is to love God and love one another as yourself. Even the people we don't like, or don't agree with, or don't believe are Christian enough, whatever it is. I held on to every word of that sermon, and although I want to say that I follow this every day, I don't. It's hard. But I try. I think that this is what Jesus wants us to do, and how we carry God's name. We have to try, and keep trying, and try again. Jesus wants us to remember that inscribed holiness, that commission of love, and to try as hard as we can to act accordingly.



November

November 24

November 26

November 27

November 29

Brian Schiller

Ellie Walker

Beckett Granata

Scott Kuligowski

Bruno Hirzel

Chris Christopherson

Anniversaries of Baptism

November 1 Beverly Suszek

November 9 Mary Bock

November 11 Jessica McKenzie

November 12 Nicholas Schillerstrom

November 13 Norman Schillerstrom

November 21 Elaine Hatch

November 23
Ashley Timmreck
Madison Timmreck
Melissa Timmreck
Nicholas Timmreck
Paige Timmreck
Dan VanEssen



November 2 Olivia Haske Cindy Suszek

November 4 Harold Kissau Britni Nowak

November 5 Lori Graham Raylynn Suszek

November 7
Phyllis Colagross

November 8 Edward Jahnke Melissa Timmreck

November 10 Hannah Matzke

November 11 Linda Gapske Gracie Gillard Brent Welch

November 12 Diane O'Connor

November 13Doug Chroninger

November 14 Mary Bock

Birthdays

November 17 Chloe Hayward Kassandra McInerney

November 18 Nancy Stachnik Karyn Vass

November 20 Kelli Liske Sherie McTaggart

November 21 Kevin Graham

November 24 Melissa Chabot

November 25 Jeffrey Diemond Monica Jahnke Erin McCourt

November 26 Bruno Hirzel

November 28 Janie Hansen Lisa McIntosh Brody Yuchasz

November 30 Matthew Timrick

Wedding Anniversaries

4th William & Mary Bock 9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek 25th Anthony & Laura Thompson

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 31st	***
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 1st	
9:30 am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
6:00 pm	ROC - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - 2nd	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting 1
6:00 pm	ROC - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday - 3rd	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
4:30 pm	Reboot Team Mtg.
Thursday - 4th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
7:00 pm	Zoom practice for
•	Semi-Annual Mtg.
Friday - 5th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
10am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
Saturday - 6th	
5:00 pm	Worship

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

SERVING OCTOBER 30/31

Ministors	God's People
	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	David Delano
Lector	Donna Czarnecki
Communion	
Assistants	Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers	Roger & Jeanne Pankey
GreetersJo	o Ann Smith, Mary Rowader
	ndy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Livestream Team	Phran Ludington, Dawn
Anderso	on, Jan Charter, Don Barnard
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Jo Ann Smith, Anne Gentry

SERVING NOVEMBER 6/7

Ministers	God's People
Pastor Ro	ev. Tom Orth
Music Director	
LectorDa	wn Anderson
Communion	
Assistants Joe Gentry, V	Wayne Lewis
Ushers Wayne & Chris Cl	nristopherson
Steve and Janie Hans	sen (Saturday)
GreetersClarence & 1	Bonnie Cross
Altar Guild Sandy Welch,	Karen Slaght
Livestream Team Phran Ludi	ngton, Dawn
Anderson, Jan Charter,	Don Barnard
CountersClarence & 1	Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Dale &	& Pat Schultz

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