# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

August 9 & 10, 2025



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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."

## <u>GATHERING</u>

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

#### WELCOME

#### **PRELUDE**

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

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

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

- P: Merciful God,
- C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.
- 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.

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C: And also with you.

### **KYRIE** (verses 1 & 4)





#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

- <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
- <sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup> The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

- <sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- 19 to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
- <sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup> Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- <sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

#### Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

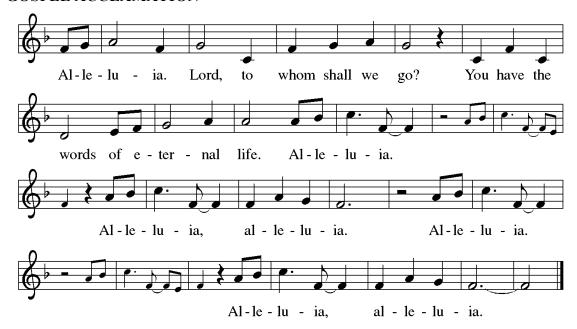
**L:** The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. C: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **HOMILY**

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

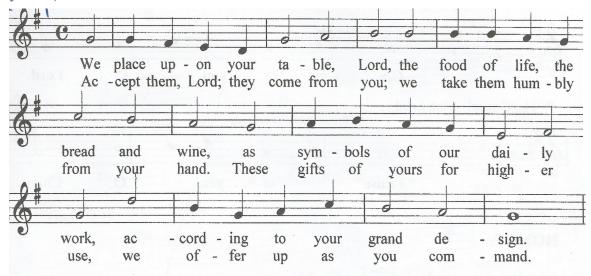
(Response after each petition)

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

#### **OFFERING**

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



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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

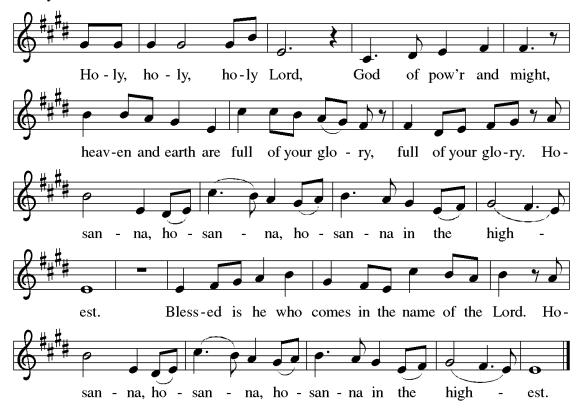
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, 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: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...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: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

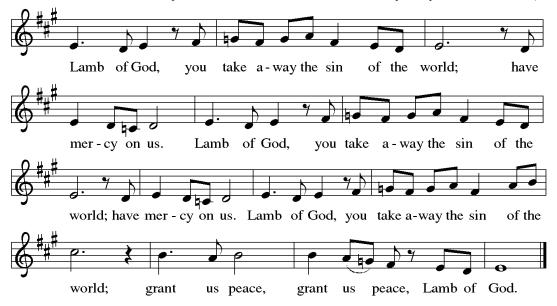
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

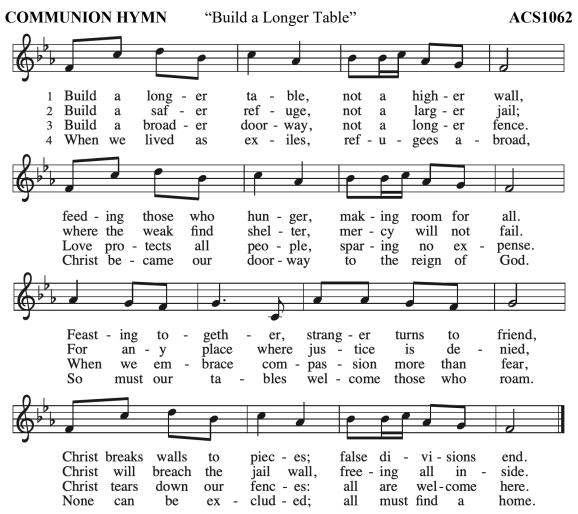
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Eat and rejoice.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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





Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...Loving God,

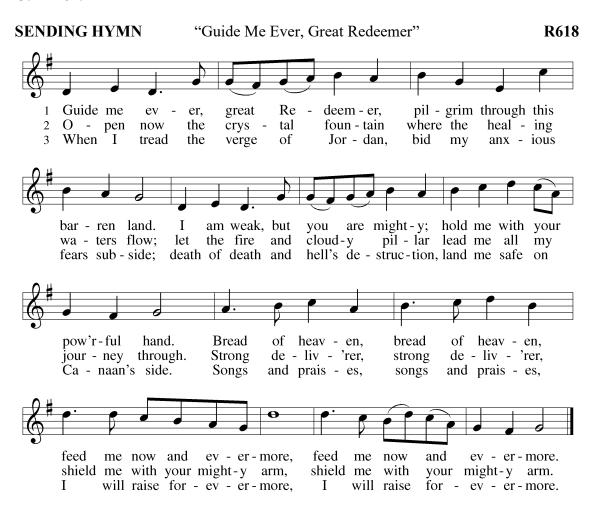
C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **SENDING**

#### BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.

C: Amen.



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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**P:** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Celebration of Madi's 21st Birthday With All Our Love The Szymanski Family

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Platt, Jeanne Pankey, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Lynsie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Daphne Flack, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye

Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas and Amelia Berles - pilot training.

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 PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Homebound Parishioners at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/Hillsdale, Rev. Kara Shaw; and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

#### PRAYER LETTERS

**Please sign** the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

#### ADULT CE - Sunday August 10 - Luke Chapter 10

We return to the Gospel of Luke as we explore Chapter 10. Join us as read through it, look for connections to what we have heard and for our lives going forward. We meet at 11 in the. Lounge. Join us.

## TIME & TALENT SURVEY FOR OCTOBER 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026

How can you contribute to Grace's Ministry and Mission? Take a look at the list, printed copy in the Office Lobby or follow the online link in the emails to the form online. Even if you are continuing what you already do, please fill one out for the coming program year. Any questions, or IDEAS, talk to Pastor Tom. **Please return by August 15th.** Thanks.

### **QUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE - August 22 & 23**

The Quilters Rummage Sale is coming soon...Friday & Saturday, August 22 & 23. Donations of items will be greatly appreciated. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items. Items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Saturday, August 9. Thank you in advance!

#### CAN YOU HELP THE QUILTERS FOR THEIR RUMMAGE SALE?

Help is needed on Thursday August 21 to sort through and organize the donations. And Saturday August 23 at 1 to help with the clean and transporting the remaining items to other places that can use them. Truck or van is especially helpful then. Sign up 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.

SERMON RESPONSE & ACTION	
Where have you seen God's Kingdom this week?	

### **Financial Summary for First Half of 2025**

<u>Contributions</u> <u>Expenses</u> \$114,630 \$125,227

For the first half of the year, our contributions were below our expenses by \$10,597. Our spending has been managed and is under budget but is still well over our contributions.

Our Giving goal for 2025 is to meet our budget of \$252,425 and I'm confident that we can make up the shortfall in the second half of the year. By meeting our goal we can continue to grow Grace's programs and activities for our members and community.

Dennis Werblow, Treasurer

Through June

## **Anniversories** of Baptism



August 1 Vicki Denstaedt Kiowa Kirchoff

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs Margaret O'Connor

August 5 Grace Hoeft Rvan Revnolds Anthony Thompson

August 6 Margaret Clemens Mvra Cross Anna Lewis

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik

August 13 Trey Garant James Malaski

August 14 Brett Werblow

#### August 17 Jakob Bauer

August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Corinne Fraley

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 21 William Matzke

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 29 Anne Gentry

## August

August 4 Alan Brilinski Dawn Gentry

August 5 Norman Schillerstrom

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fraley Aaron Nowak

August 7 Shirley Diemond

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

August 9 Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth

August 11 Joann Smith



August 12 Carev Schiller Madison Szymanski

August 13 Jamie Gentry Grace Hoeft

August 18 Ed Czarnecki

August 19 Charity Corwin

August 20 Drew Gentry Wayne Lewis

August 21 Donna Morgan Brody Nowak

August 22 Rachel Engstrom Jeffrey Welch

August 23 Ruby Haske Travis Konarzewski

August 28 Debra Nitchman



## Wedding Anniversaries

3rd Jim & Sandy Malaski 4th Sean & Taylor Hayward 5th Allen & Judy Douglas Gary & Kay Grove 7th Cody & Jessie Suszek 14th Larry & Connie Suszek 16th Tyler & Stephanie Suszek

19th Phil & Pam Agius

21st Rick & Sharon Engstrom 22nd Jerry & Jan Charter 24th Randy & Kenda Yochum 26th Ed & Donna Czarnecki 27th Pat & June Daly Jason & Jessica Slominski

28th Don LaBarre & Anne Gentry

#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –10th 9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 11th 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - 12th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:15 pm	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge Friends of Alpena Co. Animal Control - Hall
Wednesday - 13th 8am-noon Thursday - 14th	<u>h</u> Church Office Open

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	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
	rClaire Witt
	ompanimentKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst	Joe Gentry
	Jan Charter
	. Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
	Cindy Domrase (Saturday)
Greeters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson
	Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
	amDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
21,000100011	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
counters	Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour	Rich & Sherie McTaggart
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5:00 pm Worship

8am-noon

8am-2pm

8am-2pm Saturday - 16th

Friday - 15th 8am-noon

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

#### GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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