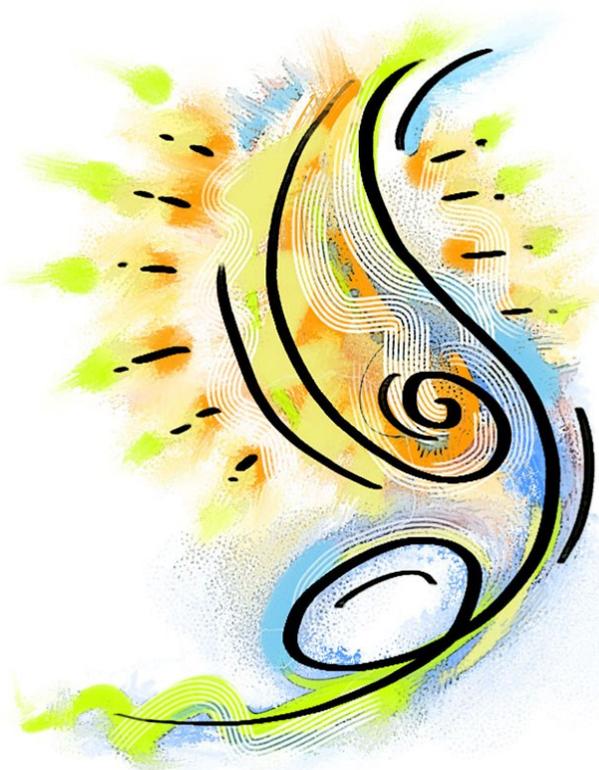


Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

October 15 & 16, 2022



Pentecost

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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)

(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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: our sins are forgiven † and we are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate"

R514



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693 This selection is in the public domain.

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

KY-RI-E E-LEI - SON Lord, have mer - cy.

CHRIS - TE E-LEI - SON Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - RI - E E - LEI - SON Lord, have mer -

cy.

Music: Amy Truth. Permission to reprint/stream obtained from Amy Truth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORY to God in the HIGH-EST, and peace to God's people on earth.

LORD GOD, HEAVENLY KING, AL-MIGHTY GOD and FA-THER, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us. You are seated at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
FOR YOU ALONE ARE THE HOLY ONE, YOU ALONE ARE THE LORD,
YOU ALONE ARE THE MOST HIGH JE - SUS CHRIST, with the
HO - LY SPI - RIT, in the GLORY of GOD the FA - THER.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

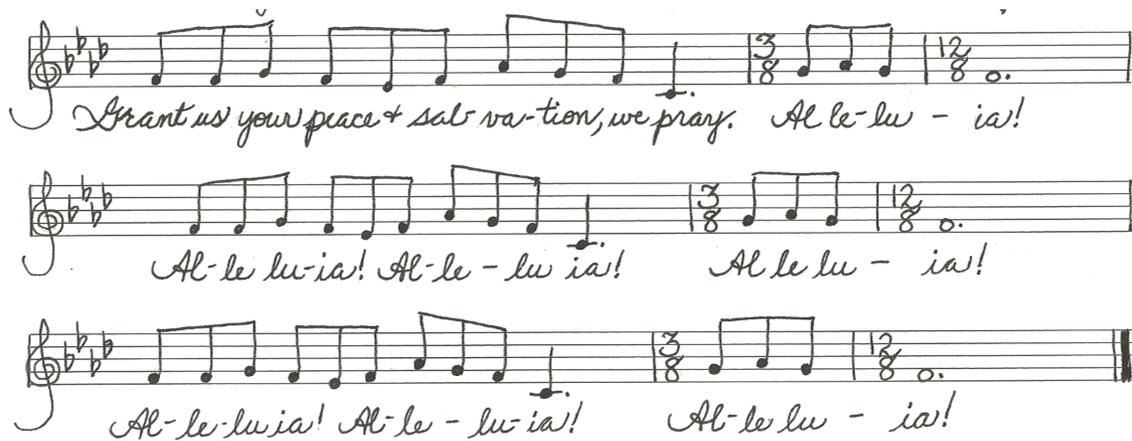
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Gathered together on this holy day: may we be open to all that you say.



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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY “Rise up, O Saints of God!”

R669

(The assembly stands as they are able)



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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P: Let us pray... Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

R547



1 Sent forth by God’s bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - ’ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



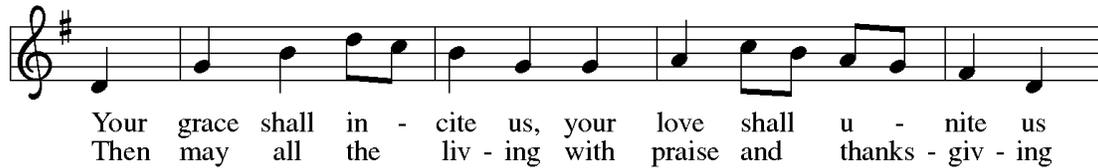
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God’s chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ’s teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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 worshipping 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.

The Re-Boot Committee will have cards at our Sunday morning coffee hour to be signed for our Loving Care Members. Please be sure to sign them to help us stay in touch with our homebound members.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lisa Wooll, Darlene Freel, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Kathy Rettell -- Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Candee and Neviah Fetty, Matthew & Rebecca, Sandra Christopherson, Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Maureen Eberhardt, Al Smolinski, Donna Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Tiffany Bailey, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, 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).

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Karen Thompson for preaching and leading worship this weekend. Rev. Karen is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church USA, a full communion partner of the ELCA. Like Lutheran deacons, she is ordained to word and service, as compared to word and sacrament thus we are not having communion this weekend. We appreciate her being here this weekend.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Tammy Furze's birthday, given by her family, and in honor of Jack & Patti Tucker's 60th wedding anniversary.

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. If you want the person on longer, please notify the office by the end of the month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Stephen Ministry Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Peace Lutheran Church/ Sparta, Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

**"GENESIS AND JONAH -
DIVERSE INTERPRETATIONS OF SHARED SCRIPTURE"**

Sunday October 23 at 2 PM at Grace Lutheran

Join us for a program presented to the community with our neighbors Temple Beth-El on interpretations of Genesis chapters 1 and 2 and the book of Jonah. Rabbi Howard Morrison and Pastor Tom will present interpretations in Jewish and Christian traditions of these shared scriptures and have a dialogue on what the faiths take from them. Rabbi Morrison will be connecting from Toronto. The program will be available in person in our sanctuary and also online via the Zoom platform.

GAME NIGHT AT GRACE

Thursday, October 20 ~ \$9.00/person

Doors open at 5pm. Serving food at 6 pm. Baked potato bar and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. Limited seating/reservations required. Please call Gerri (989.356.3761) or Chris (989.356.0430), if no answer leave message. *Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.*

We are in need of card tables for our game night. If you would be willing to let us use your table(s), please be sure your name is on them and drop them off at the church (in the fellowship hall) during morning office hours or whenever the church is open.

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF

Lutheran Disaster Response is already moving with partner agencies into the areas of Florida and the Carolinas that have been so devastatingly impacted by one of the strongest hurricanes to hit the US in decades. If you would like to make a contribution to the response effort, you may use a pew envelope or drop it off/mail it to the church. We will collect through October and send it in at the end of the month. Thank you for whatever you can do.

WORLD FOOD DAY - OCTOBER 16

For our participation in World Food Day (created by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN), you are invited to bring in items to support our Little Food Pantry. Suggested items that go quickly are listed below. Please place your donation in the chancel for blessing during the services. And Sunday help move the items to the LFP store room after worship. **Items the pantry can always use include toilet paper, paper towels, tuna in can or package, oatmeal, nuts, tea, Dinty Moore microwave stews, deodorant, feminine products, soups, and macaroni.**

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will be hosting the bake sale, December 3. Please bake and donate. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

Our monthly meeting will be October 19 at 1:00 pm in the lounge. All women are welcome!

NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK OR TREAT

Grace is in need of volunteers for a Trick-or-Treating station in front of the church on Monday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Donations of treats to be given out are also needed and can be placed in the basket on the pew by the church office.** Please sign up on the sheet located in the Office Narthex or email/call the office to be added to list. Thanks!

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

A big THANK YOU to all that contributed to the rummage sale. With the \$1,520 profit made, we will help a large number of people through our ministry. THANK YOU to all that helped with setting up and boxing up. As the saying goes, " Many hands make light work." -- Grace Quilters

ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED

The altar guild is comprised of dedicated parishioners who prepare the altar and sanctuary for worship. It is a ministry of joy and care. If you would be interested in helping with this prayerful ministry, please contact Sharon Engstrom at 989-354-5133 or the church office at 989-354-2640. Members are scheduled on a monthly rotation with most members only serving one month per year. Members who could help only on Saturday or only on Sunday are welcome. Training is available.

CONGREGATIONAL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Our Semi-Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. On the agenda: approval of budget and election of officers. Please plan to attend!

THANK YOU

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Claire Schreiber and Peggy Tomaszewski for their expertise and generosity in the editing and printing of the new liturgical music. The Grace congregation and Pastor Tom Orth are a source of inspiration for me and I would like you to know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers while I am visiting my youngest daughter's family in California this week. -- Amy Truth

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

A list of October birthdays and anniversaries can be found on the "news" page of our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 16th

9:00 am Sunday School
9:30 am **Worship**
11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am - 2pm Kitchen Reserved

Tuesday - 18th

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
4:30 pm Worship WG - Lounge
6:00 pm Council

Wednesday - 19th

All Day Fellowship Hall Reserved
8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Weekly Bulletin
Announcements Due
1:00 pm Ruth Circle
5:00 pm Choir
6:00 pm Bell Choir

Thursday - 20th

All Day Fellowship Hall Reserved
8am-noon Church Office Open
8am - 2pm Kitchen Reserved
4pm-6pm Lounge Reserved
5pm-9pm Game Night - Quilters

Friday - 21st

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 22nd

5:00 pm **Worship**

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

SERVING OCTOBER 15/16

Ministers God's People
Pastor.....Rev. Karen Thompson
Music Director Claire Schreiber
Accompanist Amy Truth
Lector Donna Czarnecki
Communion
Assistants..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers.....Dale Schultz, Jo Ann Smith, June Daly, Diane Prevost (Sat.)
Greeters..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Altar Guild..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Livestream Team.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Roger & Jeanne Pankey

SERVING OCTOBER 22/23

Ministers God's People
Pastor.....Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Schreiber
Accompanist Amy Truth
Lector Joe Gentry
Communion
Assistants..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers.....Dale Schultz, Jo Ann Smith, June Daly, Diane Prevost (Sat.)
Greeters.....Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel
Altar Guild..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Livestream Team.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Dale & Pat Schultz

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