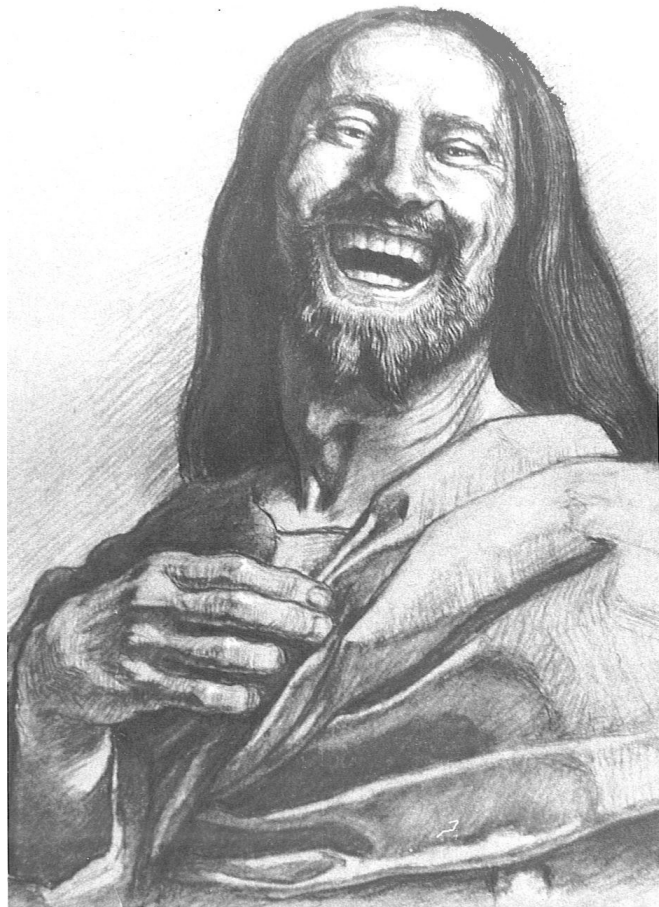


# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*April 13 & 14, 2024*

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

*“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”*

### **GATHERING**

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

#### **WELCOME/PRELUDE**

#### **GATHERING**

*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

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

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

R267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872 This selection is in the public domain.

GREETING

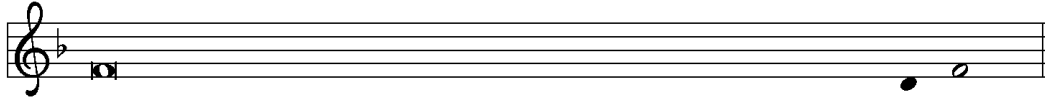
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

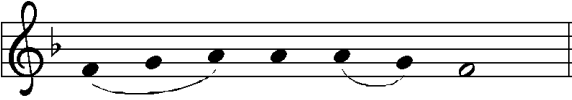
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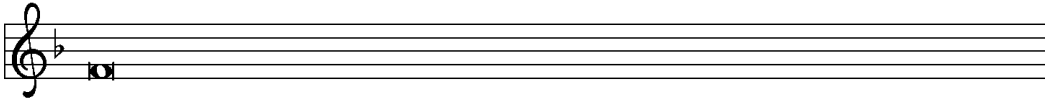
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



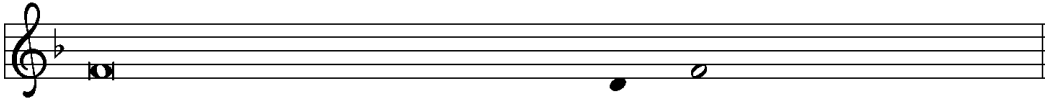
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



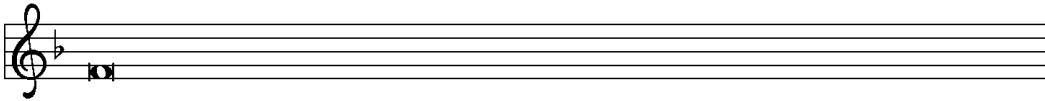
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



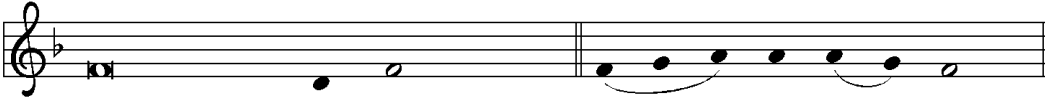
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



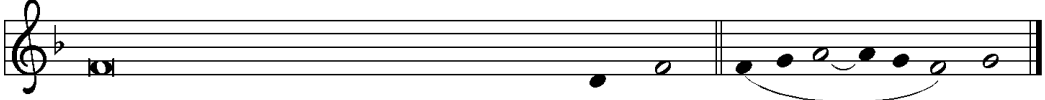
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y 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 a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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**

#### **Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"  
<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

**L:** The word of the Lord.     **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 4**

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**



disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”  
<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.  
<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still  
with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and  
the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the  
scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and  
to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins  
is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are  
witnesses of these things.”

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are able)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**R836**



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt. This selection is in the public domain.



## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*(Response after each petition)*

P: ... let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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**P:** Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

**C:** ruler of heaven and earth. Day after day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

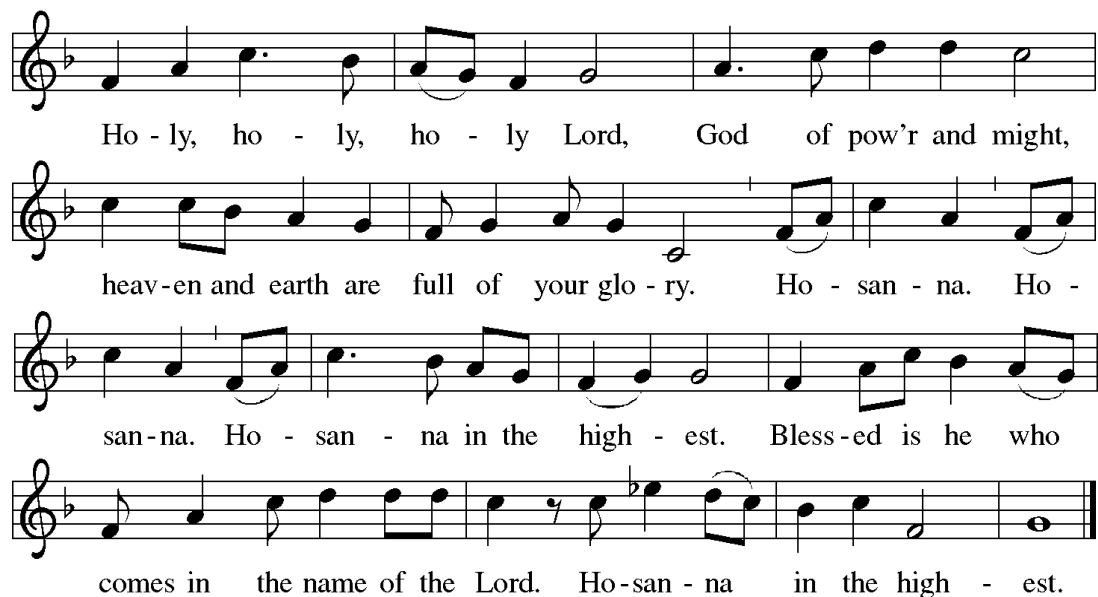
**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**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 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life ...

Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

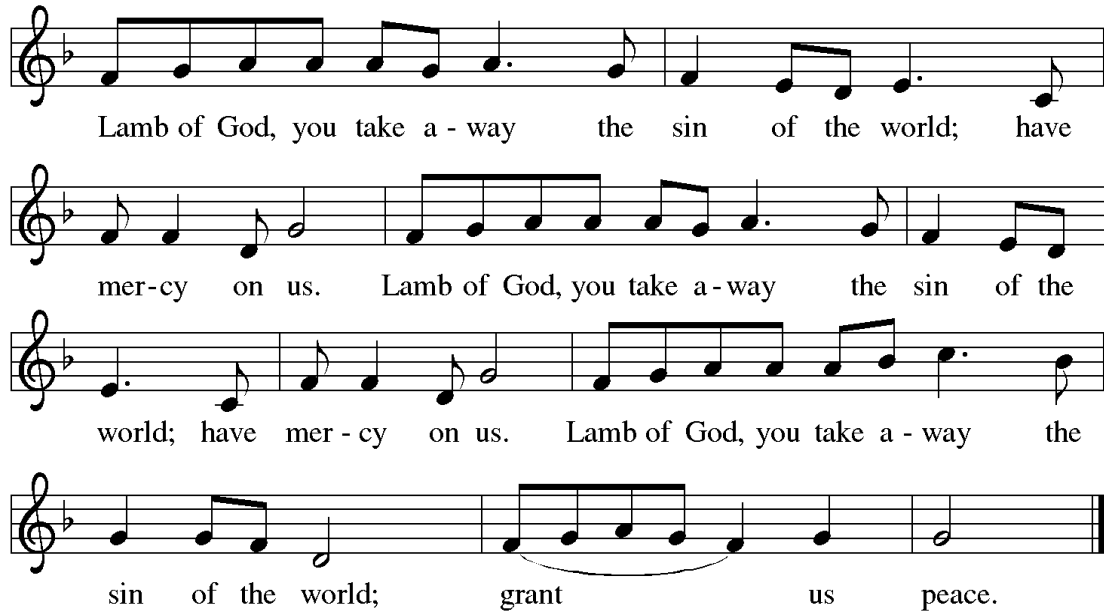
## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

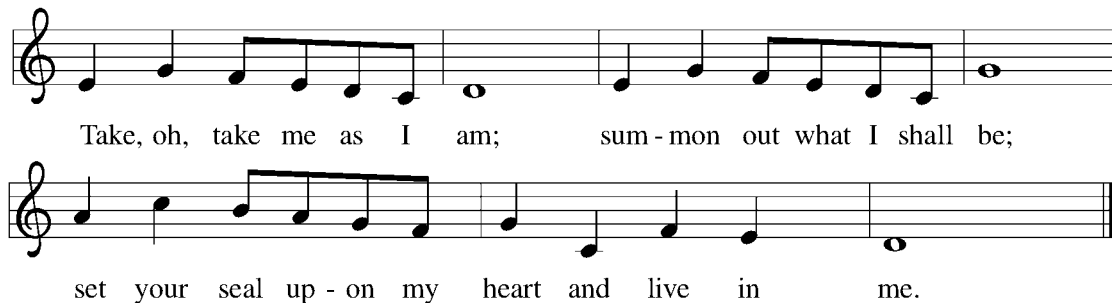
## HOLY COMMUNION

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" R814



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;  
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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*(the assembly stands as they are able)*

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

P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God,

**C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

WOV673



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual This selection is in the public domain.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**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.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Celebration

of

Joel & Corinne Fraley's 48th Wedding Anniversary

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Adam Kamyszek, Diane Prevost, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, 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 PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Youth and Family Leadership at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Harbor of Grace Lutheran Church/Muskegon, Rev. Jake Ferra and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY PACKING - APRIL 15**

Join us at 5:30 p.m. at Sunset School on Hobbs Drive. Sign up in the Office Lobby. Keep May 20 at 5:30 p.m. on your calendar, too.

## **RUTH CIRCLE**

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, in the Lounge. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

### **PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA FROM GRACE'S HISTORY**

If you have any items about Grace Lutheran history, photos, bulletins or newsletters or just anything from the past, and not just the ancient past, but even things in the last 25 to 50 years, please bring them in for our 150th Anniversary and to be added to our history room, or we can make copies of items if you would like them back. Any questions please contact Don LaBarre or Pastor Tom.

### **GRACE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER RESERVATIONS DUE WITH PAYMENT BY APRIL 14TH**

Join us on **Sunday, April 28, 2024** as we celebrate **Grace's 150 years**

Cost is \$20 a person for dinner catered by JJ's.

Register after Worship Services or call the Office.

*(You may also contact Janet Bettega by email at: [janetbettega@yahoo.com](mailto:janetbettega@yahoo.com).)*

### ***PLEASE INVITE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF GRACE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.***

**ON THE MENU:** strawberry spinach salad with pecans and feta cheese, chicken piccata, meatballs with beef sauce, pan style twice baked potatoes, wild rice, glazed carrots, steamed asparagus, soft rolls and homemade cake (donated by Pam Kirchoff).

### **SPECIAL CHOIR MUSIC FOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 28TH**

The Choir will be doing special music on Sunday, April 28th for the 150th Anniversary celebration. If you would like to join the choir for this event, please let Claire know.

Choir will meet on Sunday mornings at 8:50 a.m.

### **BABY KITS COLLECTION FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Collection for these items will take place April through mid-May. Items that are not used in the Baby Kits may be donated elsewhere, as needed. A list of needed items may be found on the table in the Office Lobby.

### **PEACE GATHERING**

You are invited to the Alpena Peace Community's Peace Gathering from 7-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 at Grace Lutheran Church. Come and take part in an evening of gentle music provided by Mr. David Usher followed by intermittent readings and quiet reflection.

### **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.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday -14th**      **Holy Humor Weekend**  
9:00 am      Sunday School  
**9:30 am**      **Worship**  
11:00 am      Adult CE - Lounge  
7:00 pm      Peace Gathering - Grace

**Monday - 15th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
5:30 pm      Feeding Kids Ministry  
Packing - Sunset School

**Tuesday - 16th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
9:00 am      Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am      Pastors Text Study

**Wednesday - 17th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
1:00 pm      Ruth Circle  
6:00 pm      Bell Choir

**Thursday - 18th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open

**Friday - 19th**  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday - 20th**  
5:00 pm      **Worship**

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

**SERVING APRIL 13/14**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Ruby Haske  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Jeanne Pankey, Brandi Stone  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom  
..... Cindy Domrase (Sat.)  
**Greeters** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom  
**Altar Guild**..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

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