Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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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

(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.

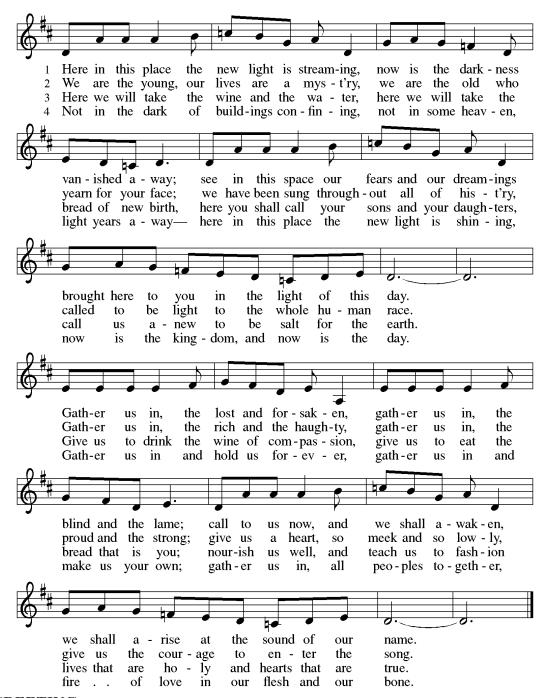
GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

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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.

KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)





HYMN OF PRAISE





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

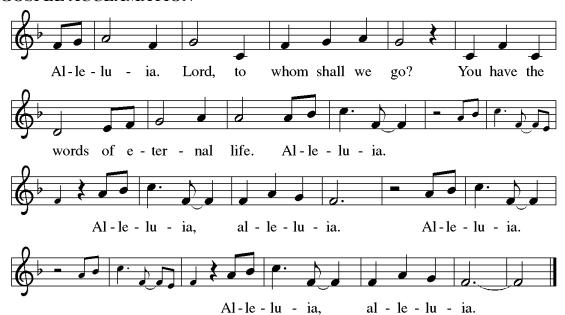
L: The word of the Lord.

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 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

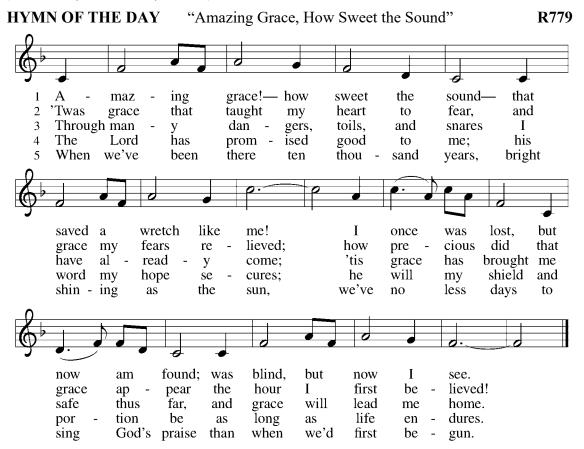
²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he

put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)



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Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 This selection is in the public domain.

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)

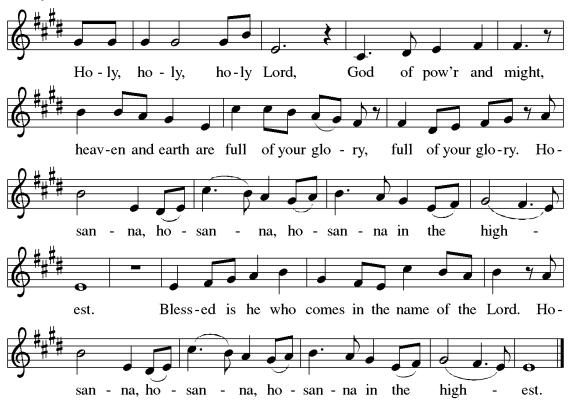


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- P: Let us pray...Creator God,
- C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ,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

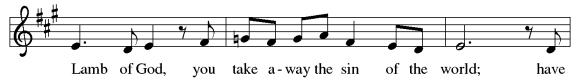
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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.

<u>SENDING</u>

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.

SENDING HYMN

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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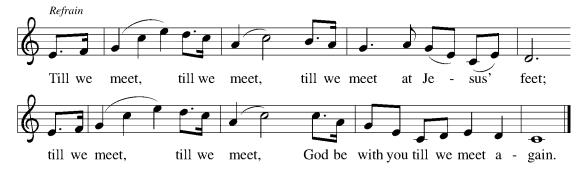


- 1 God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

(Refrain on next page)



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

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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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, 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 -- Steve Bye, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Sandra Christopherson, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Bonnie Urlaub, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, 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.

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 Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: St. John Lutheran Church/Grayling, Supply Pastors; 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 - GOSPEL OF LUKE - CHAPTER 9

We continue our reading of Luke, now in the ninth chapter. You are invited to join us as we talk about what the scripture says to us and how it connects with the rest of Jesus' story. Even if you haven't been able to make it before, you can still be part of the discussion. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

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. Thanks

BLOCK PARTY - August 6

Join us again as we have a Block Party for our neighbors and ourselves. Bounce House for the kids and games food and entertainment for all. Keep the date open. Watch for more info to come.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN NEED OF BOOKS

We love that we have had lots of visitors to our Little Free Library over the past few weeks. However, our book selection is very low. Do you have books (children to adult) that you would like to donate to help replenish our selection? Donations may be dropped off in the red tote located outside the Church Office door.

QUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE

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. Also, please keep your items until close to the dates, so moving them from the basement to the Fellowship Hall is eliminated. Thank you in advance!

QUILTERS NOTE

On July 1, 50 quilts and 1,200 wash cloths were sent to Orphan Grain Train. We have been busy!

THE STORY PROPERTY - HOW SHOULD WE USE IT?

Our empty lot across the street, the former home of Homer Story, is a resource for the church. Council is seeking ideas of how it can be used to support the ministry and mission of the church and be of benefit to the community. Let's brainstorm and see what use we can put it to. Send your ideas to the Church Office. Thanks.

MEMORIAL & GIFT LIST

Several years ago, Grace established the Memorial and Gift List. The List is comprised of items that have come from suggestions of the Work Groups or individuals through the Work Groups to support the ministry and mission of Grace Lutheran. Council then selects the ones to be placed on the Memorial and Gift List in a range of costs so that as memorials or gifts come in the donor may designate the gift toward a specific item until sufficient funds accumulate to purchase it.

150TH BALLOONS - ARE THEY EVER GOING TO FALL??????

It's been a year since our 150th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner. Three balloons are still floating. And *ONLY TWO* people's guesses are still possible. You can still enter your guess when the last one will fall down. The PRIZE is getting bigger all the time.

Anniversaries of Baptism





July 1

Sharon Engstrom Kelly Pankey

July 4 Caitlin Wade

July 5 Myles Granata

Ann O'Connor

July 6

Rachel Chroninger Taylor Chroninger

July 7 Grace Kuligowski Harper Suszek

July 8 Charity Corwin

July 11 Emily Szymanski

Wedding

Anniversaries

July 14

July 15

July 17

July 20

July 22 Mike Schiller

July 24 Vicki VanEssen

July 29

Richard Carlson

Scott Lancaster

Michele Amelotte

Rhonda Anderson

Amelia Kamyszek

Kathy Piontkowski

Oliviah Viegelahn

Christopher Carlson

Annie Schultz

3rd Tim & Annie Schultz
6th Ken & Nancy Amelotte
8th Brady & Taylor Loop
14th Jim & Denise Timrick
Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
15th Jeff & Shirley Diemond
27th Scott & Judy Black
30th Ray & Leslie Reynolds

July 1 Christopher Carlson

July 2 Jonathan Lang

July 4 Riley Gohlke

July 5 Annie Schultz

July 6 Wayne Christopherson Jon Crow Donald LaBarre

July 7 Elaine Hatch

July 10 Stephanie Suszek

July 12 Britni Nowak Hadleigh Suszek

July 15 Myra Cross Vicki Denstaedt

July 16 Clarence Cross July 17 Leslie Reynolds

July 18 Scott Kuligowski

July 21 Margaret Clemens Dorothy Hansen Brian Nelson Patti Tucker

July 22 Joel Fraley Kay Grove

July 23 Scott Henning

July 24Christena Christopherson
Jim Hansen

July 27Pam Gohlke
Anthony Thompson

July 28 Paige Timmreck

July 31 Rodney Szymanski



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 –13th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 14th

8am-noon 8am-2pm Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved 6:00 pm Alpena Figure Skating Club - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - 15th

8am-noon 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study -

Lounge

Wednesday - 16th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Thursday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 18th

8am-noon Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Saturday - 19th

5:00 pm Worship

SERVING JULY 12/13

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Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded Accomp	animentKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst	Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Lector	Pat Daly
Ushers Brui	no Hirzel, Mike & Tracy Urlaub
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild	Chris Christopherson
Livestream Team.	Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Elsa Phillips

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