Grace Lutheran Worship Folder October 14 & 15, 2023



Season after Pentecost

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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

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.) (the assembly stands as you are comfortable)

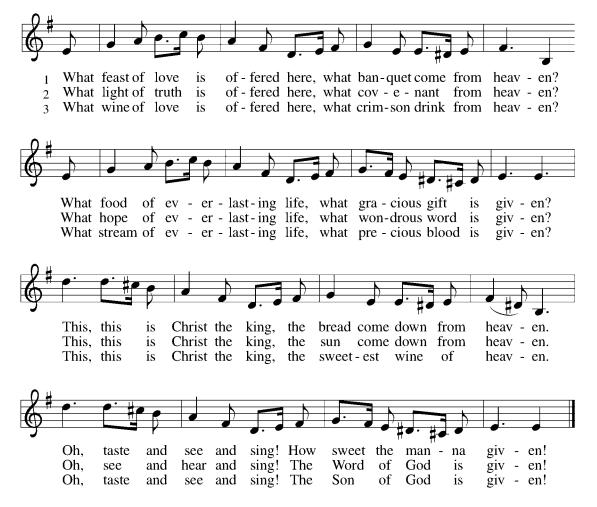
- P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Steadfast and faithful God,
- C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, we are already and always forgiven.
- C: Amen.

"What Feast of Love"

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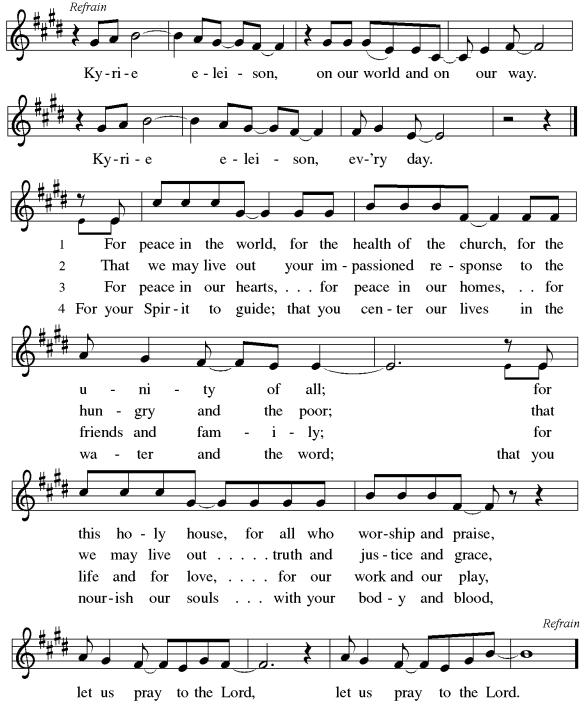
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GREETING

- P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth 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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear vou. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, vou subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

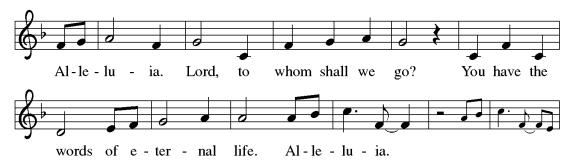
Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

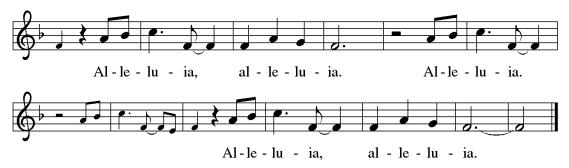
¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

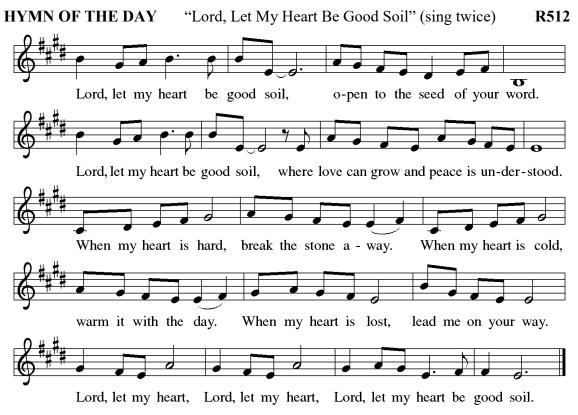
Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

- 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 descended into nell. 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

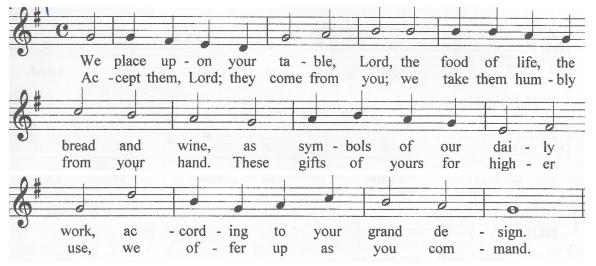
(Response after each petition)

- P: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

<u>MEAL</u> God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

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

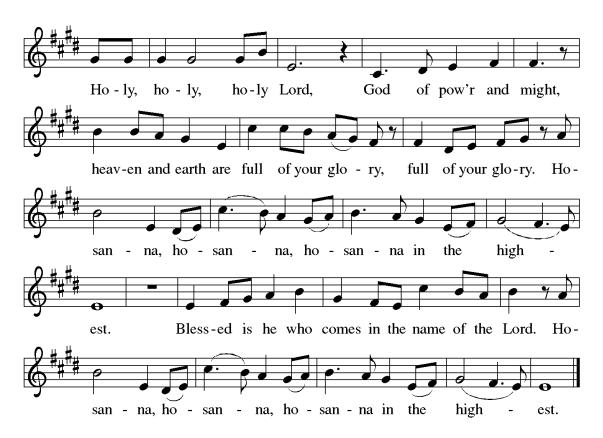


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- P: Let us pray...God of power, God of plenty,
- C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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 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: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void,...*(concluding)*...Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

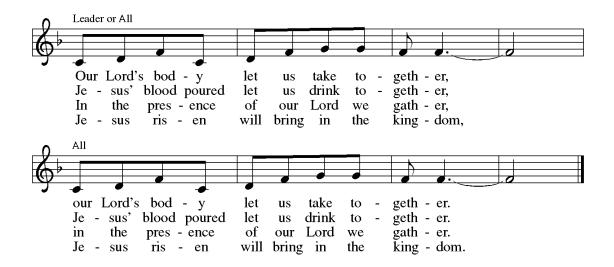
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- For thine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

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are



⁽Hymn continued on next page)



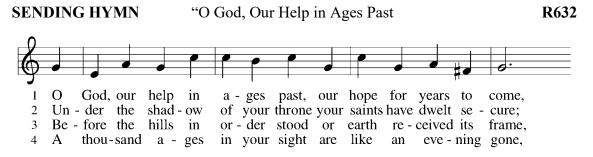
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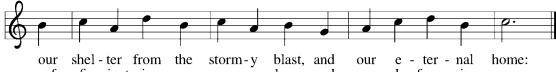
(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- **P:** Let us pray...Blessed be your name, O God,
- C: for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.





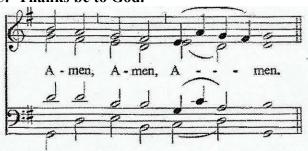
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure. from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: ST. Anne, William Croft, 1678–1727

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Tammy Furze's birthday, October 14, given by her mom, Verna Furze.

NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO

We have placed an ad for a new accompanist in the Alpena News and posted it on our Facebook page. If you would share that post, it will be spread to all your friends and get the word out even more. That will help us immensely to find someone. Thank you.

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

Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, 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, Kathy Rettell -- Joseph Bleau, WMHRLD family, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, 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. We also remember the family of Dewayne Nail (Theresa Barnard's brother), who passed away September 27th and the family of Daniel Spaulding, who passed away October 5th.

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.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Homebound Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Matthew Lutheran Church/ Herron, Rev. Leslie Nye, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - Sunday, October 15

We will continue our exploration of other Christian traditions looking at Presbyterians for this session, an ecumenical partner to the ELCA. Everyone is invited to join us at 11 in the Lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE - October 18

Our monthly meeting will be October 18 at 1:00 pm in the lounge. All women are welcome!

Ruth Circle will be hosting the **Bake Sale**, **December 2**. Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake and donate. We need everyone's help to make it a success. 16

JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE -MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH AT 5:30 PM

Join with church members as we fill bags with meals for students to take home on the weekend, the Feeding Kids Ministry program. Meet at the old Sunset School on Hobbs Drive using the kitchen entrance on the left side of the building toward the back. We could use 15 - 20 people including children 5 and older to do this project for about 1 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. It involves gathering all the items together for the meals sent home with students on the weekend. Please sign up in the Office Lobby. Thanks.

GAME NIGHT AT GRACE

Thursday, October 26 ~ \$10.00/person

Doors open at 4:30 pm. Serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato bar and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. Limited seating/reservations required. Please call Chris (989.356.0430), if no answer leave message. *Proceeds to support our quilting ministry*. We are in need of card tables for this event. If you would be willing to loan a card table, please make sure your name is on the bottom of the table and leave it under the coat rack by Sunday, October 22. Thanks!

NEIGHBORHOOD TRUNK OR TREAT - Tuesday, October 31

Grace is in need of volunteers for a Trick-or-Treating station in front of the church on Tuesday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The exact times may be adjusted to the official city of Alpena Trick or Treat times. Donations of treats to be given out are also needed and can be placed in the basket on the pew by the church office. We had over 100 kids stop by last year! This is great opportunity to Meet and Greet Grace's neighborhood families, see all of the wonderful costumes, AND snitch a few pieces of candy while handing out treats! <u>Please sign up on the sheet located in the Office</u> Narthex or email/call the office to be added to list. Thanks!

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, November 5

You are invited to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting for Grace Lutheran on Sunday November 5 at 11 AM following worship and a bit of Fellowship Time. The Budget for 2024 and election of Officers are on the Agenda.

THANK YOU

Thank you Grace family for your thoughts and prayers! I am back home, upright, and back to work. -- Logan Suszek

NEW SCHEDULES ARE OUT

New schedules have been completed and are available to be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall or viewed online on our web page under the "schedules" tab. Copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Please check the new schedules, which begin October 1, if you have volunteered to serve.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Little Food Pantry could use small packets of baby food and toilet paper.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH FUNDRAISER AUCTION Friday, October 27 ~ 5PM Silent Auction ~ 7PM Live Auction ~ Public Invited!

Sloppy Joes, nachos, hotdogs, & fresh apple cider available by donation. Check out some of the great auction items listed on the poster located on the bulletin board in the entrance.

SQUARE DANCING & BALLROOM DANCING OFFERED

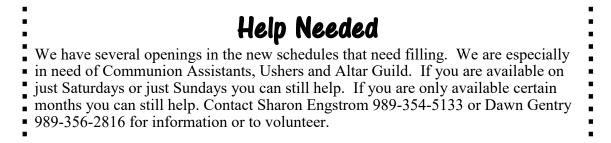
Looking for some new social activity for this fall and winter season? Come to the square dance and/or ballroom dance classes at the Presque Isle Harbor Association Clubhouse. Square dancing and ballroom dancing. More info is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance.

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.



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Annversaries

of

Baptism



October 4 Madelyn Boyd October 21 Thomas Bertrand Drew Gentry

October 10 Wayne Christopherson October 27

October 12 Kay Grove

October 15 Matthew Anderson Molly O'Connor

October 20 Shane Bullard



Piper Slominski

October 29 Michael Pankey Mya Styma

October 30 Marcie Law Connie Suszek October 14 Tamar Furze

October 15

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Dawn & Brett Anderson 3rd Matt & Ruby Haske 4th Bill & Nancy Platt

6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave 17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith 24th Dale & Patricia Schultz

Birthdays

October 2 Jim Berles Adam Kirchoff

October 3 Ellie Walker

October 5 Mike Morgan

October 6 Christopher Piontkowski

October 7 Ken Amlotte Kristin Berles Richard Carlson Kimberly McCourt Michael Pankey

October 10 Gary Grove Steve Lappan

October 13 David Dekett

Kody Bertrand

October 18 Brian Schiller Jim Timrick

October 20 **Erika Nicholls**

October 21 Jewel Lancaster

October 22 Jessica Slominski

October 23 Emma Nelson

October 25 Staci Chroninger

October 26 Dan VanEssen

October 27 Clayton Lee

October 28 Cindy Domrase Andrea Matzke

October 29 Caileigh Nitchman

October 31 Jessica Konarzewski Sandra Welch

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 15th

9:00 am 9:00 am **9:30 am** 11:00 am Sunday School Choir Practice **Worship** Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 16th

8am-noon 8am-3pm 5:30 pm Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Feeding Kids - packing

Tuesday - 17th 8am-noon

8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am	Pastors Text Study -
	Lounge
6:00 pm	Council

Wednesday - 18th

8am-noon 1:00 pm 6:00 pm Church Office Open Ruth Circle - Lounge Bell Choir Practice

<u>Thursday - 19th</u>

8am-noon 8am-3pm Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

Friday - 20th

8am-noon 8am-3pm Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved

<u>Saturday - 21st</u> 5:00 pm Wo

Worship

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SERVING OCTOBER 14/15

Ministers Pastor Music Director Recorded Accompanime	Rev. Tom Orth Claire Schreiber
Lector	
Communion	
Assistants Sherie Mc	Taggart, JoAnn Smith
Ushers Wayne & O	Chris Christopherson,
June Daly,	Cindy Domrase
Greeters Anna	Lewis, Darlene Freel
Altar GuildCindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
(Charter, Don LaBarre
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Anne	Gentry, Vicki Cripps,
Jo An	n Smith

SERVING OCTOBER 21/22

Ministers	
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth	
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber	
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
LectorDonna Czarnecki	
Communion	
Assistants Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith	
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,	
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