# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

August 23 & 24, 2025



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## Grace Lutheran Church

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

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

### **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.

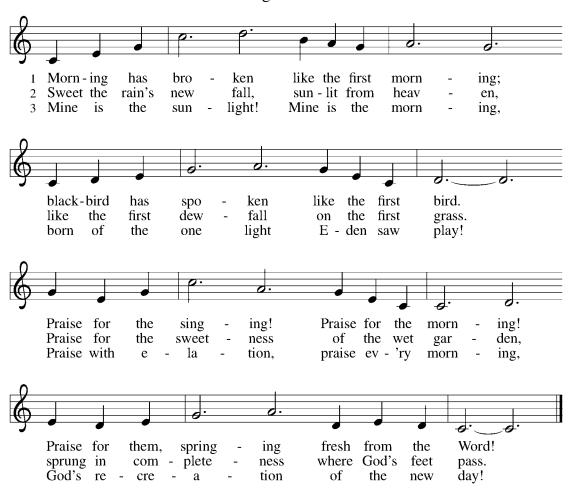
P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.



"Morning Has Broken"

**R556** 



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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.

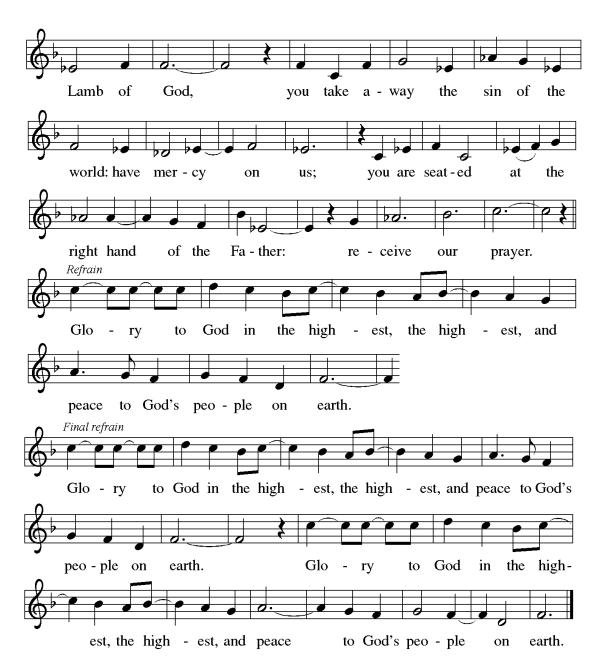
### KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)





### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

### Psalm 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe. <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

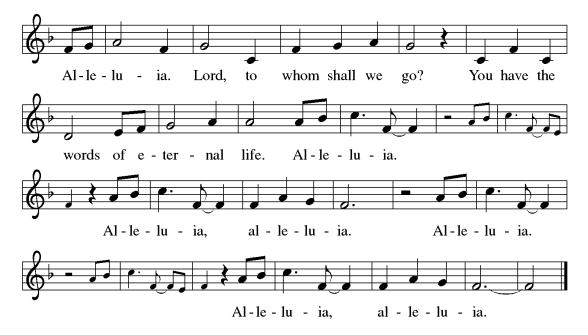
**L:** The word of the Lord.

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 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

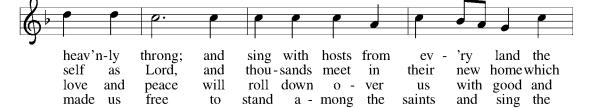
#### **HOMILY**

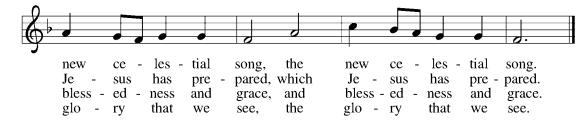
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### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

R441







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#### APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

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

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

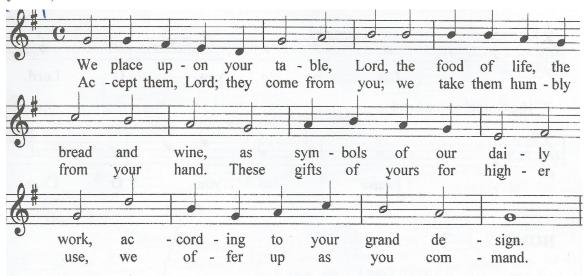
(Response after each petition)

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

### **OFFERING**

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



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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

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

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

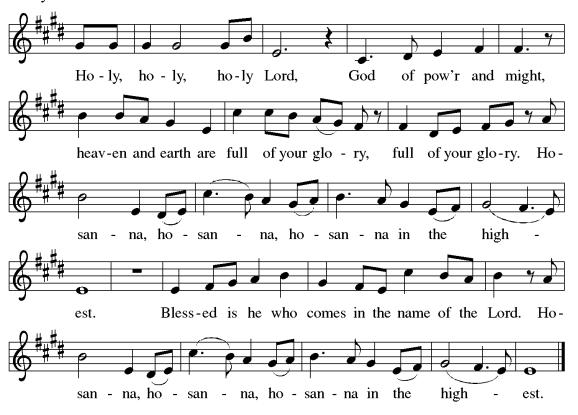
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.

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

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

C: Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

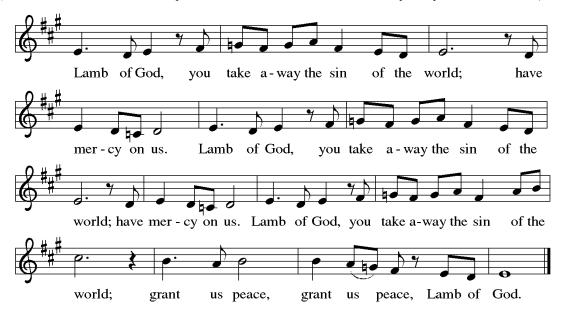
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

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

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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





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(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...Loving God,
- C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **SENDING**

### BLESSING

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

### **SENDING HYMN**

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**R886** 



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



**POSTLUDE** 



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

### **COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Memory of My Mom, Jeannine Clayton Given by Janet Bettega

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Platt, Jeanne Pankey, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Lisa Creger, Lynsie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Daphne Flack, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson) - deployed overseas and Amelia Berles - pilot training.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Peace Lutheran Church/Holland, Supply Pastors; and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - AUGUST 24**

### **Christianity in our Public Conversation Today**

Christianity is increasingly part of the public-political conversation in our country today. We will talk about the examples of it. Then how we feel the Christian faith should be used in the public-political conversation of our times. This is particularly important because there may be a change in the ruling on what churches can speak (the so called Johnson amendment) about as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

#### 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.

### THANK YOU

Thanks for the many donations that have come in to the Little Food Pantry! Most people are respectful and have food insecurity issues. Lots of people in our community donate. If you have a surplus in your garden please think about putting extra fruits or vegetables in the panty. Thank you.

### 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.

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

<u>Contributions</u> <u>Expenses</u>

Through June \$114,630 \$125,227

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

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

Dennis Werblow, Treasurer

### **Anniversories** of Baptism



August 1 Vicki Denstaedt Kiowa Kirchoff

August 4 Jeremy Jacobs Margaret O'Connor

August 5 Grace Hoeft Rvan Revnolds Anthony Thompson

August 6 Margaret Clemens Mvra Cross Anna Lewis

August 12 Jordyn Cieslik

August 13 Trey Garant James Malaski

August 14 Brett Werblow

### August 17 Jakob Bauer

August 19 Alan Brilinski Nathan Engstrom Corinne Fraley

August 20 Dorothy Hansen Isaac Matzke

August 21 William Matzke

August 22 Pam Gohlke

August 23 Riley Gohlke Raymond Reynolds

August 28 Debra Nitchman

August 29 Anne Gentry

## August

August 4 Alan Brilinski Dawn Gentry

August 5 Norman Schillerstrom

August 6 Amelia Berles Corinne Fraley Aaron Nowak

August 7 Shirley Diemond

August 8 Mark Freel Monroe Garant

August 9 Joel Gillard Michael Urlaub

August 10 Sandra Malaski Deb Wcisel-Ellsworth

August 11 Joann Smith



August 12 Carev Schiller Madison Szymanski

August 13 Jamie Gentry Grace Hoeft

August 18 Ed Czarnecki

August 19 Charity Corwin

August 20 Drew Gentry Wayne Lewis

August 21 Donna Morgan Brody Nowak

August 22 Rachel Engstrom Jeffrey Welch

August 23 Ruby Haske Travis Konarzewski

August 28 Debra Nitchman



### Wedding Anniversaries

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

19th Phil & Pam Agius

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

28th Don LaBarre & Anne Gentry

#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –24th 9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 25th 8am-noon 8am-2pm 4pm-9pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved Fellowship Hall Reserved
Tuesday - 26th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge
Wednesday - 27tl 8am-noon	<u>h</u> Church Office Open
Thursday - 28th 8am-noon 8am-2pm 1:30 pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved ReBoot Meeting
Friday - 29th 8am-noon 8am-2pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Saturday - 30th	

<b>SERVING AUGUST 23/24</b>	
Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded Accomp	panimentKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst	Joe Gentry
	Joe Gentry
Ushers Ga	ry & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
Ci	ndy Domrase (Saturday)
	Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild	Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
	Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour	Brandi Stone, Darlene Freel
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Coffee Hour ..................................Jeff & Sandy Welch

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