

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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

R835



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

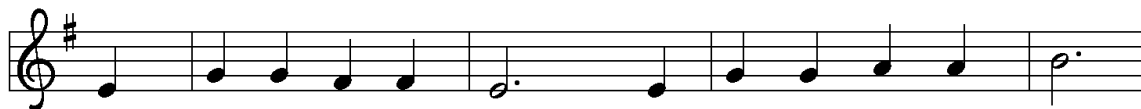
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GREETING

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

[¹ Bless the LORD, my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.]

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass

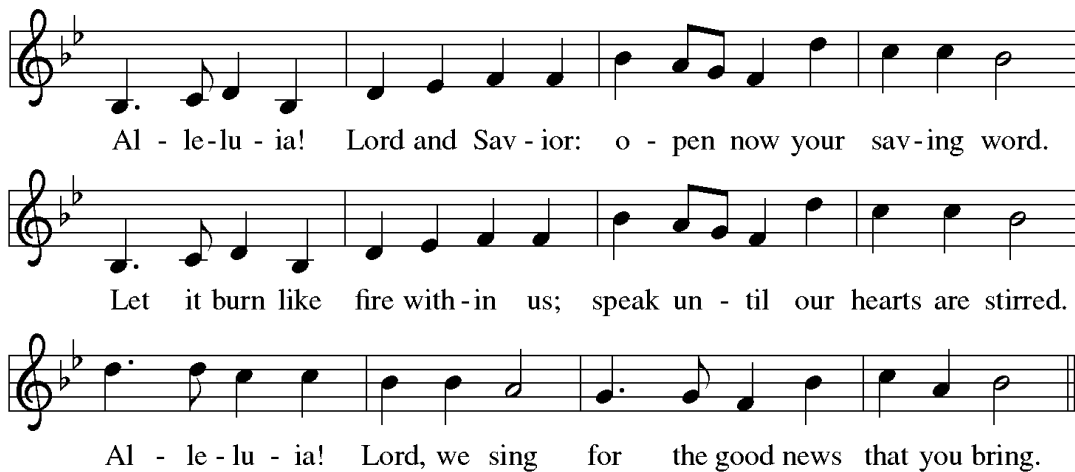
judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

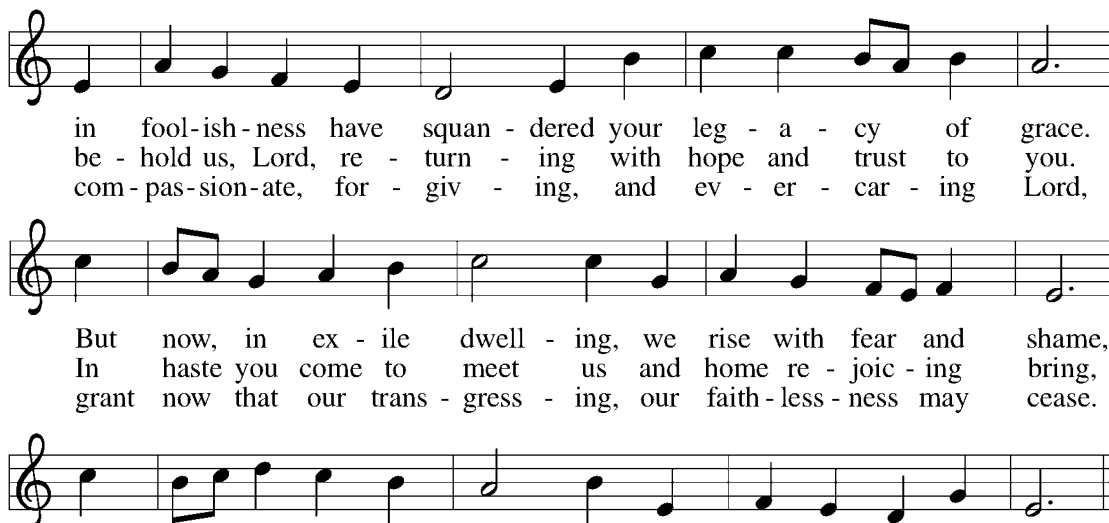
(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

R606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par-don, and in peace.

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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 comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...Loving God,

C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.

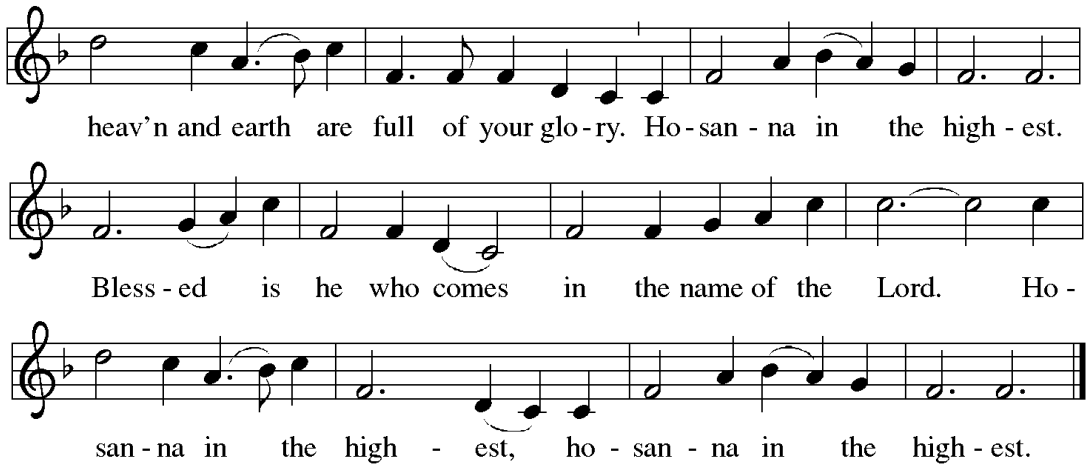
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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 welcome to participate in the Eucharist)

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

R721

Good - ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;

light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is

ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is

ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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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...Compassionate God,

C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

R864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un-chang-ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

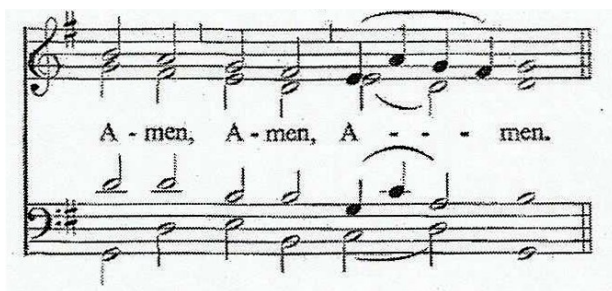
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Seek equality and justice for all.

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.

ATTENTION HELP NEEDED

Altar Guild and Ushers needed to help with our worship services.
Several months have only 1 person scheduled we need at least 2.
Contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office
if you are able to help or have any questions.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Rev. Scott Torkko, Assistant to the Bishop, for leading worship, preaching and presiding this weekend.

SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER

Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Covenant Hospital Pastoral Care Dept./Saginaw, Deacon Kathy Bonn; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Meredith Smith, Jon Crow, Larry Garant, Patti Tucker, Bonnie Cross, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Kelly Pankey--Nicole Zbytowski, Dana Cruse-Malcomson, Cheryl Gauthier, Tamyra Rychlinski, Ho-Ok Nam Lin (Pastor Seok Nam Lin's mother), Maria Shelton, Lysie, Becky & Dante, Tyson, Georgia, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Joan Vanover, Mychele Allmacher, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Jordyn, Maggie, Joseph Hansen and Baby J.
Military: Don Witt, 6-month deployment from Alpena, Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles, US Air Force Pilot Training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - SEPTEMBER 13

Have you ever thought that the God described in the New Testament seems very different from the God described in the Old Testament? Love versus violence? Jesus versus Jehovah? Join the Adult class on Sunday, September 13, to consider how these two parts of the Bible may be reconciled, as well as how Jesus read the Old Testament, his only scriptures. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet at 11:00 a.m. on September 16. We are having a potluck lunch. Please join us. All women are welcome! This month's lesson is in the September *Gather* magazine on page 30.

MUSIC AT GRACE

Choir and Bell Choir are starting up in September! If you are interested in either, please sign up in the lobby or contact Claire by email: sclaire489@gmail.com. **There will be a music potluck on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00pm** to go over further information and details. If you would like to bring a dish, you can sign up in the lobby as well.

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

To attend our next "CONNECT" work group meeting on Thursday, September 17th @ 1:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. We will be looking at and planning past & present projects & events. Hope to see you there!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

September is the month that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America celebrates their annual "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. Please join us on Sunday, September 20th @ 1p.m. at Samaritas, 210 Wilson Street, Alpena. We will share some refreshments and enjoy fellowship with the residents. Let's celebrate our identity as a church and put our faith into action by serving and loving our neighbors!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

On September 26 & 27 we will be collecting donations for the Little Food Pantry. Items that are used the most are cereal, peanut butter, jam, and personal care products such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and soap.

Sale? Everyone likes a sale and now is the time to purchase canned vegetables and fruits on sale. Why not a can or two for our pantry?

Thank you for your generous contributions, which help Grace continue this important ministry of providing for those in need. We are also grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers who stock the pantry each week. If you are interested in joining this effort, please speak with Mary Lappan.

RANDOM ACT OF GRACE -

FEEDING KIDS PACKING - SEPTEMBER 28 AT 5:30 PM - SUNSET SCHOOL

Join us as we fill up weekend food packs for kids in Alpena Public Schools. For those that can help, a sign-up sheet is located in the Office Lobby.

CALL COMMITTEE FORMING

As we begin the process of finding a new pastor following Pastor Tom's retirement, we are forming a Call Committee. **We are thankful for those who have already stepped forward to request being on this committee, but would love to have more members of our congregation involved in this very important task.** We are especially looking for a representative from the Saturday service and at least one more younger person.

For those interested, an outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Call Committee members can be found on the Synod website at www.mittensynod.org. The Call Process Manual can be found by selecting resources at the top of the Synod website home page and then scrolling down to "Congregations in Transition." Once you have selected "Congregations in Transition" you will select the top item in the list "NWLML Synod Call Process Manual." The direct link to the Call Process Manual is here, if you prefer to type it in your browser address bar: <https://www.mittensynod.org/docs/CallProcessManual.pdf>. If you would find a paper copy easier to read, please contact Peggy in the office. We encourage everyone to review this information to gain a better understanding of the commitment involved.

If you are interested in serving on the Call Committee please contact Rick Engstrom or Tom Lappan. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our church community during this transition.

Grace Lutheran Council

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the recent rummage sale. Through your generous donation of material or time (or both) we received more than \$1,700 for our mission work that supports Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train (national and international organizations), plus many local groups. Once again, thank you!

-- Grace Quilters

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR TOM

Thank you Grace Lutheran for 13 years of ministry together. As many said, the time seems to have flown by. Yet looking back, there are many things we have done together that shaped Grace, our congregation and each of us individually. Thank you for sharing your stories at the luncheon. It was meaningful and touching to hear how our time together has made an impact to so many of you. Thank you for the last weekend of worship together and the many thoughts for the future. And thank you very much for the most generous retirement gift. I can think of a few fun things to do with it that I hadn't considered before. Thank you.

God's Grace, Blessings and Peace to all.

Pastor Tom

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR AUGUST 2026

Average needed in August (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 24,065.00
Monthly Giving - August	23,360.58

We received:

140 envelopes, 67 Simply Giving recurring payments,
6 Give+ payments made from our website and 6 Thrivent Choice donations.



Anniversaries of Baptism



September 1
Britni Nowak

September 5
Jon Crow
Aaron Nowak

September 10
Dawn Gentry
Jim Hansen
Brian Nelson

September 13
Izzy Szymanski

September 14
Astrid Fitzpatrick

September 20
Mark Freel
Caileigh Nitchman

September 27
Jonathan Lang
Wayne Lewis
Marco Wade
Owen Wade

September 28
Rachel Engstrom

September 29
T. J. Lappan
Chuck McKay



2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross
11th Jim & Laurie Hansen
16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie

Birthdays



September 4
Marcie Law

September 10
Ryan Werblow

September 11
Donald Cross
Steven Garant

September 12
Shane Bullard
Jacquelyn R. Timm

September 14
Izzy Denstaedt
Nic Timmreck

September 15
Thomas Bertrand

September 17
William Bock

September 18
Maia Slominski

September 24
Judith Douglas

September 26
Joseph Gentry

September 27
Cheryl Lang

September 28
Darlene Freel
Ann O'Connor

September 29
John Kuligowski
Jessica McKenzie
Dennis Werblow

September 30
Ella Sandula
Kady Sandula
Connie Suszek

Wedding Anniversaries

17th Gordon & Karen Suszek
19th Joel & Cindy Suszek
24th Steven & Caitlin Wade
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 13th

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

Monday - 14th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
6:00 pm Remembering Our
 Children - Lounge
6:00 pm Alpena Figure Skating
 Club - Hall

Tuesday - 15th

8am-noon Church Office Open
9am-noon Quilting/Sewing

Wednesday - 16th

8am-noon Church Office Open
11:00 am Ruth Circle
6:00 pm Music Potluck

Thursday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved
1:30 pm Connect Meeting

Friday - 18th

8am-noon Church Office Open
11:00 am Eldon Cripps
 Memorial Service

Saturday - 19th

5:00 pm **LFP Collection Weekend**
 Worship

SERVING SEPTEMBER 12/13

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Scott Torkko
Music Director Claire Witt
OrganistKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst...... Sherie McTaggart, Jo Ann Smith
Lector Nancy Platt
Ushers..... Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
 Wayne Lewis (Sat.)

Greeters Joe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild..... Mary Rowader,
 Jewel Lancaster (Sat. Set Up)

Livestream Team ... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
 Don LaBarre, Alex Struble

Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek,
 Stephanie Suszek

Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom

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Lector Janet Bettega
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