

# *Worship Folder*



## *Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

*November 14-15, 2020*

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## **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.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Our sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN "Let Streams of Living Justice"**

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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**

P: Lord have mercy

**C: Christ have mercy**

P: Lord have mercy

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**     *Unison*

**Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**

*So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

[<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly  
and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?]

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall

asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### Matthew 25:14-30

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’

<sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

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

### **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lord Our God, with Praise We Come”

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### **APOSTLE'S 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:** Let us pray.

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

### **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.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

P: Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN “Thine the Amen”**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **PRAYERS**

Darlene Freel, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Deborah McClure, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partner: Grace Lutheran Church/Vassar, Rev. Paulette Cummings.

### **SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES**

With a heavy heart, Grace's Council and Pastor Tom have suspended in-person worship services again. With the increasing number of cases in the area, schools having to suspend class rooms and the prediction for more to come, the decision was made. Additionally, on November 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop Satterlee of our ELCA Synod along with the Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA strongly recommended the suspension of in-person worship. This means that in-person Sunday School is also suspended. We will continue to evaluate local conditions and keep you informed of our future decisions on returning to in-person worship.

### **LIVESTREAMING OF WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM**

There will be livestreaming of a worship service on Sunday mornings. Worship will be conducted with a very limited number of worship leaders in the sanctuary and livestreamed as it is being done. A recording of that will be available for viewing anytime afterwards.

### **WHEN PLACING FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR WORSHIP**

Please remember to either fill out an Altar Flowers Form (found on the table in the Office Narthex) or call (989.354.2640) or email the church office ([officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) with the information you would like listed in the bulletin. Thanks!

### **DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making face masks and some are available for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

### **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

We are very grateful for all the food donations that have been given to the Little Food Pantry. Many times we don't know the donor but sure want you to know that it is being used! We have volunteers fill each pantry many times during the week and food is gone very quickly. THANK YOU for those donations. If you would like to donate food here is what we are in need of: baby foods which are individual, pasta and rice sides, juice boxes, tuna packets, small containers of quick and easy meals, or breakfast packets. Fresh things from a garden go quickly too. We have no refrigeration.

### **RECYCLING UPDATE**

Our recycling list of items has changed. Please recycle only the following: empty writing instruments, glue sticks, toothbrush/toothpaste, food storage containers (plastic or glass), vitamin/mineral/supplement bottles, cough/cold/flu bottles, all Hasbro toys and games. *Anything other than these items I will have to dispose of.* Thank you for your cooperation and help. -- Corinne Fraley



### **COLLECTING MITTENS, GLOVES AND HATS**

Collecting mittens, gloves and hats for youth this winter. If you would like to donate please put items in the little gray house inside the doors of the church and we will distribute them in November to infants, toddlers and young school age children. Thank you for the wonderful continued donations of children's hats and gloves. We gave 5 pairs of socks, 8 hats (1 with gloves) and 9 sets of mittens & gloves to The Baby Pantry/ Children's Closet and 2 adult jackets to the Salvation Army this week. Some are also being taken by those using our Little Food Pantry.

### **GRACE FAMILY THANKSGIVING *TAKE OUT* DINNER 2020**

**Thursday, November 26, 2020 ~ Turkey & the Fixings**

Since we can't be together in person for a Thanksgiving meal at the church, we will be in spirit. On the menu: turkey & gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, side of squash or green bean casserole (squash if available, green bean casserole if squash is not available), roll, pumpkin bar with cream cheese frosting.

Take Out Only (delivery service available to those in need of this service beginning at 3:15 p.m.)

Orders can be placed now through Monday, November 16 with the church office at 354-2640.

Name

Phone

Take out or delivery (address required for deliveries)

Number of meals

**Pick-up times will be assigned at the time you order** (beginning at 4:00 p.m.).

Your dinners will be brought to your car at the Office Lobby entrance to the church.

**Please enter the drive from the east (toward 2nd Ave.) and exit the drive to the west (toward 3rd Ave.).**

In lieu of members donating food, monetary donations will be accepted help offset cost.

### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**

Grace Lutheran will be participating in the Christmas Wish List program again this year. Details will soon be available. Thank you. -- Discipleship.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Change in hours this week**

The Church Office will only be open Tuesday and Wednesday next week (November 17 & 18), from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.



# November



## Birthdays

**November 2**  
Olivia Haske  
Cindy Suszek

**November 4**  
Harold Kissau  
Britni Nowak

**November 5**  
Lori Graham

**November 7**  
Phyllis Colagross

**November 8**  
Edward Jahnke  
Melissa Timmreck

**November 10**  
Hannah Matzke

**November 11**  
Linda Gapske  
Gracie Gillard  
Brent Welch

**November 12**  
Diane O'Connor

**November 13**  
Doug Chroninger

**November 14**  
Mary Bock

**November 15**  
Betty Dulebohn

**November 17**  
Chloe Hayward  
Kassandra McInerney

**November 18**  
Nancy Stachnik  
Karyn Vass

**November 20**  
Kelli Liske  
Sherie McTaggart

**November 21**  
Kevin Graham

**November 24**  
Melissa Chabot

**November 25**  
Jeffrey Diamond  
Monica Jahnke  
Erin McCourt

**November 26**  
Davis Crittenden  
Bruno Hirzel

**November 28**  
Janie Hansen  
Lisa McIntosh  
Brody Yuchasz

**November 30**  
Matthew Timrick

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**November 1**  
Beverly Suszek

**November 9**  
Mary Bock

**November 11**  
Jessica McKenzie

**November 12**  
Nicholas Schillerstrom

**November 13**  
Norman Schillerstrom

**November 21**  
Elaine Hatch

**November 23**  
Ashley Timmreck  
Madison Timmreck  
Melissa Timmreck  
Nicholas Timmreck  
Paige Timmreck  
Dan VanEssen

**November 24**  
Chris Christopherson

**November 26**  
Bruno Hirzel

**November 27**  
Beckett Granata

**November 29**  
Scott Kuligowski  
Brian Schiller  
Ellie Walker



## Wedding Anniversaries

4th William & Mary Bock  
9th Ian & Amelia Kamyszek  
25th Anthony & Laura Thompson

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,415.00 |
| Weekly giving - November 8              | 4,100.00    |

#### We received:

21 envelopes, 13 Simply Giving recurring payments and  
1 Give+ payment made from our website

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