Grace Lutheran Worship Folder May 10 & 11, 2025



Watch worship online - connect through www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

Liturgies from Sundays and Seasons, Copyright 2023, Augsburg Fortress and Sundays and Seasons.com. Permission to reprint/stream liturgies obtained from Augsburg Fortress Lic. #SAS103307. All rights reserved.

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

- P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C: make us one as you are one.
- P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C: make us one as you are one.
- P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C: make us one as you are one.

- P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
- C: Amen.



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

This selection is in the public domain.

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



Text: Gracia Grindal @ 1998 Augsburg Fortress. Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-708784.

HYMN OF PRAISE





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!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Text: Martin A. Seltz; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven. Text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress. Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-708784.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

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

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though 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.

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

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

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

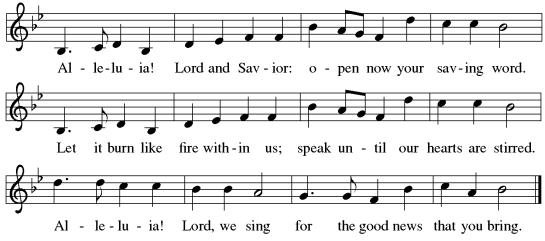
⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- 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



Text: Gracia Grindal © 1998 Augsburg Fortress. Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-708784.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYN	AN OI	FTH	E DA	Y	"Т	he Lo	ord's N	My Sh	epher	ď"				R778
Ç	0		•	0	0		•	0	0		•	0		- 0 -
1 2 3 4 5	My Yea, My	soul thoug ta	he h I - ble	dotĥ walk thou]	herd; re - ; in d hast cy	store eath's rich -	a - dark - ly sj	pread	and yet in	makes me will pres - sure -	to I ence	walk fear of	doth no my	lie make ill; foes; me,
6	in with for my and	- in thou head	the art thou	path with dost	: with	righ and oil	thy a-	s-ness rod noint	and t, and	for staff	his me cup	own com o o	- fort - ver	e's sake; still; - flows.
	He with for My and	- in thou head	art thou	with dost		righ and oil		s-ness, rod noint	e'en and , and		his me cup	own com - o -	name' fort ver	still. - flows.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-708784.

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

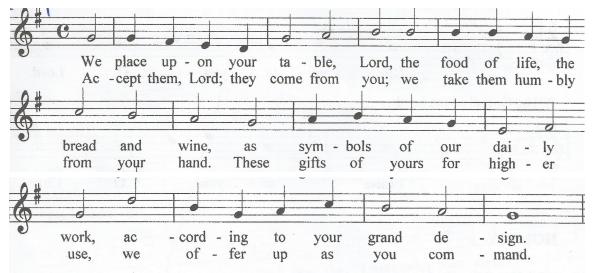
(Response after each petition)

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

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

OFFERING

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



Words: M F C Wilson. Text copyright 1988, Lorenz Publishing, All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under OneLicense.net #A-708789

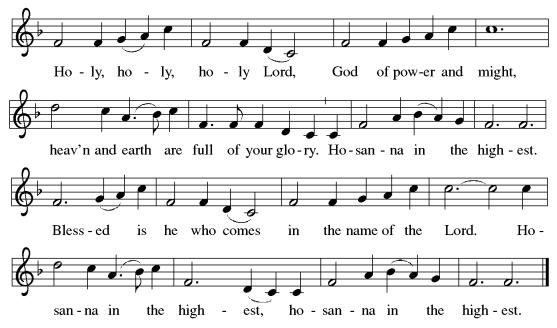
P: Let us pray...Risen One,

we bring our gifts and you gather us around your table of grace. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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: 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 whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and

deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

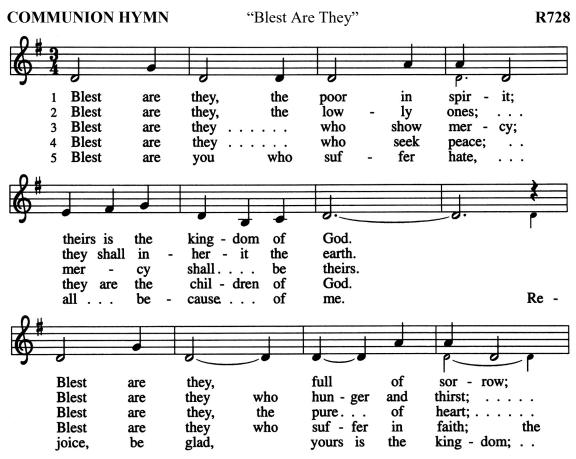
HOLY COMMUNION

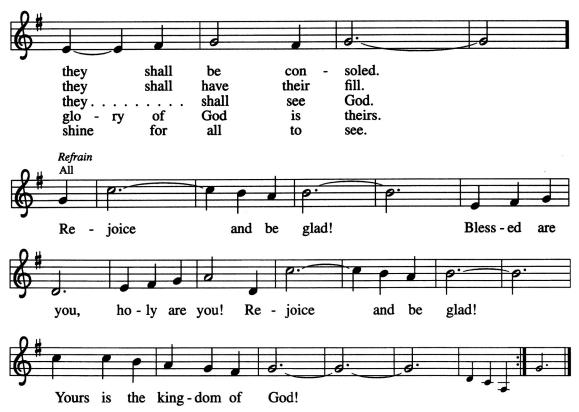
(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.



Text: Martin A. Seltz © 1998 Augsburg Fortress. Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-708784





(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...Living One,
- C: in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

BLESSING

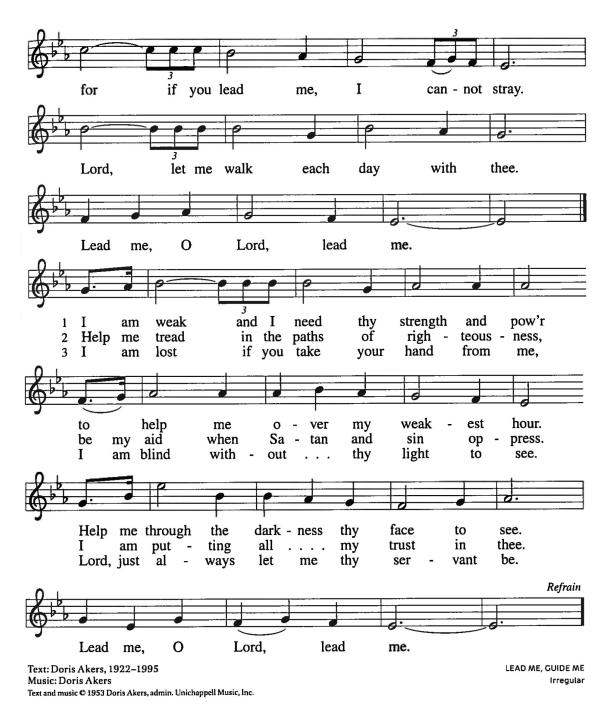
P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Led Me, Guide Me"

R**768**





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



POSTLUDE

ት ት ት

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Hope Kamyszek, Pam Kirchoff, Bill Whitscell, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Rose Rosenbreck, Michelle, Sandra Christopherson, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Bonnie Urlaub, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Lay Eucharistic Ministers at TrinityEpiscopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Edgewood Lutheran Church/Fruitport, Rev. Ellen Schoepf and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

PRAYER LETTERS

Please sign the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - MAY 11 Gospel of Luke, Chapter 8

We're at Chapter 8 as we read Luke, asking questions and connecting verses to each other as themes develop. Please join us for class, even if you haven't made it before. It is very possible to come and participate. We are at 11 in the Lounge. See you there.

TACO & TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, MAY 16

The ReBoot Committee is planning a Taco & Trivia Night. See the poster in the Office Lobby for more information. Volunteers and food items are needed. See sign-up sheets in the Office Lobby for details. Questions, please contact Donna Morgan at 989.590.3327.

PACKING FEEDING KID'S MINISTRY FOOD PACKS - MONDAY, MAY 19

Join us on Monday evening at Sunset School to pack the weekend packs for kids. Sign up in the Office Lobby. We start at 5:30 PM and will be done by 6:30 PM at the latest.

GRADUATING?

Please let us know by May 25

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 8.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our Little Food Pantry is currently in need of cereal, small packets of oatmeal, toilet paper and bread.

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

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

Grace Lutheran Congregation Council Meeting February 18, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Opening Devotion and prayer given by Elsa Phillips (zoom)

All Council members attended except Donna Morgan and we welcomed Jessica Smolinski as our new Finance Chairman.

Formally appointed Dennis Werblow as Treasurer. He had been Acting Treasurer since Don Barnard's resignation.

Secretary's minutes were accepted as printed.

Correspondence and communications - thank you notes were read.

Pastor's report - Pastor Tom reported in detail his activities including pastoral acts, meetings, UCC responsibility, continuing education, events happening in our church since last council meeting and outreach.

Need for delegates for our upcoming NW Michigan Synod Assembly (May 18-20) in Mt Pleasant.

Treasurer's/Finance Report -Dennis Werblow gave a year end report as well as December and January reports were accepted by Council.

Work Groups -

- Discipleship (ReBoot)- gave a calendar of events for several months on activities at the church.
- Little Food Pantry Mary Lappan reported that the panty continues to accept donations and zeroing in on collection of hats, mittens and socks. Very active pantry.
- Education Elsa Phillips gave a brief report on Sunday School classes.
- Fellowship -Met with the ReBoot, working on a brochure and hope to plan a trivia night. (Donna Morgan)
- Finance and Stewardship Motions were made to have Jessica Smolinski chair this committee and Dennis Werblow as Treasurer.
- Property Ed Czarnecki gave a presentation via pictures of items that needed attention at the church. More details to be posted on the bulletin board near Peggy's office.
- Worship -Sharon Engstrom informed Council of upcoming events including Easter events. Choir and Bell Choir continue to practice. Council approved the purchase of two new banners, items on the Memorials and Gifts List using Memorial Funds.

Old business - Discussion on the Constitution and suggestions for revisions from Council will now go Pastor Dennis Smith for review at the Synod office. New business- Tabled more discussion on Council Retreat and what should happen next until next meeting.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

(This meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 22 due to N/W Lower MI Synod Assembly ending on Tuesday, May 20)

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. To Our Family at Grace,



The Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy announces that Amelia Kate Berles of the Class of 2025 is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Thursday, May Twenty-Ninth United States Air Force Academy, Colorado

If you would like to send your congratulations, cards may be mailed to:

Amelia Berles 116 W. White St. Alpena, MI 49707

Kindly, no gifts—your warm wishes and words of encouragement mean the world.



Anniversaries of Baptism

May 13

Mav 14

May 15

May 17

Mav 19

May 28

Joshua Engstrom

Logan Suszek

Madi Szymanski

Raylynn Suszek

Wesley Garant

Hope Kamyszek

Kathryn Reynolds

Alexander Bauer

Hannah Kamvszek

Savannah Kamyszek

May 4 Jerry Charter

May 5 Kody Bertrand

May 6 Michael Lang

May 7 Jeanne Pankey Ella Sandula Kady Sandula

May 8 Phran Ludington

May 9 Sheri Smith

May 10 Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

May 11 Christopher Piontkowski Stacey Piontkowski May 29 Jeffrey Welch

Darlene Dekett

May 30 Terry Bertrand

May 12 Monroe Garant



Wedding Anniversaries

2ndStephen & Janie Hansen3rdJeff & Sandy Welch6thGary & Janet Bettega8thJon & Mari Crow17thPaul & Vicki Denstaedt30thEric & Emma Barber



May 2 Grace Kuligowski Scott Lancaster Harper Suszek

May 3 Chad Lewis Beth Matzke Craig Weise

May 4 Thomas (T.J.) Lappan Mya Styma

May 5 Vicki Piontkowski

May 6 Dawn Anderson Oliviah Viegelahn

May 8 Matthew Anderson

May 11 Michele Amelotte

May 12 Rachel Brownhill Taylor Loop Nancy Platt Peggy Tomaszewski

May 15 Laurie Hansen

May 16 Jan Charter May 17 Audrey Garant

May 18 Karen Suszek

May 19 Michael McCourt Rebecca Trelfa Brett Werblow

May 22 Alexander Bauer Pamela Kirchoff Roger Pankey

May 23 Scott Coddington

May 24 Betty Bedford Joanne Kindt

May 25 Polly Cook

May 26 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Miriam Denstaedt Ella Engstrom

May 30 Alexander Struble

May 31 Matthew Kibbe Emily Szymanski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –11th

8:50 am	Choir Practice
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult Christian Ed

Monday - 12th 8am-2pm

8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
10am-12pm	Church Office Open

Tuesday - 13th

8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am	Pastors Text Study -
	Lounge
11am-3pm	Kitchen Reserved
6:15 pm	Friends of Animal
_	Control - Hall

Wednesday - 14th

8am-noon 6:00 pm

on Church Office Open Bell Choir

<u>Thursday - 15th</u>

8am-noonChurch Office Open8am-1pmKitchen Reserved1pm-3pmKitchen - Trivia Set Up

Worship

Friday - 16th

All Day 8am-noon 5:00 pm Kitchen Reserved Church Office Open Tacos & Trivia Night

Saturday - 17th 5:00 pm

SERVING MAY 10/11

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
	Claire Witt
Recorded Accom	panimentKat Tomaszewski
	Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis
Lector	Jan Charter
Ushers	Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske;
	Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
	Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
	Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour	Ruby Haske & Family

SERVING MAY 17/18

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded Accompa	nimentKat Tomaszewski
Comm. Asst.	Audrey Garant, Wayne Lewis
Lector	Sharon Engstrom
Ushers	Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske;
	Wayne Lewis (Saturday)
Greeters . Anna Lew	vis, Darlene Freel, Patti Tucker
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters W	/ayne & Chris Christopherson,
Γ	Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour	Wayne & Chris Christopherson

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 119 W. Dunbar St., Alpena, MI 49707 Phone: Office 989-354-2640 Web Site: www.gracelutheran-alpena.org Give online at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org

Pastor: Rev. Thomas W. Orth Pastor's Home 989-356-8729 Pastor's Cell Phone 989-916-8759 <u>E-mail</u>: pastor@gracelutheran-alpena.org officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org View our services on YouTube



Find us on Facebook at ww.facebook.com/gracelutheranalpena