Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

February 3 & 4, 2024



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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME/PRELUDE

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our rock and refuge,
- C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.
- P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are God's beloved.
- C: Amen.



"Jesus, We Are Gathered" (sing 4 times)

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Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyiri

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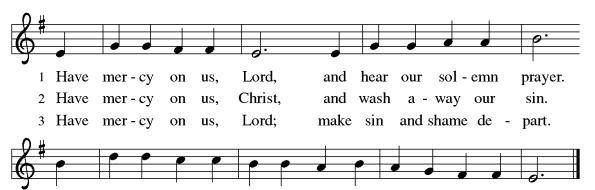
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



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 saveing pow'r: cre-- ate in us new hearts.

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

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c|} Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

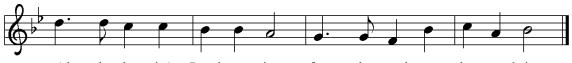
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to

do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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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.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

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

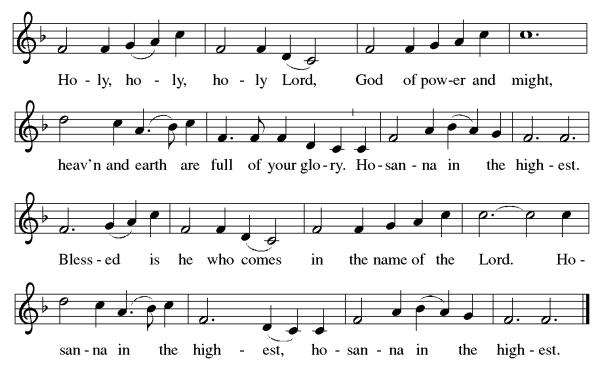


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- P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, Holy One,
- C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died.

Christ is ris-en.

Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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.

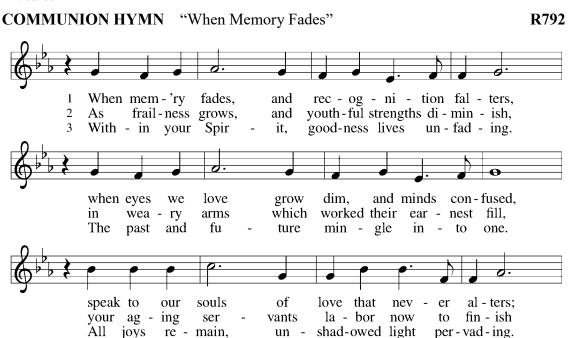
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

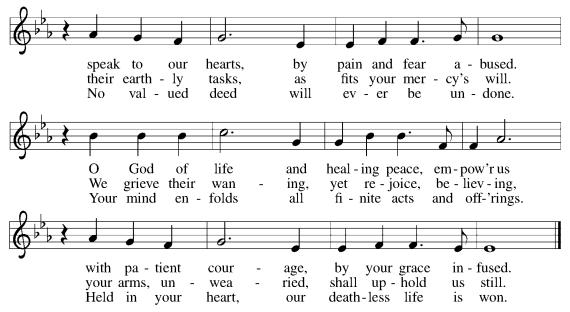
HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist) At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.



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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...God of every gift,

C: Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God who names us, Christ who claims us, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, + bless us and remain with us always.

C: Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Katherine Rettell -- Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Arlene Bettega, who passed away on January 28th.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Loving Care Members at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Emanuel Lutheran Church/Ludington, Rev. Domingo Shriver, Ecumenical, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CE FOR FEBRUARY 4

Assemblies of God

The Assemblies of God is from the Pentecostal tradition of Christianity. So we will explore that as well as particulars of the Assemblies of God. As always, we do a compare and contrast with Lutheran tradition and that of our ecumenical partners. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

CARDS TO SIGN FOR LOVING CARE MEMBERS

Please be sure to stop in the Office Lobby this weekend (Feb. 3/4) and sign Valentine's Day cards to be sent to our Loving Care Members.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION—FEBRUARY 10 & 11

We are collecting from the congregation for the Little Food Pantry. Especially needed right now are <u>baby food</u>, <u>cereals</u>, <u>loaves of bread and jam</u>, <u>small soaps and shampoos (hotel/motel size)</u>, in addition to the usual items of quick meals and easily prepared items. Bring them in that weekend and place them in front of the altar for dedication.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 - FAT SUNDAY & THINKING OF YOU PACKAGES

Have a splurge. Join us for a celebration of Fat Sunday, our name for it, before we start Lent. Bring a nice rich dessert to share during Coffee Hour.

And then we will put together Valentine Thinking of You packages for our *Loving Care Members* during the Coffee Hour.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14TH

Grace is hosting the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Service. **SEVERAL MORE SOUPS AND BREADS ARE STILL NEEDED.** Sign up in the Office Lobby for soups or breads or helping with setup and clean up. Thanks.

SAVE THE DATE!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER Sunday, April 28, 2024

The dinner will be held here at Grace and catered by JJ's. Cost: \$20/person.

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements are available to be picked up in the Office Lobby. If you would like yours mailed or emailed, please contact the Church Office at 989.354.2640.

SWEETS & TREATS

If you make a special treat you would like to share at Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship, please sign up for a date in the Office Lobby.

2024 FLOWER CHART

The 2024 flower chart is posted on the wall by the Office Lobby entrance. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign the chart AND fill out an "Altar Flowers" form (located on the table by the flower chart) telling us what you would like printed in the bulletin.

MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMITTEE OF NORTHEAST MICHIGAN MONTHLY DISCUSSION - FEBRUARY 7 AT 7 PM

The February discussion is about **Harriet Tubman** who led many people to free from enslavement in the American South. Contact Pastor Tom in you are interested, for the reading material. This is both an in-person and Zoom discussion. Pastor Tom also has the Zoom link for those interested. The in-person is here in Grace's Lounge.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SING WITH THE COMMUNITY

You are invited to sing with the Community Choir for the ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service on March 29th. Rehearsals will be held at 7 p.m. on March 7 and March 14 at First Congregational UCC, and 7 p.m. on March 21 and 11:15 a.m. on March 29 at First United Methodist Church on Ripley for a final run-through. Any questions call Kat Tomaszewski at 989.255.8750 or Sandy Jarmuzewski at 989.255.7894.

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.



Lenten Series 2024

Series Theme: Peace - Shalom - Wholeness - Wellness

Soup Supper at 6pm. Worship services at 7pm.

This year's offering goes to Hope Shores Alliance and The Friendship Room.

Date	Host	Preacher
Ash Wednesday February 14	Grace Lutheran	Rev. John Shipman
February 21	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. William Rayment
February 28	First Congregational UCC	Rev. Dr. Daniel Maxwell
March 6	First United Methodist	Rev. Richard Hotchkin
March 13	First Presbyterian	Rev. Tom Orth
March 20	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. Robert Nystrom
Maundy Thursday March 28	Trinity Episcopal	Rev. John Shipman
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Anniversaries of **Baptism**



February 2 Brianna Himes Charles McKay

February 3

February 4

February 5

Kurt Smith

Alexandra Priebe

Kathryn Reynolds

Eleanor Coddington

Birthdays

February 15 Matthew Haske Cheryl Werblow

February 3 Darlene Freel February 22 Joseph Gentry Steven Lappan February 18 Joel Suszek

February 5 Judith Douglas

February 23 Mitchell Agius Judy Black

February 19

February 12 Thomas Lappan Laura Thompson

Jon Carr Michael Dekett Trevor Denstaedt **Taylor Hayward**

February 13 Stephanie Adamski February 24 Kenda Yochum

February 20 February 6 Maggie O'Connor Stephanie Ihnat Bob Stacey

February 16 Alexandra Priebe February 25 Gracelyn Gohlke February 22 Mary Rowader

February 19 Rhonda Himes Cody Suszek

February 26 Kurt Smith

February 10 Kaitlyn Schultz Tracey Urlaub

February 7 Jeremy Jacobs

February 24 Barb Werle

February 27 Matthew Haske February 27 Joshua Engstrom



February 28 Astrid Fitzpatrick

Wedding Anniversaries



Gerald & Barbara Mudge Edward & Elvira Jahnke Gene & Cynthia Domrase

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 4th 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Choir Practice Sunday School Worship Adult Ed - Lounge
Monday - 5th 8am-noon 6:00 pm	Church Office Open ROC - Lounge
Tuesday - 6th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday - 7th 8am-noon 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Office Open Bell Choir Practice MLK Committee - Lounge
Thursday - 8th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Friday - 9th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
<u>Saturday - 10th</u> 5:00 pm	Worship

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

SERVING FEBRUARY 3/4		
Ministers God's People		
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth		
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber		
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski		
Lector Cindy Domrase		
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Christopherson		
UshersMatt, Everett & Oliva Haske (Sun.)		
Wayne Lewis (Sat.)		
Greeters Dale & Pat Schultz		
Altar GuildArlis St. Charles (Set Up)		
Nancy Platt, Brandi Stone (Clean Up)		
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble		
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,		
Darlene Freel		
Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch		
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