

✠ **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., November 18, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., November 19, 2017

## Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

***“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”***

### HYMNS

**G-R632** O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
**Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R707** Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us  
**C-R715** Christ, Be Our Light  
**S-R840** Now Thank We All Our God

### CHOIR ANTHEM

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”      WOV 641

### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Welcome to our guests and visitors who are with us today. We hope you feel at home in our midst and look forward to seeing you again. If you would like more information about Grace Lutheran, the pastor or ushers can help you. Please consider your presence to be your gift to us. No other is necessary or expected. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

### 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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available. Please ask the ushers for one.

### PRAYERS

Kelly Pankey, Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Scott Coddington, Bill Farnum, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Loving Care Member  
Harold Kissau's birthday, November 4th.

### ACTIVITY BAGS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

### GIVING TREE

Just a reminder that Giving Tree gifts are due back here, wrapped with the tag visible by Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Thanks for helping make a child's Christmas brighter!!!

### QUILTING

Due to the Holidays the Quilting/Sewing group may not meet in December, but some members may be in the parish hall working anyway. Please phone the office after 9:00 a.m. and Peggy can tell you if anyone is there. This also applies to **Snow Days** during the winter.

### FLURRY OF CARDS

Get out your list of Loving Care Members...time to inundate them with a Flurry of Cards for Thanksgiving!! Go spend a little time or give a call to these members!

### JULEFEST BAKE SALE

**Saturday, December 2 ~ 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 1 from 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated. If possible, please package and price your items or we will do that for you, if you prefer. Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 with any ideas and please let her know if you can help on Friday or Saturday. Thanks! **(This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.)**

#### GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Nov. 12, 2017	\$ 3,406.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,790.00)

### THANKSGIVING DINNER AT GRACE LUTHERAN

**Thursday, November 23 at 5 p.m.**

Turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, and drinks provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the office narthex by November 19. and indicate if you are able to bring a salad, vegetable, bread/rolls/butter or dessert to share. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. The Pankeys and Schultzes will be at the church cooking by 3 p.m. if you would like to come early to play cards or board games before dinner. Call Jeanne & Roger Pankey (354-2416) or Pat & Dale Schultz (356-2781) with questions.

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We finish up our study of the Small Catechism with the chapter on Daily Prayer and The Household Chart. Having studied the first parts of the Small Catechism, we now see how Luther said they should be used on a daily basis and the meaning they would have for us. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING DECEMBER 10 FOLLOWING

#### APPRECIATION BREAKFAST POTLUCK

Please join us following our 9:30 a.m. service on December 10 for an Appreciation Breakfast Potluck to honor those who donated services to complete our new paved driveway. Following the potluck we will sing Christmas carols as we visit some of Grace's members who may not be able to make it to church. We will carpool from the church. We would also like to give a plate of cookies to those we visit. Sign-up sheets are available in the Office Narthex for the potluck, caroling and cookies. Any questions, contact Anna Lewis at 657-3324.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday -19th**

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. **Worship**  
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

**Monday - 20th**

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Tuesday - 21st**

9:00 a.m. Quilting

**Wednesday - 22nd**

3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved  
5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Thursday - 23rd**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner

**Friday - 24th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday - 25th - Noisy Offering Weekend**

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

**SERVING NOVEMBER 19**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Tina Honecker  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Dawn Anderson  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Phran Ludington  
Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers** ..... Dale Schultz, Vicki, Paul & Miriam  
Denstaedt, Phran Ludington,  
Charles Snyder (Saturday),  
Trevor Denstaedt (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Polly Cook, Tammy Furze  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Chris Christopherson  
**Counters** ..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Rich & Sherie McTaggart

**SERVING NOVEMBER 26**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Reed Schroer  
**Music Director** ..... Tina Honecker  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Donna Czarnecki  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Phran Ludington  
Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers** ..... Dale Schultz, Vicki, Paul & Miriam  
Denstaedt, Phran Ludington,  
Charles Snyder (Saturday),  
Trevor Denstaedt (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... Dawn Anderson, Phran Ludington,  
Caroline Weise

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

**December 24 ~ 5 & 7:30 p.m.**

*No Saturday evening worship December 23*

*No Sunday morning worship December 24*

**December 30 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

**December 31 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

**Lessons and Carols**

Following Grace's pattern on the weekend after Christmas, we will have Lessons and Carols Services on Saturday, December 30, and Sunday, December 31. Join us as we hear the story and sing the songs of the season.

**FIRST READING**

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

<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.

**PSALM 90:1-8 [9-11] 12** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<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.

**GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30**

[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.' "

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