

✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., July 22, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., July 23, 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-R848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise!
Psalms 86:11-17 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
C-R733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
S-R537 On Our Way Rejoicing

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 worshiping 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 Quilting Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Sherie McTaggart, Darlene Freeland, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Jim Kratz, 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 celebration of the July birthdays of our Loving Care Members: Jean Kissau (July 18) and Janice Matthews (July 24)

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

New Things - New Ideas

How do people think of new things? How do we adjust to new ideas and practices? Does how we adapt to or adopt new physical things in the world apply to the way we adopt to new thinking about our faith ideas? Join us as we talk about newness in our lives and how we have dealt with it. And the future. See you at 11 in the Lounge.

**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.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER PROJECT

The month of July is devoted to raising awareness of world hunger and the resources available through the ELCA World Hunger Project. In the past, our bread weekends have raised awareness for the Project with great success. This month a tree in the Office Narthex is adorned with ornaments toward \$500 to purchase a cow for one family. You can use the envelopes provided with the bulletins for this purchase. Our first weekend raised \$374 toward the cow. Holy cow! Thank you!

**A FEW MORE SOUPS & BREAD
NEEDED FOR BUNNY'S LUNCHEON**

We are still in need of a few more soups and bread for Bunny's luncheon tomorrow at the APlex. If you are able to help with this, please sign the sheet in the Narthex this weekend or call Jeanne Pankey at 354-2416. Thanks!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 23rd

9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 24th

11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Bunny Lyon
1:00 p.m.	Celebration of Life Open House Follows - APlex

Tuesday - 25th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
7:00 p.m.	Special Council Meeting

Saturday - 29th

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - July 16, 2017	\$ 3,977.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 515.50

SERVING JULY 23

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Vicki Denstaedt
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers .. Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Rich & Sherie McTaggart
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild .. Chris Christopherson, Jeanne Pankey
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Wayne & Anna Lewis

SERVING JULY 30

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Dawn Anderson
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers .. Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Joel & Corinne Fraley
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild .. Chris Christopherson, Jeanne Pankey
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

PSALM 86:11-17 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its

own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied,

'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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