

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., May 20, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., May 21, 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-R449** We Know That Christ Is Raised
Psalm 66:8-20 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R408 Come, Thou Almighty King
C-R781 Children of the Heavenly Father
S-R543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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 Prayer Group at Trinity Episcopal Church.

PARKING & THIRD AVE. REBUILT

With Third Ave being rebuilt for a while yet, we ask you to leave the spaces closest to the church for those who need them. Get some exercise for God.

PRAYERS

Darlene Freel, Elsa Phillips, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, 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, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G. We also remember the family of Alan Freel, who passed away on May 13th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Eleanor Coddington and in memory of Mildred Larsen, given by Joyce Gohlke, and in honor of Gordon & Dorothy Hansen's 63rd wedding anniversary, celebrated on May 22. Additional flowers are given by Alan Freel's family from his funeral service on May 17th.

**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.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

WALK ME HOME

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.

Grace Lutheran is once again partnering with Child and Family Services for the annual Walk Me Home event. Walk Me Home Northeast Michigan will raise funds to support the life changing programs and activities for foster children provided by Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan. More info can be found on the bulletin board. Sign up sheets for workers and walkers/runners are located in the Office Narthex.

WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY

Time and Talent survey sheets are located in the May newsletter and available on the information table in the Narthex. Please fill one out if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.) *Please note that only those completing a survey will be included on the new schedules, so if you are willing to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the form to help us with scheduling. Be sure to check any areas in which you are already involved along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve.* Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office.

ALPENA COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL VBS DAY CAMP

“Branching Out:

Connecting Through Christ”

July 10-14, 2017

Each day from 9 am to 3 pm

at

First United Methodist Church

167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena

989-354-2490

This is a free event for children ages 5-12. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Activities include Bible Adventures, Arts & Crafts, Nature Activities, and Games! Registration forms are located in the Narthex. Completed forms may be mailed/dropped off at First United Methodist Church. Go to www.alpenafumc.org to print registration.

Youth and adult volunteers from Grace are needed. Schedules are flexible, help when you are available. Please contact Elsa Phillips at 884-1809 if you are able to help.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Saturday, June 3 from 11am to 4 pm

124 Fletcher Street - Fletcher Street Depot

Building Peace, Tolerance and Community.

An event of music, poetry, speakers, activities for everyone. Food available. Continuing the work begun with the Interfaith Amigos. Join in and celebrate people together.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING GARDEN BAZAAR

25 E. Kirche in the Woods, Spruce, MI

SATURDAY, MAY 27

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

More details on bulletin board!

**PLARN HOMELESS MATS
NEW STATISTICS POSTED**
Be sure to check out the latest Plarn Statistics
located in the Fellowship Hall.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 21st - Bread Weekend
9:30 a.m. **Worship**

Tuesday - 23rd
9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

Wednesday - 24th
3:30 - 4:45 pm Lounge Reserved
5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 25th
6:30 p.m. Lutheranism 101 -
Lounge

Saturday - 27th - Noisy Offering Weekend
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

GENERAL FUND GIVING	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - May 14, 2017	\$ 4,628.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 1,520.50

SERVING MAY 21

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,
Karen Slaght
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel &
Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran
Ludington, Nic Timmreck
Greeters Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Pat Schultz, Verna Furze,
Tammy Furze
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Joe & Dawn Gentry

SERVING MAY 28

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Patti Tucker
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,
Karen Slaght
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel &
Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran
Ludington, Nic Timmreck
Greeters Phil & Pam Agius Family
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Pat Schultz, Verna Furze,
Tammy Furze
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Don & Verna Furze, Tammy Furze

FIRST READING**Acts 17:22-31**

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

PSALM 66:8-20

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**1 Peter 3:13-22**

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an

accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL**John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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