

✠ EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., July 14, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., July 15, 2018

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-R805

Psalm 85:8-13

D-R807

C-R608

S-R551

Lead On, O King Eternal!

(Psalms begin page 339)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Music 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

Charles Snyder, Sara Kamyszek, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathhead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, Leonard Johnsen, Reed Werth, Gwen Hoeft, Lyle Beck, Mark Jackson, Annette Kindt, Patricia Denstaedt, Shelly Greenwood, Debbie Weir, Scott Coddington, Judy Kautz, Mimi, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Hubby Doodle
Happy Birthday from Sweetie Pie

NURSERY NOW AVAILABLE

We have a nursery staffed by an adult available during our Sunday worship service time. If you have a child that worship is too long for or they need to move around or today is just a tough day for them, let the nursery attendant or ushers know and they will show you through the basement to our nursery space in the Fellowship Hall.

OUTDOOR BEACH WORSHIP

Sunday - July 29th - Starlite Beach Pavilion
Join us as for worship at the beach on Sunday, July 29 at our usual time of 9:30 am. Invite friends to join us. Bring a picnic lunch for you and them. Bring some games and activities to enjoy time afterwards as a church family together.

CONCERT

The Walkers, a singing family group from Petoskey, will be in concert at the First Baptist Church, 1261 W. Washington Ave., on Sunday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken to be given to the Walkers. An ice cream social will follow the concert. All are welcome!

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - July 7/8	4,198.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (30.87)

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Grace is now collecting items for **School Kits for LWR**. There are tags hanging on the tree in the Narthex. Each tag contains a list of items needed to create a kit. You are encourage to purchase all the items on each tag. Theses kits are distributed to areas in the world experiencing poverty and disaster. They are given to children and, in some cases adults, this helps to provide individuals with some of the supplies they need for their education. We all know how important education is and there are parts of the world where receiving a education is difficult. If we can help individuals get an education with offerings of school supplies, what a great way to make a "Christ-Like difference in our world".

WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY

We will begin working on new schedules soon. Please complete a survey by July 15, if you haven't done so already. Time and Talent survey sheets are included in the July newsletter and available in the Office 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. Please include areas you are already involved in 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 (354-5133) or the church office.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 15th

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

Monday - 16th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday - 18th

3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 19th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 21st

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING JULY 14-15

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Verna Furze
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers . Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie
Cross, Madison Timmreck, Isabelle Denstaedt,
Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturday)
Greeters Dawn Anderson, Mary Rowader
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild .. Chris Christopherson, Jeanne Pankey
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Marge Lee
Coffee Hour Dawn Anderson, Phran Ludington

SERVING JULY 21-22

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers .. Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie
Cross, Madison Timmreck, Isabelle Denstaedt,
Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturday)
Greeters Sandra Christopherson
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild .. Chris Christopherson, Jeanne Pankey
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Marge Lee
Coffee Hour Clarence & Bonnie Cross

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

PSALM 85:8-13

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SECOND READING**Ephesians 1:3-14**

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL**Mark 6:14-29**

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I

beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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