

✠ **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 26, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 27, 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–R654** The Church’s One Foundation  
**Psalm 124** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D–R597** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  
**C–R820** O Savior, Precious Savior  
**S–R576** We All Are One in Mission

**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 Ruth Circle 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**

Caroline Weise, Darlene Freel, 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**

Given to the glory of God.

**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.

**WELCOME**

We welcome and give thanks to  
Rev. Gene Bacon  
for celebrating with us today.

**NATIONAL RELIEF NETWORK  
2018 MISSION TRIP**

We are now getting ready for our seventh National Relief Network journey to help out families after natural disasters. We are preparing for 2018. We have scheduled our first meeting to see who is interested in joining our life changing team. Our meeting will take place at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. At that time we will give you details on this trip and be there to answer questions if this is your first time with us. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested, please call Marsha Hoppe at 354-8903 or Vicki Denstaedt at 916-9258. Thank you.

**QUILTING/SEWING**

On Tuesday, Sept 5th the quilting/sewing group will begin the season at 9:00am running to 11:30am EVERY TUESDAY in the dining room. There are many jobs to be done, and everyone is welcome to join in even for an hour and we make time for goodies and fellowship too.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday -27th - Noisy Offering Weekend**  
**9:30 a.m.      Worship**

**Wednesday - 30th**  
**7:00 p.m.      NRN 2018 Mission Trip Mtg**

**Saturday - 2nd**  
**5:00 p.m.      Worship**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**  
**September 9th ~ 1:00-5:00**

**Family Fun Day for  
Foster Children and Their Foster Families**

**LET'S HAVE FUN!!!**  
**(No rakes, shovels or garden gloves needed)**

This year we are partnering with Mike Arzo from Arzo Amusement Park, US 23 N, and hosting a day filled with games, amusement rides and food - but, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We will be serving a picnic-style lunch - please bring a salad or dessert to share and we will need volunteers to be present at the event to help: serve food, care for little ones so parents can also enjoy the activities and to mingle and interact - it will be a great opportunity for us to get to know these families.

Mike Arzo may have said it best, "bringing a smile and joy on each foster care child is the most important achievement of my life."

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex

Worried about the flower planting at Samaritas or the Grace Lutheran Cemetery project? We've got that covered, too - keep an eye on your bulletin.

Any questions, call:

Dawn Anderson 657-6923 or  
Joelyn Rich 340-0592

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week	
to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - August 20, 2017	\$ 3,957.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (1,863.00)

### **SERVING AUGUST 27**

**Ministers**.....God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Gene Bacon  
**Organist**.....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** .....Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** .....Donna Czarnecki  
**Communion Assts.** .....Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,  
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett & Olivia  
Haske  
**Greeters** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom  
**Hospital** .....Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith  
**Counters** .....Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** .....Polly Cook, Elsa Phillips,  
Sandra Christopherson

### **SERVING SEPTEMBER 3**

**Ministers**.....God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Organist**.....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** .....Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** .....Mike Urlaub  
**Communion Assts.**Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart  
**Ushers** .....Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays),  
Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Greeters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,  
Bonnie Cross  
**Counters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch

### **FIRST READING                      Exodus 1:8 - 2:10**

<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set

taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

<sup>2:1</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

**PSALM 124** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to

think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

<sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

<sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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