

✠ TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., October 21, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 22, 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-R413** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
**Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R686** We Give Thee But Thine Own  
**C-R705** God of Grace and God of Glory  
**S-R674** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

### 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 Music Ministry/Prayer Groups at All Saints Catholic Parish.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### PRAYERS

Myra Cross, 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. We also remember the family of Jan Severson, who passed away this past week.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Jack & Patti Tucker (October 13) and in honor of Dale & Pat Schultz's wedding anniversary (October 24).

### 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.

### **EXPLORING LUTHERAN TRADITION & GRACE LUTHERAN**

Want to learn about a little about Lutheran tradition and Grace Lutheran Church. Join us on Wednesday evenings Oct. 25 and then Nov. 8 & 29 at 6:30. If you are curious about joining Grace this is a great way to find out more. Let Pastor Tom or the office know so we can get the book to you.

### **43RD ANNUAL SERRV BAZAAR First Congregational UCC, 201 S. Second Friday, October 27, 2-6 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
Featured items include jewelry, textiles, baskets, and more! Unique ceramics and holiday decorations. Fair Trade coffee, tea, food items - and delicious Divine Chocolate. All of the high quality crafts sold at the sale are handmade by artisans from 35 countries around the world including underprivileged parts of the U.S. Every purchase directly helps improve working conditions, access to healthcare and education for the artisans and their families by offering them fair wages for their crafts. **Don't miss out on this unique shopping opportunity that has been taking place at First Congregational UCC since 1974!**

### **CURRENT LWR KIT PROJECT**

Our current Lutheran World Relief kit project for Oct-Dec is Baby Kits. A list of items needed is located on the bulletin board by the front door!! Donated items may be placed in the Pack-N-Play in the entrance. Thanks!

### **LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM CLASS (in the evening)**

In commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, look again at the Small Catechism. Classes on Oct. 26, Nov. 9, 16 & 30 at 6:00. Sign up at the office and pickup the book for \$11. Any questions see Pastor Tom.

### **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church 727 S. Second St., Alpena**

This prayer service commemorates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which is October 31, 2017. Both Bishop Steven Raica of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord and Bishop Craig Satterlee of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA will be leading worship together with other clergy from the community assisting. We gather in celebration for the unity we share in Christ Jesus, members of the various area congregations, one in mind and spirit. Please join this wonderful opportunity for ecumenical worship and fellowship.

### **FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY FORUM THURSDAY NOV. 2 AT 6:30 AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

Join in a forum about the funding of our public education system, primary, secondary and college, in the State of Michigan. Presentation by the Research Director for Citizens Research Council of Michigan with area superintendents invited to participate. Organized by the People for Social Justice.

### LOVING CARE MEMBER VISITS

Loving Care Member visits will be Wednesday, November 8. We will assemble and deliver goodie bags. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join us!

Notice  
of  
**SEMI-ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

In the Dining Hall  
**Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

On the agenda:  
Budget Adoption  
Election of Officers

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

<b><u>Sunday –22nd</u></b>	<b>Noisy Offering Weekend</b>
9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed - Lounge
<b><u>Monday - 23rd</u></b>	
5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b><u>Tuesday - 24th</u></b>	
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
9:00 a.m.	Quilting
<b><u>Wednesday - 25th</u></b>	
3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
6:30 p.m.	New Member Class - Lounge
<b><u>Thursday - 26th</u></b>	
6:00 p.m.	Small Catechism Adult Class - Lounge
<b><u>Saturday - 28th</u></b>	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>

### SERVING OCTOBER 22

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Tina Honecker  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Anna Lewis  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck,  
Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Joel & Cindy Suszek  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

### SERVING OCTOBER 29

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Tina Honecker  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Bob Greene  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck,  
Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Jack & Patti Tucker  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Polly Cook, Corky Gates, Jo Ann  
Smith, Sandra Christopherson

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Oct. 15, 2017	\$ 4,178.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (1,569.00)

**FIRST READING****Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

**PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]** (Psalms begin page 339)**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy

inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**GOSPEL****Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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