

✠ **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., May 5, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., May 6, 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-R720** We Are Called  
**Psalm 98** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R742** What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
**C-R496** One Bread, One Body  
**S-R631** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

### 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 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

Sara Kamyszek, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, 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, Rev. Richard Clapp.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Celebration of  
Dorothy Gentry's 96th Birthday  
Given by Her Family

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Gene Bacon for preaching and leading worship. We appreciate his being here this weekend.

### 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.

### **WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY**

Time and Talent survey sheets are included 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.

### **SPRING CLEAN UP**

**May 12, 2018 ~ 9 a.m. to Noonish**  
(Church will be open at 8 a.m.  
for those who can begin earlier)

- Interior cleaning as usual (rain or shine)
- Garden(s) clean up and raking.
- Parking lot fence repair.
- Clean up behind the parish education building. The side facing the neighbors behind our church.

We need as many hands as possible.  
Many hands make light work!

### **DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?**

We would like to beautify our grounds with lots of flowers this year and are looking for someone willing to coordinate a committee to make this happen. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Jeff Welch (595-2195) or the church office.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School is starting this July 9 at First United Methodist Church (same location as last year). Several churches are joining efforts in providing this day camp to our community's children and as such we will be in need of volunteers from each church. So if anybody is interested in helping out this year it will be greatly appreciated. We had a great turnout last year with volunteers and children. Ages of children that can attend are 5 through 12 years. Any questions please contact me or Nancy Platt at 989-340-0154. More details to follow!

Elsa Phillips, Ph. 989-884-1809

### **GRADUATING?**

Are you, or is someone you know, graduating? Please drop the information off at the church office (or email the office at [officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) including the name, graduation date, institution of learning, and future plans of the graduate. We would like to publish this information in our June newsletter.

### **FOSTER FUN RUN/WALK**

(replacing Walk Me Home)

**June 9th - 9 am**

**Support Foster Kids and Families**

Registration Forms in Office Narthex  
Get Sponsors for even more contributions

### ***MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS***

**An Adult Christian Education Series**

**Starting Sunday June 10th for 6 sessions**

Central to our faith yet questions and varied explanations across the centuries. See Pastor Tom with any questions about the classes. Let the office know by May 15th to order your book for \$13.

**PICTURES, ART, OR WORDS  
TO DESCRIBE GRACE NEEDED**

The Synod Assembly theme this year is "Signs of the Spirit". We have been asked to make a poster to display with pictures, art and words describing how the Holy Spirit is at work at Grace. We have so much going on here so let's share it!! If you have pictures, art, or simply a word that describes us, please email them to Phran ASAP; we will be making the poster Thurs., May 17th. Email Phran at [captainphrantastic@yahoo.com](mailto:captainphrantastic@yahoo.com). Thanks for your input!

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 6th**

9:00 a.m.      Choir Practice

**9:30 a.m.      Worship**

**Monday - 7th**

5:00 p.m.      Choir Practice - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m.      ROC - Lounge

**Tuesday - 8th**

9:00 a.m.      Quilting/Sewing

5:00 p.m.      Worship WG

**Wednesday - 9th**

3-5:15 p.m.    Sanctuary Reserved

**Thursday - 10th**

4-9:00 p.m.    Fellowship Hall Reserved

5:00 p.m.      Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 12th**

9:00 a.m.      Spring Clean Up

**5:00 p.m.      Worship**

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - April 29	\$ 5,255.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 1,338.85

**FOSTER CLOSET IN NEED OF ITEMS**

The Foster Closet is in need of items and they really prefer that these items are new, especially the clothes. We have the Giving Tree up again with tags on it indicating what the items are needed. Please consider taking a look at the tags and taking one if it strikes you as something you can help to provide. The items then can be returned to the church and placed in the basket near the tree. If you have questions, they can be directed to Phran Ludington or Dawn Anderson.

**SERVING MAY 6**

**Ministers**.....God's People

**Pastor** .....Rev. Eugene Bacon

**Music Director**.....David Delano

**Lector** ..... Cheryl Werblow

**Communion Assts.**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,  
Dale Schultz

**Ushers**.....Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,  
Rick Engstrom, Jack Tucker

**Greeters**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross

**Hospital**.....Janet Chroninger

**Altar Guild**..... Pat Schultz, Verna Furze,  
Tammy Furze

**Counters**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross

**Coffee Hour**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson

**SERVING MAY 13**

**Ministers**.....God's People

**Pastor** .....Rev. Tom Orth

**Music Director**.....David Delano

**Lector** .....Mike Urlaub

**Communion Assts.**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt,  
Dale Schultz

**Ushers**.....Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,  
Rick Engstrom, Jack Tucker

**Greeters**..... Paul, Vicki & Miriam Denstaedt

**Hospital**.....Janet Chroninger

**Altar Guild**..... Pat Schultz, Verna Furze,  
Tammy Furze

**Counters**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross

**Coffee Hour**..... Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden,  
Ellie Walker

**FIRST READING****Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.  
<sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**PSALM 98**

(Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING****1 John 5:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**GOSPEL****John 15:9-17**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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