

✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 30, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 1, 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-R526 God is Here!
Psalm 25:1-9 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R818 O Master, Let Me Walk With You
C-R712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
S-R881 Let All Things Now Living

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 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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Bill & Nancy Platt's wedding anniversary, October 4th.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Small Catechism Study

Join the Adults for a study on the small catechism in the Lounge at 11. This week we look at the Apostles' Creed and the explanations Luther taught. Still time to join us even if this is your first class.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Reminder... If you would like to place flowers on the altar, **please sign the flower chart** located on the wall in the office narthex. **Please also complete an altar flower form** (blank forms are located on the table by the flower chart) listing information to be printed in the bulletin. Cost for flowers is \$16 payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

CARD/GAME NIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

Grace Lutheran Church

Doors open at 5 pm, Serving at 6 pm

\$7.00/person

Baked Potato Bar/Ice Cream Bar
Quilt Raffle

Reservations: Arlis - 356-9583
Patti - 354-5990

Limited Seating

Sponsored by Grace Quilters

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TRUCK

The Lutheran World Relief truck will be loading October 12th at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the Alpena area. Our quilts will be loaded as well as the kits which have been assembled this year, so please bring everything to our parish hall by October 8th.

NEW SCHEDULES

New schedules for October 2017-September 2018 have been completed and are posted on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall. Copies are available to be picked up.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

Sunday, October 8 at 1 p.m.

Please bring power washers and garden tools. A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Narthex. Questions: Call Sandra Christopherson at 340-1449.

THANK YOU

God bless the person who gave me the cake and balloon. It was very nice and I appreciated it very much.

Darlene Freel

HOLD THE BAGS!!!

To date we have made 44 mats for the homeless. The program we did them for is in limbo at this time. I am trying to find someplace else that can use them. Until I do, please take the bags to a recycling center. Thank you to all that have helped with this project in any way.

Corinne Fraley

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Sept. 24, 2017	\$ 4,589.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,024.00)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -1st **Blessing of LWR Kits**
9:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed - Lounge
6:30 p.m. NRN Mission Trip Mtg - Fellowship Hall

Monday - 2nd
6:00 p.m. Remembering Our Children - Lounge

Tuesday - 3rd
9:00 a.m. Quilting
6:30 p.m. 30 Days of Peace Movie - Lounge

Wednesday - 4th
3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 5th
5-9:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Saturday - 7th
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

SERVING OCTOBER 1

Ministers God’s People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Rich & Sherie McTaggart
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Joe, Dawn & Anne Gentry

SERVING OCTOBER 8

Ministers God’s People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Sandy Welch
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Jo Ann Smith, Anne Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Roger & Jeanne Pankey

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord

GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25:1-9 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING **Philippians 2:1-13**

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’” ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go.

³¹“Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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