

✠ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 21, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 22, 2019

## 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-B797**

**Psalm 113**

**D-R717**

**C-R732**

**S-R720**

O God, Beyond All Praising

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Let Justice Flow like Streams

Borning Cry

We Are Called

### 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.

### ADULT CHRISIAN EDUCATION

#### Sanctuary Denomination???????

What **DOES** that mean? How do you feel about it? What does that mean for Grace Lutheran? The ELCA Church Wide Assembly voted that in August. Come and talk together about that Sunday at 11 in the Lounge. There will be another opportunity to talk with each other and learn about the Church Wide Assembly action on Sunday Oct. 6.

### PRAYERS

Deb Nitchman's Family (Culbertsons), Roger Pankey, Kay Zinsli, Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Mary Ann Czarnecki, Lyle Beck, Diane Royane, Phran and Max, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Chris & Sarah Smith & Family, Ellen, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of  
My Parents,  
Clayton & Luella Harden  
Given by Cheryl Ann

**8TH COMMUNITY  
CELEBRATING AND SHARING 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. This weekend we pray for Spiritual Growth and Renewal at Trinity Episcopal Church.

**DINNER**

**October 13, 2019 at The APlex**

**Doors open at 11:00/meal served at 12:00pm**

**Tickets \$15/ Children 12 and under Free**

**Silent Auction/Chinese Raffle/50-50 Drawing**

**Dinner Tickets and Big Item Raffle Tickets  
are available from committee members  
and in the church office.**

Please note: Auction Items are due on or before 9/15. Any item turned in after this date, will be held for next year's event.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
QUILTERS CARD/GAME NIGHT  
October 24, 2019 ~ \$8.00 per Person  
Doors open at 5 pm ~ Meal at 6 pm**

Baked Potato Bar/Ice Cream Bar

Limited seating - reservations required  
Contact Patti (354-5990) or Arlis (356-9583)  
Proceeds to fund worldwide quilting projects.

**INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE  
MISSION TRIP TEAM JUNE 2020?**

Contact: Marsha Hoppe 989.354.8903  
Staci Chroninger 989.657.5051  
Vicki Denstaedt 989.916.9258

**HURRICANE DORIAN  
FUNDRAISER COFFEEHOUSE  
September 25th at 7 p.m.**

Come relax and hear some great community music and enjoy some refreshments as we raise money for Hurricane Dorian relief in the Bahamas. All proceeds go to the Lutheran Disaster Response, who are there for both the short term and long term needs of the island nation. We have set a goal to raise \$2,500 for this organization through contributions at this event and contributions through the church. Suggested donation \$10/at the door.

Sign up sheets for desserts and snacks as well as help setting up, serving and clean up are in the Office Lobby. Lets make this a church effort for the community that we all may aid those in need.

We will be collecting funds for this at the next few weekends of services too for all who would like to contribute but may not be able to make the evening.

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - September 15	4,767.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (11,125.90)

**SERVING SEPTEMBER 21-22**

**Ministers**.....God’s People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**.....David Delano  
**Lector**.....Patti Tucker  
**Communion Assts**..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**...Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Hospital**.....Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski, Bonnie Cross  
**Counters**..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Coffee Hour**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up**..... Bill & Nancy Platt

**SERVING SEPTEMBER 28-29**

**Ministers**.....God’s People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**.....David Delano  
**Lector**.....Sandy Welch  
**Communion Assts**..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers**...Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz (Sat.)  
**Greeters**.....Joel & Cindy Suszek  
**Hospital**.....Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski, Bonnie Cross  
**Counters**..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Coffee Hour**..... Jack & Patti Tucker  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up**..... Bill & Nancy Platt

**Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available from ushers.**

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 22nd**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge  
**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
11:00 a.m. Adult Ed - Lounge

**Tuesday - 24th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing  
11:30 a.m. Kitchen Reserved  
6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge

**Wednesday - 25th**

3-4:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
7-9:00 p.m. Coffeehouse Fundraiser for Dorian Relief

**Thursday - 26th**

8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved  
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 28th**

**5:00 p.m. Noisy Offering Weekend Worship**

**FIRST READING**

**Amos 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**PSALM 113**

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**SECOND READING      1 Timothy 2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I

have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

**GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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