

✠ **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 7, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 8, 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-R798**

**Psalms 1**

**D-R689**

**C-R803**

**S-R547**

Will You Come and Follow Me

(Psalms begin page 339)

Praise and Thanksgiving

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

### 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 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Children's Program at First Congregational UCC.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### PRAYERS

Kay Zinsli, Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Dorothy Hansen, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, 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

Given to the glory of God.

**ADULT CHRISIAN EDUCATION  
400th Anniversary of**

**Slaves coming to British Colonies**

This event was observed in August in Hampton Virginia. We'll talk about the lasting legacy of slavery, the discrimination that grew from it, and what a Christian response should be to this evil that has so impacted our country. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

**CHOIR BEGINS  
September 10th**

Our first rehearsal will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10. A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Narthex. Please see David if you have questions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE  
FOR MISSION TRIP  
Grace Lutheran Church  
September 20 & 21, 2019**

**8TH COMMUNITY  
CELEBRATING AND SHARING 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 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.

**THANK YOU**

THANK YOU to all that have helped with the mats for homeless program. The Alpena community has made 90 so far. That is more than a tenth of a mile if laid end to end. They are now being distributed in the Detroit area. I am still in need of people to cut and tie the strips, as well as crochet them. If you can help in any way, please contact me at 590-0203. Once again, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Corinne Fraley

**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.

**30 DAYS OF PEACE  
Opening Worship Service  
September 11 at 7 p.m.  
First Congregational UCC**

The annual observance of the 30 Days of Peace begins this Wednesday September 11 with a worship service recognizing the statements for peace from various Christian and faith traditions. This year the service will be interfaith with representatives from other traditions including Jewish, Muslim and Baha'i participating.

### SERVING SEPTEMBER 7-8

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

### SERVING SEPTEMBER 14-15

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

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - September 1	5,103.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (10,819.90)

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

#### Sunday - 8th

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed - Lounge

#### Tuesday - 10th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
11:30 a.m.	Kitchen Reserved
5:00 p.m.	Worship Work Group

#### Wednesday - 11th

3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
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#### Thursday - 12th

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

#### Friday - 13th

6:30 p.m.	30 Days of Peace Movie - Lounge
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#### Saturday - 14th

8am-5pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>

### **FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**PSALM 1**

(Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING****Philemon 1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to

me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**GOSPEL****Luke 14:25-33**

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus:] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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