

✠ **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 6, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 7, 2016

Hymns

G-R733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Psalms 33:12-22 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R638 Blessed Assurance
C-R781 Children of the Heavenly Father
S-R774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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 Samaritas (formerly Lutheran Social Services of Michigan) 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: Gerald Lancaster, Gar Nicholls, Fred Wegmeyer, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Kay, Dorr family, Felicia Brant, Aidan and Terrence.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Jim & Sandy Malaski's 42nd wedding anniversary (August 3).

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Sunday August 7th following worship

The recommended Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles are being presented for discussion and a vote on adoption.

INTERFAITH AMIGOS BOOK STUDIES

New opportunities to read the Amigos' book *Religion Gone Astray: What We Found at the Heart of Interfaith* and have a discussion with others. Grace Lutheran's group (119 W. Dunbar St, 354-2640) will meet on Thursday evenings at 7 PM on August 11, 18 and 25th. St Paul Lutheran (727 S. Second Ave. 356-1658) will have a group Wednesdays noon on August 17, 24 & 31. Call the churches for further information.

INTERFAITH AMIGOS IN ALPENA, MICHIGAN Thursday September 22

An imam, a rabbi and a pastor who began working together following 9/11 share why interfaith dialogue is so critically important today and how each tradition support as well as hinder that deeper dialogue. With 2 workshops during the day and an evening presentation, they support effective collaboration on issues of our time.

For more info:

Facebook: Interfaith Amigos-Alpena

or

Email: ifaalpena@gmail.com

or

call 989.657.9474

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES

There are several youth from Grace who have joined The Relay For Life "Team Triple Threat" on August 20-21. The "Luminaria Ceremony" is a time during the relay that is set aside to honor our loved ones who are battling cancer and remember those who have lost their fight. If you would like to purchase a luminary in honor of - or in memory of a loved one - you can purchase one during the fellowship time before or after worship on Saturdays and Sundays. We can deliver, pick up, and or decorate the bag for you. You can call us too... Each bag is \$10. As we walk through the night on the 20th, the luminaria will light the path.. We thank you for your support of Team Triple Threat & all who are battling today!!!

Isabelle Denstaedt (989-916-9259)

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GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - July 31	\$ 4,065.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 3,971.00)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 7th

9:30 a.m. Worship
Special Congregational
Meeting Following
Worship

2:00 p.m. Reformation
Conversation

Monday - 8th

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Tuesday - 9th

10:00 a.m. Discipleship Committee
Planning Meeting

3:30-7:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved

4:00 p.m. Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 10th

2:30-6:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 11th

7:00 p.m. Interfaith Amigos Book
Study - Lounge

Saturday - 13th

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers.....God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorBerniece Lyon
Lector Bob Greene
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Greeters..... Corky Gates, Patti MacNeill
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
CountersChris Christopherson, Marge Weber,
Bethany Popour
Coffee Hour Joe & Dawn Gentry, Anne Gentry

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM 33:12-22 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left

behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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