

✠ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 5, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 6, 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–R658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (Psalms begin page 339)
D–R515 Break Now the Bread of Life
C–R689 Praise and Thanksgiving
S–R674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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 Christian Education Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Caroline Weise, Darlene Freel, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Jim Kratz, 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

Given in His Name

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED Kingdom of God

Where do you see God's desires and will for the world happening around us right now? What is evidence to you of the Kingdom of God breaking into this world with more peace, love, grace and justice happening because of the Kingdom working? What did you do this week that helped others see God at work in the world? Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we work on living out our faith in the world today.

**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.

CARDS FOR CAROLINE

Cards may be sent to Caroline Weise at the following address:

8A UH Room 8417
1500 E. Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5110

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 6th

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| 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| 11:00 a.m. | Adult CE - Lounge |

Monday - 7th

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| 6:00 p.m. | Remembering Our Children - Lounge |
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Tuesday - 8th

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| All Day | Church Office Closed |
| 5:00 p.m. | Worship Work Group |
| 7:00 p.m. | Church Council |

Wednesday - 9th

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| 8-12 & 1-5 | Church Office Open |
| | All Day |

Saturday - 12th

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| 5:00 p.m. | Worship |
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RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will NOT meet in August. Mark your calendars for Wed., September 20, in the lounge at 1p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE!
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS
September 9th ~ 1:00-5:00**

**Family Fun Day for
Foster Children and Their Foster Families**

**LET'S HAVE FUN!!!
(No rakes, shovels or garden gloves needed)**

This year we are partnering with Mike Arzo from Arzo Amusement Park and hosting a day filled with games, amusement rides and food - but, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We will be serving a picnic-style lunch - please bring a salad or dessert to share and we will need volunteers to be present at the event to help: serve food, care for little ones so parents can also enjoy the activities and to mingle and interact - it will be a great opportunity for us to get to know these families.

Mike Arzo may have said it best, "bringing a smile and joy on each foster care child is the most important achievement of my life."

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex

Worried about the flower planting at Samaritas or the Grace Lutheran Cemetery project?

We've got that covered, too - keep an eye on your bulletin.

Any questions, call:

Dawn Anderson 657-6923 or
Joelyn Rich 340-0592

THANK YOU LETTERS

Lets thank Jerry Lancaster, L & S Concrete & Oak City Construction for their contributions toward our new driveway. There are letters to sign in the Office Narthex.

SERVING AUGUST 6

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Melissa Timmreck
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett & Olivia
Haske
Greeters Don & Verna Furze
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour .Eleanor Coddington, Dawn Anderson

SERVING AUGUST 13

Ministers God's People
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Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Verna Furze
Communion Assts. Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett & Olivia
Haske
Greeters Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Clarence & Bonnie Cross

GENERAL FUND GIVING

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| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,058.00 |
| Weekly giving - July 30, 2017 | \$ 4,910.00 |
| Year-to-date over/(under) | \$ (28.50) |

FIRST READING**Isaiah 55:1-5**

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Romans 9:1-5**

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them

belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL**Matthew 14:13-21**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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