

✠ TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 12, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 13, 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-R821 Shout to the Lord (sing twice)
Psalm 85:8-13 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
C-R773 Precious Lord, Take My hand
S-R763 My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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 Altar Servers/Ushers at All Saints Catholic Parish.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Dale Schultz, Caroline Weise, Darlene Freel, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathhead, 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

In celebration of Jim & Sandy Malaski's 43rd wedding anniversary.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Grace's Purpose Statement is a year old now. Adult CE will take some time digging into the meaning, looking at how we are living it out now and where we need to live it out in the future. Invite someone to join us at 11 in the Lounge.

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.

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, US 23 N, 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

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.

SERVING AUGUST 13

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
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 Joe & Dawn Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Clarence & Bonnie Cross

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Coffee Hour Pam Kirchoff, Charlotte Werth, Jo Ann Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -13th

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

Tuesday - 15th

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Saturday - 19th - Bread Weekend

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - August 6, 2017	\$ 3,355.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (731.50)

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the

sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

PSALM 85:8-13 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Romans 10:5-15**

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

GOSPEL**Matthew 14:22-33**

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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