

✠ **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 23, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 24, 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-R853** When Morning Gilds the Skies

**Psalm 145:1-8** (Psalms begin page 339)

**D-R695** As Saints of Old

**C-R770** Give Me Jesus

**S-R688** Lord of Light

**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 Prayer Chain 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**

Myra Cross, Kelly Pankey, Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Darlene Freel, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Scott Coddington, 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. We also remember the family of Jim Kratz, who passed away September 16th.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of my parents, Clayton and Luella Harden, given by Cheryl Ann.

**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.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**

#### **Small Catechism Study**

Join the Adults for a study on the small catechism in the Lounge at 11. This week we look at the Ten Commandments and the explanations Luther taught. Still time to join us even if this is your first class.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Reminder...** If you would like to place flowers on the altar, **please sign the flower chart** located on the wall in the office narthex. **Please also complete an altar flower form** (blank forms are located on the table by the flower chart) listing information to be printed in the bulletin. Cost for flowers is \$16 payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

### **HURRICANE RELIEF**

#### **THRU LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

#### **Give support to the victims of hurricanes.**

On your weekly envelope, you can use the Other line and mark Hurricanes. Or using a pew envelope, simply write Hurricanes on that. We'll send in all the contributions at the end of the month.

### **SCHOOL KIT PROJECT REMINDER**

Remember our school kit project for Lutheran World Relief ends this weekend. Our goal this year is 25 kits. To meet this goal the following items are needed: 22 2 1/2" erasers; 62 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); 25 pencil sharpeners; and 68 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8X10 1/2" (no loose-leaf paper. These items can be placed in the wicker basket by the front door. Thanks for helping us meet our goal!!!

### **MISSING DVD**

We are trying to locate a DVD entitled "The Rabbit Hole" that was located on the bookshelves in the hallway outside the Lounge. Many of the items on these shelves, including this DVD, belong to the Remembering Our Children support group that meets on the first Monday of each month. If you have borrowed it to view, we would appreciate your returning it to the bookcase at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

### **CARD/GAME NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

**Doors open at 5 pm, Serving at 6 pm**

**\$7.00/person**

Baked Potato Bar/Ice Cream Bar  
Quilt Raffle

Reservations: Arlis - 356-9583  
Patti - 354-5990

Limited Seating

Sponsored by Grace Quilters

### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TRUCK**

The Lutheran World Relief truck will be loading October 12th at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the Alpena area. Our quilts will be loaded as well as the kits which have been assembled this year, so please bring everything to our parish hall by October 8th.

### **NEW SCHEDULES**

New schedules for October 2017-September 2018 have been completed and are posted on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall. Copies are available to be picked up.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

<b><u>Sunday -24th</u></b>	<b>Quilt Dedication/ Noisy Offering Weekend</b>
9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed - Lounge
<b><u>Tuesday - 26th</u></b>	
9:00 a.m.	Quilting
<b><u>Wednesday - 27th</u></b>	
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
<b><u>Friday - 29th</u></b>	
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
4-8:00 p.m.	Visitation - Narthex
<b><u>Saturday - 30th</u></b>	<b>Blessing of LWR Kits</b>
11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service - Dave Chroninger
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>

### SERVING SEPTEMBER 24

<b>Ministers</b> .....	God's People
<b>Pastor</b> .....	Rev. Tom Orth
<b>Organist</b> .....	Kat Tomaszewski
<b>Music Assistant</b> .....	Miriam Denstaedt
<b>Lector</b> .....	Sharon Engstrom
<b>Communion Assts.</b>	Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Wayne & Anna Lewis
<b>Hospital</b> .....	Janet Chroninger
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski, Bonnie Cross
<b>Counters</b> .....	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	Eleanor Coddington

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<b>Organist</b> .....	Kat Tomaszewski
<b>Music Assistant</b> .....	Miriam Denstaedt
<b>Lector</b> .....	Ruby Haske
<b>Communion Assts.</b>	Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Rich & Sherie McTaggart
<b>Hospital</b> .....	Janet Chroninger
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
<b>Counters</b> .....	Gary & Kay Grove
<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	Joe, Dawn & Anne Gentry

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Sept. 17, 2017	\$ 3,729.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,555.00)

### **FIRST READING**

**Jonah 3:10-4:11**

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah,

to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

**PSALM 145:1-8**

(Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING**

**Philippians 1:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of

believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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