

✠ **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., November 11, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., November 12, 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-R244** Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Psalm 70 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R861 When Long before Time
C-R494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken
S-R439 Soon and Very Soon

CHOIR ANTHEM

“A Time for All Things” arr. Douglas E Wagner

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 Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church.

PRAYERS

Kelly Pankey, Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Don Coddington and in honor of Diane Coddington and Diane O'Connor, given by Eleanor Coddington.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

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.

**SWEET TREATS
ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!!!**

Looking to sweeten your hunting season? Whether you are heading out into the woods in search of the big buck or enjoying a girl's/family weekend at home, let us put a little sweetness into your life. The Alpena National Relief Network is hosting a **Bake Sale** on November 11 and 12 after the Saturday and Sunday church services. Look for your favorite cookies, breads, pies and brownies. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the 45 (or more) Alpena people traveling on a mission trip in June 2018.

GIVING TREE

There are 50 tags on the giving Tree from the ACC Wish List. This represents 10 children in our community. The gifts are due back here, wrapped with the tag visible by Sunday, Dec 3rd. Thanks for helping make a child's Christmas brighter!!!

QUILTING

Due to the Holidays the Quilting/Sewing group may not meet in December, but some members may be in the parish hall working anyway. Please phone the office after 9:00 a.m. and Peggy can tell you if anyone is there. This also applies to **Snow Days** during the winter.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone that helped make the fundraiser a success, whether it be with monetary donations, supplying card tables, working, attending the event, or any other form of support. It is very gratifying to know you support the mission effort of the group.

Grace Quilters

FLURRY OF CARDS

Get out your list of Loving Care Members...time to inundate them with a Flurry of Cards for Thanksgiving!! Go spend a little time or give a call to these members!

JULEFEST BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 2 ~ 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 1 from 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated. If possible, please package and price your items or we will do that for you, if you prefer. Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 with any ideas and please let her know if you can help on Friday or Saturday. Thanks! **(This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.)**

**THANKSGIVING DINNER
AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

Thursday, November 23 at 5 p.m.

Turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, and drinks provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the office narthex by November 19. and indicate if you are able to bring a salad, vegetable, bread/rolls/butter or dessert to share. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. The Pankeys and Schultzes will be at the church cooking by 3 p.m. if you would like to come early to play cards or board games before dinner. Call Jeanne & Roger Pankey (354-2416) or Pat & Dale Schultz (356-2781) with questions.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In ACE, Adult CE, we continue our study of Luther's Small Catechism, this week looking at the sacrament of the Altar, communion. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 12th

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 13th

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday - 14th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00 a.m. Quilting

Wednesday - 15th

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge
 3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
 5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 16th

4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
 6:00 p.m. Adult Study - Lounge

Saturday - 18th

5:00 p.m. Worship

GENERAL FUND GIVING	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Nov. 5, 2017	\$ 2,759.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,138.00)

SERVING NOVEMBER 12

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Tina Honecker
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Verna Furze
Communion Assts.... Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington
Ushers Dale Schultz, Vicki, Paul & Miriam Denstaedt, Phran Ludington, Charles Snyder (Saturday), Trevor Denstaedt (Saturday)
Greeters Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
Hospital..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild..... Chris Christopherson
Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Jack & Patti Tucker

SERVING NOVEMBER 19

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Tina Honecker
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Dawn Anderson
Communion Assts.... Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington
Ushers Dale Schultz, Vicki, Paul & Miriam Denstaedt, Phran Ludington, Charles Snyder (Saturday), Trevor Denstaedt (Saturday)
Greeters Polly Cook, Tammy Furze
Hospital..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild..... Chris Christopherson
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Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

FIRST READING**Amos 5:18-24**

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PSALM 70

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will

descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL**Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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