

✠ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., October 7, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 8, 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-R835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

Psalm 80:7-15 (Psalms begin page 339)

D-R729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

S-R803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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 Sunday Supper Program at Trinity Episcopal Church.

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, 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 all parents and grandparents and in honor of Loving Care Member Don Weise's birthday, October 5th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Karen Thompson for preaching and leading worship this weekend. Rev. Karen is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church USA. Like Lutheran deacons, she is ordained to word and service, as compared to word and sacrament. We appreciate her being here this weekend.

**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.

**SUNDAY IS CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY
October 8 at 1 p.m.**

Please bring power washers and garden tools. A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Narthex. Questions: Call Sandra Christopherson at 340-1449.

**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.

NEW NEED FOR PLASTIC BAGS

St. Matthew and Spruce Lutheran Churches have taken on this project and will be continuing to make plastic mats for the homeless. Completed mats will be given to those in need in the Chicago area. Thank you for recycling your plastic bags for such a good cause!!!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, support and comfort following Dave's passing. A special thank you to Pastor Tom, to the ladies for the amazing luncheon and to all who donated food and helped in some way that day. Dave loved his Grace family and we are very grateful.

God bless you all,
Dave Chroninger Family

**43RD ANNUAL SERRV BAZAAR
First Congregational UCC
201 S. Second, Alpena
Friday, October 27, 2-6 p.m.**

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Featured items include jewelry, textiles, baskets, and more! Unique ceramics and holiday decorations. Fair Trade coffee, tea, food items - and delicious Divine Chocolate. All of the high quality crafts sold at the sale are handmade by artisans from 35 countries around the world including underprivileged parts of the U.S. Every purchase directly helps improve working conditions, access to healthcare and education for the artisans and their families by offering them fair wages for their crafts. **Don't miss out on this unique shopping opportunity that has been taking place at First Congregational UCC since 1974!**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –8th

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
1:00 p.m. Cemetery Clean Up

Tuesday - 10th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Wednesday - 11th

1:00 p.m. ACLU Meeting Set Up -
Dining Hall
3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
6:30 p.m. People are People Meeting -
Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 12th

**Loving Care Member
Visits Today!**
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Saturday - 14th

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

SERVING OCTOBER 8

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Cheryl Werblow
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck,
Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Jo Ann Smith, Anne Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Roger & Jeanne Pankey

SERVING OCTOBER 15

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt
Lector Patti Tucker
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck,
Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Dale & Pat Schultz
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Don, Verna & Tammy Furze

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Oct. 1, 2017	\$ 5,547.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (535.00)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not

be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

PSALM 80:7-15 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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