

✠ **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., November 16, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., November 17, 2019

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-R437
Psalm 98
D-R438
C-R471
S-R452

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand
(Psalms begin page 339)
My Lord, What a Morning
Let Us Break Bread Together
Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

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 worshipping 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 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for World Peace/First Congregational UCC.

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available from ushers.

PRAYERS

Gordon Hansen, Alec Kennedy, Deb Nitchman's Family (Culbertsons), Kay Zinsli, Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Duane Schultz, Maria Shelton, Steve Thorpe, Charles Johnson, Charles Miller's Mother, Ann Haske, Mary Ann Czarnecki, Lyle Beck, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Chris & Sarah Smith & Family, Ellen, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Thanksgiving
For Our Freedom to Worship

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet in the lounge on Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m. All women are welcome. We are planning a Yulefest Bake Sale to be held on December 7th. Everyone please check your recipes. Bring the goodies in on Friday, December 6th. Please help us make this a success. Any questions, please call Darlene Freel at 989-354-8866.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST TREE

The Christmas Wish List tree is up and the tags are on the tree. Please help to make some families happy this Christmas. We have 7 families this year with a total of 16 people. If you take a tag or tags, please return the tag/s with your wrapped package and place under the tree. All wrapped and tagged packages are to be back at Grace by Dec. 1st (Sunday), so the packages can get delivered to the Volunteer Center during the week of Dec. 2 -6. Thank you for helping to "Make a Christ-Like difference in our community".

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

If you are leaving for the winter and have food in your house that is canned or non-perishable and you don't want to leave it in your house over the winter, please consider the Little Food Pantry. The LFP is getting a lot of use and any unopened food donation is appreciated.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - November 9-10	4,596.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (12,508.16)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE DECEMBER & JANUARY

December 1 - No Sunday School
December 8 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
December 15 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
December 22 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
December 29 - No Sunday School

January 5 - No Sunday School
January 12 - No Sunday School
January 19 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
January 26 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

YULEFEST BAKE SALE

**Saturday, December 7
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The Ruth Circle is planning a Yulefest Bake Sale at Grace again this year on December 7th. Please check your recipes for all kinds of goodies. We depend on everyone to help us make this a success.

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 6, from 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated.

Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 if you can help set up on Friday or help the day of the sale. 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.

POP-UP PANTRY FOOD GIVE AWAY EAST CAMPUS

**Thursday, November 21 from 4-6 p.m.
See bulletin board for more details.**

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT GRACE LUTHERAN

Thursday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Menu: turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy and drinks provided. Please sign up by November 24 and indicate if you are able to bring a salad, vegetable, bread or rolls to share. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Call Ruby/Matt Haske (356-4276) or Vicki/Paul Denstaedt (916-9258) with questions. You are invited to come early (3 p.m.) if you want to play cards or board games before dinner.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 17th

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Choir - Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed - Lounge
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Reserved

Monday - 18th

6:00 pm	Sensible Shoes Women's Group - Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday - 19th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
11:30am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Choir - Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Council

Wednesday - 20th

7am - 2pm	Kitchen Reserved
1:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle - Lounge
3-4:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir

Thursday - 21st

5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
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Saturday - 23rd

5:00 p.m.	Noisy Offering Weekend Worship
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SERVING NOVEMBER 16-17

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	David Delano
Lector	Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assts	Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters	Bruno Hirzel, Kelly Pankey
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Cookie/	
Doughnut Pick Up	Paul & Vicki Denstaedt

SERVING NOVEMBER 23-24

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	David Delano
Lector	Anne Gentry
Communion Assts	Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters	Steve & Janie Hansen
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Joe & Dawn Gentry
Cookie/	
Doughnut Pick Up	Paul & Vicki Denstaedt

FIRST READING **Malachi 4:1-2a**

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

PSALM 98

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown

down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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