

✠ CHRIST THE KING ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., November 25, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., November 26, 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-R855 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Psalms 95:1-7a (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
C-R826 Thine the Amen
S-R434 Jesus Shall Reign

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” ELW 694

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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Youth Ministry 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

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 Katie Welch
Given by Jeff & Sandy Welch

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Reed Schroer for preaching and leading worship this weekend. We appreciate his being here.

GIVING TREE

Just a reminder that Giving Tree 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.

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.)**

PICTURES OF EVENTS AT GRACE

If you have pictures of Grace events, etc. at Grace, please email them to Phran Ludington at captainphrantastic@yahoo.com. We will use these pictures on our website, our Facebook page and for the Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner. Thanks!

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Nov. 19, 2017	\$ 3,067.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,781.00)

GOOD GIFTS TREE

This year we have put a Good Gifts Tree in the Narthex, on the table outside Peggy's office. The idea of the tree is to remind people there are others ways to give other than the purchase of a store bought item. Many people we know have plenty and are hard to buy for, the Good Gifts Tree offers options to honor the person and help with world hunger. The bulbs let you know what you can purchase and the amount. If you see something that strikes you, take the bulb/bulbs and go to the ELCA/goodgifts link (on the back of the bulb) and place your order. The Good Gifts Catalog, located under the tree, has plenty of information regarding the gifts and the project. If you are not comfortable ordering on line, there is an order form in the catalog, you fill that out, send your check/ money order. The bulbs can be given to your recipient as acknowledgement of the gift. Please keep this in mind as a stocking stuffer or a small add-on gift. *We encourage you to take a look and consider another option for gift giving.*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING DECEMBER 10 FOLLOWING

APPRECIATION BREAKFAST POTLUCK
Please join us following our 9:30 a.m. service on December 10 for an Appreciation Breakfast Potluck to honor those who donated services to complete our new paved driveway. Following the potluck we will sing Christmas carols as we visit some of Grace's members who may not be able to make it to church. We will carpool from the church. We would also like to give a plate of cookies to those we visit. Sign-up sheets are available in the Office Narthex for the potluck, caroling and cookies. Any questions, contact Anna Lewis at 657-3324.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24 ~ 5 & 7:30 p.m.

No Saturday evening worship December 23

No Sunday morning worship December 24

December 30 ~ 5:00 p.m.

December 31 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Lessons and Carols

Following Grace's pattern on the weekend after Christmas, we will have Lessons and Carols Services on Saturday, December 30, and Sunday, December 31. Join us as we hear the story and sing the songs of the season.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -26th - Noisy Offering Weekend

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

9:30 a.m. **Worship**

Monday - 27th

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday - 28th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

3-9:00 p.m. Kitchen Reserved

Wednesday - 29th

3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

5-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

6:30 p.m. New Member Class-Lounge

Thursday - 30th

4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

6:00 p.m. Adult Class - Small

Catechism - Lounge

Friday - 1st

All Day Bake Sale Set Up - Fellowship Hall

Saturday - 2nd

9am-12:30pm Julefest Bake Sale

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

SERVING NOVEMBER 26

Ministers God's People

Pastor Rev. Reed Schroer

Music Director Tina Honecker

Organist Kat Tomaszewski

Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt

Lector Donna Czarnecki

Communion Assts. Phran Ludington

Jeanne Pankey

Ushers..... Dale Schultz, Vicki, Paul & Miriam

Denstaedt, Phran Ludington,

Charles Snyder (Saturday),

Trevor Denstaedt (Saturday)

Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson

Hospital Janet Chroninger

Altar Guild..... Chris Christopherson

Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek

Coffee Hour..... Dawn Anderson, Phran Ludington,

Caroline Weise

SERVING DECEMBER 3

Ministers God's People

Pastor Rev. Tom Orth

Music Director Tina Honecker

Organist Kat Tomaszewski

Music Assistant Miriam Denstaedt

Lector Joe Gentry

Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson

Ushers..... Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,

Rick Engstrom, Jack Tucker

Greeters Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Hospital Janet Chroninger

Altar Guild..... Gentry & Denstaedt Families

Counters..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Coffee Hour..... Joel & Cindy Suszek

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the

countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

PSALM 95:1-7A (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23**

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him

the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’

⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’

⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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