

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., July 8, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., July 9, 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-R765** Lord of All Hopefulness
Psalm 145:8-14 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
C-R335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
S-R697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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 RCIA/Adult Ed 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

Sherie McTaggart, Darlene Freel, Gar Nicholls, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Jim Kratz, Bill Farnum, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, 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 Bunny Lyon, who passed away July 1st.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Gar & Joanne Nicholls' 60th wedding anniversary.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

ACE will gather for brief time in the Lounge before mini-golfing starts to listen to more of the actor's conversation from *Seven Passages* video. Bring your sandwich and we'll listen for the time we have.

**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.

**ALPENA COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL
VBS DAY CAMP
“Branching Out:
Connecting Through Christ”
July 10-14, 2017
Each day from 9 am to 3 pm
at
First United Methodist Church
167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena
989-354-2490**

This is a free event for children ages 5-12. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Activities include Bible Adventures, Arts & Crafts, Nature Activities, and Games! Registration forms are located in the Narthex. Completed forms may be mailed/dropped off at First United Methodist Church. Go to www.alpenafumc.org to print registration. **Youth and adult volunteers from Grace are needed. Schedules are flexible, help when you are available. Please contact Elsa Phillips at 884-1809 if you are able to help.**

ELCA WORLD HUNGER PROJECT
The month of July is devoted to raising awareness of world hunger and the resources available through the ELCA World Hunger Project. In the past, our bread weekends have raised awareness for the Project with great success. This month a tree in the Office Narthex is adorned with ornaments toward \$500 to purchase a cow for one family. You can use the envelopes provided with the bulletins for this purchase. Our first weekend raised \$374 toward the cow. Holy cow! Thank you!

**PEACE CORPS PRESENTATION
Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
(727 S. Second Avenue, Alpena)
*in the Multi-purpose room***

Come and join us for this interesting presentation from Kat Schultz, who will talk about her life in Ghana, as a Peace Corps health volunteer.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 9th

9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge
12:00 p.m. Mini-Golf Tourney

Monday - 10th

9am-3pm VBS - 1st United Methodist

Tuesday - 11th

9am-3pm VBS - 1st United Methodist
5:00 p.m. Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 12th

9am-3pm VBS - 1st United Methodist
3:30 - 4:45 pm Lounge Reserved
5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Thursday - 13th

9am-3pm VBS - 1st United Methodist

Friday - 14th

9am-3pm VBS - 1st United Methodist

Saturday - 15th

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING JULY 9

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Joe Gentry
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers .. Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
 Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild .. Chris Christopherson, Jeanne Pankey
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Jack & Patti Tucker

SERVING JULY 16

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Organist Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Bob Greene
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers .. Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
 Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Vicki, Trevor, & Isabelle Denstaedt
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild .. Chris Christopherson, Jeanne Pankey
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Joel & Cindy Suszek

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - July 2, 2017	\$ 5,371.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 1,636.50

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

PSALM 145:8-14 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with

the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give

you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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