

✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 15, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 16, 2018

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-R335

Psalms 116:1-9

D-R660

C-R770

S-R551

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

(Psalms begin page 339)

Lift High the Cross

Give Me Jesus

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for all who do tasks for the church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Julie Troy, Jim Clemens, Charles Snyder, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Elsie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathehead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Gwen Hoeft, Lyle Beck, Mark Jackson, Annette Kindt, Patricia Denstaedt, Debbie Weir, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond. We also remember the family of Marilyn Whitscell, who passed away September 9th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Celebration of Loving Care Member Don Weise's upcoming birthday, October 5th.

FOSTER FUN DAY WRAP UP

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we would like to thank the congregation for supporting another successful Foster Fun Day! With the help of Mike Arzo and his amazing staff, we were able to share a fun-filled day with eight children and their foster parents. You don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect to make a difference in someone's life - you just have to care. Thank You for caring!!

The Discipleship Committee

PICTURES FROM FOSTER FUN DAY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY WEEKEND?

If you were at Foster Family Fun Day at Arzo's will you please email your pictures to Phran Ludington at captainphrantastic@yahoo.com. I, Phran, experienced camera difficulties and didn't capture a lot of photos. I'd like to print some of the photos and add them to the slide show at the CC&S Dinner. Thank you. And remember...the foster children CANNOT BE IDENTIFIABLE.

If you have **pictures from the Sunday School Kick-Off service**, can you please email them to Phran Ludington at captainphrantastic@yahoo.com. These pictures will be added to the pictures I collected. Some will be printed and then added to the slide show at the CCS dinner.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH QUILTERS CARD/GAME NIGHT OCTOBER 25, 2018

**Baked Spud Bar/Ice Cream Bar
Quilt Raffle**

Doors open at 5 pm ~ Serving at 6 pm

Limited seating - reservations required

Call Arlis (356-9583) or Patti (354-5990)

Proceeds to fund worldwide quilting projects.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

The Prosperity Gospel

We don't believe that God blesses with more wealth do we? But are there other things, other "prosperities", we expect from being faithful? Join us as we talk about a recent survey and the idea of our expectations of being faithful. See you at 11 in the Lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge. Call Darlene Freel (354-8866) with questions. Please join us!

CONCERT

**St. Paul Episcopal Church Gospel Choir
Friday, September 28 at 7 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Church
124 E. Washington Ave.**

The choir has been under the direction of Rafeal D. McDaniel for the last seven years, although it has been singing for over 30 years in Flint and throughout the country. Made up of 17 members of different denominations, it is a community-based group that loves each other like family. A free-will offering will be greatly appreciated.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 15-16

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Ruby Haske
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Dale Schultz, Phran Ludington, Vicki, Paul, & Miriam Denstaedt, Linda Batchelor (Sat.), Charles Snyder (Sat.), Trevor Denstaedt (Sat.)
Greeters Jack & Patti Tucker
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski, Bonnie Cross

Counters Gary & Kay Grove

Coffee Hour Roger & Jeanne Pankey

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 16th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge
9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge
3:00 p.m. 30 Days of Peace Movie - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - 18th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge
7:00 p.m. Council

Wednesday - 19th

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

Thursday - 20th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 22nd - Noisy Offering Weekend

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING SEPTEMBER 22-23

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Dale Schultz, Phran Ludington, Vicki, Paul, & Miriam Denstaedt, Linda Batchelor (Sat.), Charles Snyder (Sat.), Trevor Denstaedt (Sat.)
Greeters Jeff & Sandy Welch
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski, Bonnie Cross
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Don, Verna & Tammy Furze

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 116:1-9

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by

hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL **Mark 8:27-38**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began

to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - September 8/9	2,926.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,916.87)

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