

✠ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 10, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 11, 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

<b>G-R327</b>	Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow
<b>Psalm 33:12-22</b>	(Psalms begin page 339)
<b>D-R771</b>	God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
<b>C-R638</b>	Blessed Assurance
<b>S-R460</b>	Now the Silence

### 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 the Youth & Family Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### PRAYERS

Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Patti Tucker, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Dorothy Hansen, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, 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 Honor of  
Don Furze's 80th Birthday  
Given by  
His Friends & Family

**Save the Date for the 8th Community  
CELEBRATING AND SHARING DINNER  
OCTOBER 13, 2019 AT THE APLEX**

Doors open at 11:00/meal served at 12:00pm

Tickets \$15/ Children 12 and under Free

Silent Auction/Chinese Raffle/50-50 Drawing

Please note: Auction Items are due on or before 9/15. Any item turned in after this date, will be held for next year's event

**HEARING ASSISTANCE  
DEVICES AVAILABLE**

We have individual devices to help people hear the services more. Pick them up from the ushers in the Sound Room. There are headphones available. Or hearing aids with T Coil activated will be able to receive the sound directly from the devices you take to your seat.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE**

We have a nursery staffed by an adult available during our Sunday worship service time. If you have a child that worship is too long for or they need to move around or today is just a tough day for them, let the nursery attendant or ushers know and they will show you through the basement to our nursery space in the Fellowship Hall.

<b>GENERAL FUND GIVING</b>	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - August 4	3,624.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (7,969.72)

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
AT STARLITE BEACH PAVILLON**

Sunday, August 18th, we will gather at Starlite Beach at our normal 9:30 am worship time for our Sunday Worship service. Join us in God's great outdoors. Inclement weather location will be back at church.

**THE LONGEST TABLE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

**Pedestrian Bridge behind NOAA  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

The United Way of Northeast Michigan and Who Is My Neighbor is pleased to present "The Longest Table!-Alpena. The free, public event welcomes residents to sit down and "break bread" with people they might not know, to foster conversations, strengthen and build connections, and to share ideas about Alpena County. Open to adults and high school students who are willing to mix and mingle informally with people they meet that day. *In the event of inclement weather the event will take place at Thunder Bay Theatre.*

To help us prepare for you, please email us at [downtownalpenami@gmail.com](mailto:downtownalpenami@gmail.com), call 356-6422 (Alpena Downtown Development), 354-2221 (United Way), or sign up through Event Brite at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

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**Save the Date  
Grace Lutheran Church  
QUILTERS CARD/GAME NIGHT  
OCTOBER 24, 2019**

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**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 11th**

**9:30 a.m.      Worship**  
11:00 a.m.      Adult Ed - Lounge

**Monday - 12th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday - 13th**

11:30am-4pm      Kitchen Reserved

**Wednesday - 14th**

3-4:30 p.m.      Lounge Reserved

**Thursday - 15th**

8am-3pm      Kitchen Reserved  
5:00 p.m.      Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 17th**

**5:00 p.m.      Worship**

**SERVING AUGUST 10-11**

**Ministers**.....God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**.....David Delano  
**Lector**..... Vicki Denstaedt  
**Communion Assts.** Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,  
Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)  
**Greeters**.....Rick & Sharon Engstrom  
**Hospital**.....Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith  
**Counters**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Coffee Hour**..... Joe & Dawn Gentry  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up**.....Rick & Sharon Engstrom

**SERVING AUGUST 17-18**

**Ministers** .....God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector**.....Mike Urlaub  
**Communion Assts** Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,  
Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)  
**Greeters**.....Gary & Kay Grove  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
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**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**PSALM 33:12-22** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the

land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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