

✠ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 1, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 2, 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-R717	Let Justice Flow like Streams
Psalms 15	(Psalms begin page 339)
D-R592	Just As I Am, without One Plea
C-R801	Change My Heart, O God
S-R772	Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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. Today we pray for the Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Jim Clemens, Charles Snyder, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Celebration of
Clarence & Bonnie Cross'
46th Wedding Anniversary

**SAVE THE DATE!
 GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS
 Saturday, September 8 ~ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Family Fun Day for Foster Children
 and Their Foster Families**

Saturday, September 8th we again have the opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in our community. Grace Lutheran is partnering with Arzo Amusement Park to provide a fun-filled family day for foster kids and their families. We encourage you to help spread some joy, delight and smiles. This event runs from 1:00-5:00. Lunch will be served - picnic style. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Dawn Anderson 657-6923 or Phran Ludington 569-1587.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

Come join us as we kick off our Sunday School year during our regular 9:30 a.m. service on September 9th. We will be recognizing and celebrating our children during our regular worship service with song, scripture and fellowship.

THANKS TO UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who volunteered to help with a United Way "Back to School" event. Discipleship co-chairs took on the responsibility of recruiting volunteers from Grace for the August 8 event. Volunteers helped junior high and high school kids shop for back to school items with gift cards provided to the students by the United Way. We can and will make a difference in our community when we volunteer to help with events such as this. (More info can be found in our September newsletter.)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 QUILTERS CARD PARTY
 October 25, 2018
 Watch upcoming bulletins
 and newsletters for more details!!!**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

- Sunday - 2nd** - **Worship**
 9:30 a.m.
- Monday - 3rd** - **Labor Day**
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 8am-4pm Kitchen Reserved
 6:00 p.m. ROC - Lounge
- Tuesday - 4th**
 9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
 6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge
- Wednesday - 5th**
 3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved
- Thursday - 6th**
 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
- Saturday - 8th**
 5:00 p.m. **Worship**

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - August 25/26	3,979.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (4,215.87)

SERVING SEPTEMBER 1-2

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Paul Denstaedt
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Dale Schultz, Phran Ludington, Vicki,
Paul, & Miriam Denstaedt, Linda Batchelor (Sat.),
Charles Snyder (Sat.), Trevor Denstaedt (Sat.)
Greeters Dale & Pat Schultz
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,
Bonnie Cross
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden,
Ellie Walker

SERVING SEPTEMBER 8-9

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Michael Herrmann, Nancy Platt,
Elsa Phillips
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers T.J. Lappan, Brody Engstrom,
Lucas Palmer, Davis Crittenden
Dale Schultz, Phran Ludington,
Vicki, Paul, & Miriam Denstaedt,
Linda Batchelor (Sat.), Charles
Snyder (Sat.), Trevor Denstaedt
(Sat.)
Greeters Myles Granata, Piper Slominski,
Gracelyn Gohlke, Riley Gohlke,
Ella Engstrom, Sophia Kamyszek,
Maia Slominski, Harper Suszek,
Hope Kamyszek, Joel & Cindy
Suszek
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,
Bonnie Cross
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Joe, Dawn & Anne Gentry

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

PSALM 15 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL **Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews,

do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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