

✠ **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 24, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 25, 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

G-R314

Psalm 103:1-8

D-R612

C-R471

S-R537

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

(Psalms begin page 339)

Healer of Our Every Ill

Let Us Break Bread Together

On Our Way Rejoicing

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. This weekend we pray for all who work on Ecumenical & Interfaith Dialogue 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

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, Cassie Newman, 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

Given to the glory of God

Mark Your Calendars!
GRACE LUTHERAN RUMMAGE SALE
SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 2019

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

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

LWR SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

Discipleship will soon start collecting school kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits help students around the globe with their education. Education is an important tool to breaking the cycle of poverty and hunger.

| GENERAL FUND GIVING | |
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| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,382.00 |
| Weekly giving - August 18 | 3,125.82 |
| Year-to-date over/(under) | \$ (9,833.90) |

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, call 356-6422 (Alpena Downtown Development), 354-2221 (United Way), or sign up through Event Brite at www.eventbrite.com.

UW GEAR UP INITIATIVE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the United Way Gear Up Initiative. We collected plenty of personal care items that were distributed to the students on the shopping day. Thank you, also, to those that helped with shopping and haircuts. Grace Lutheran helped 36 students from 3 counties start the school year clean and fresh, outfitted in new clothes and shoes and with school supplies.

SERVING AUGUST 24-25

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

SERVING AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1

Ministers.....God's People
Pastor.....Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director.....David Delano
Lector.....Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts.....Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
Ushers...Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze, Matt
Everett & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz (Sat.)
Greeters.....Phran Ludington
Hospital.....Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild..... Sherie McTaggart, Sandy Malaski,
Bonnie Cross
Counters.....Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour.....Dale & Pat Schultz
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up.....

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 25th **Noisy Offering Weekend**
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
11:00 a.m. Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 26th
6:00 p.m. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
"Sensible Shoes" Women's
Group - Fellowship Hall
(Postponed from Aug. 19)

Tuesday - 27th
11:30am-4pm Kitchen Reserved

Wednesday - 28th
3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 29th
8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 31st
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your

own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the
earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your
ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.

PSALM 103:1-8

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This

phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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