

✠ **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., June 16, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., June 17, 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-R533	Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15	(Psalms begin page 339)
D-R679	For the Fruit of All Creation
C-R856	How Great Thou Art
S-R547	Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

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 Hospice of Michigan/Hospice of the Sunrise Side at Trinity Episcopal Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Charles Snyder, Sara Kamyszek, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, Lyle Beck, Mark Jackson, Annette Kindt, Patricia Denstaedt, Shelly Greenwood, Debbie Weir, Scott Coddington, Judy Kautz, Mimi, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond, Rev. Richard Clapp.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of all fathers today, on Father’s Day, given by Gary and Kay Grove.

NURSERY NOW 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is starting this **July 9 at First United Methodist Church** (same location as last year). Several churches are joining efforts in providing this day camp to our community's children and as such we will be in need of volunteers from each church. So if anybody is interested in helping out this year it will be greatly appreciated. We had a great turnout last year with volunteers and children. Ages of children that can attend are 5 through 12 years. ***Applications to register and informational fliers are located in the Office Narthex.*** Any questions please contact Elsa Phillips 989-884-1809 or Nancy Platt at 989-340-0154. More details to follow!

FOSTER CLOSET ITEMS

The Foster Closet is in need of items and they really prefer that these items are new, especially the clothes. We have the ***Giving Tree up again with tags*** of items needed. Please consider taking a tag if it strikes you as something you can help to provide. ***They are especially in need of socks, underwear, and larger sized pajamas (for children 10-18).*** The items then can be returned to the church and placed in the basket near the tree. If you have questions, they can be directed to Phran Ludington (471-9117) or Dawn Anderson (657-6923).

WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY

Time and Talent survey sheets are included in the June newsletter and available in the Office Narthex. Please fill one out if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.) ***Please note that only those completing a survey will be included on the new schedules, so if you are willing to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the form to help us with scheduling.*** Please include areas you are already involved in along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve. Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Engstrom (354-5133) or the church office.

SERVING JUNE 16-17

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Patti Tucker
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Matt & Olivia Haske, Isabelle Denstaedt
Greeters Joe & Dawn Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild ... Joanne Nicholls, Kathy Piontkowski
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Polly Cook, Jo Ann Smith,
Corky Gates, Sandra Christopherson

SERVING JUNE 23-24

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Anna Lewis
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
 Matt & Olivia Haske, Isabelle Denstaedt
Greeters Gary & Kay Grove
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild ... Joanne Nicholls, Kathy Piontkowski
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 17th

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

Tuesday - 19th

7:00 p.m. Council

Wednesday - 20th

11:30 a.m. Ruth Circle - 19th Hole
 (RSVP to Darlene Freel -
 354-8866)
 3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 21st

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 23rd - Noisy Offering Weekend

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

GENERAL FUND GIVING	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - June 9/10	3,976.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 344.13

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us,

so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a

mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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