

✠ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., September 22, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., September 23, 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-R526
Psalm 54
D-R815
C-R496
S-R661

God Is Here!
(Psalms begin page 339)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
One Bread, One Body
I Love to Tell the Story

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 Sunday School Program 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

Julie Troy, Jim Clemens, Charles Snyder, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, 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 Ronald Pankey, who passed away this past week.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
My Parents, Clayton & Luella Harden,
Given by Cheryl Ann
and
In Memory of
Jean Timm
Given by Elaine Hatch

**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.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Hello! There will be an informational meeting at the organ for anyone interested in joining handbells directly following morning service this Sunday. Anyone interested in joining that cannot be at that meeting should contact me via email (david.c.delano@gmail.com). Thanks!

David

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED
Redemption**

How do we react to redemption in others? Can we believe it when someone goes from hate to acceptance to "loving"? From a remarkable story of KKK Grand Dragon to baptized by a black pastor, we read about a man's incredible journey over the course of 1 year. Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we talk about a turn about in our lives.

**UPCOMING ADULT CE SERIES
*THE REFUGEE CRISIS***

ELCA Augsburg Fortress has launched a new series entitled "Dialogue On." The intent is to have authentic conversations around difficult topics while learning ways to engage in such conversations peacefully and faithfully. The Learner Book is \$10. The 8 session series will begin October 14th. Please notify the office to order a book.

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 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

SERVING SEPTEMBER 29-30

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

GENERAL FUND GIVING	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - September 15/16	4,213.50
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,928.37)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 23rd **Noisy Offering Weekend**
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
 11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

Tuesday - 25th
 9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
 6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge

Wednesday - 26th
 3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 27th
 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 29th
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM 54 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he

will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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