

✠ ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 19, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 20, 2017

## 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-R608** Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling  
**Psalm 67** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R532** Gather Us In  
**C-R423** Shall We Gather at the River  
**S-R650** In Christ There Is No East or West

### 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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Re-Member Mission Team at First Congregational UCC.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### PRAYERS

Dale Schultz, Caroline Weise, Darlene Freel, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Jim Kratz, Bill Farnum, Gary Rich, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Jerry & Jan Charter's 47th wedding anniversary.

### TEMPLE TALK ON FOSTER CHILDREN

In preparation for Foster Fun Day, Meg Nisbet from Child and Family Services of NE MI will share with us the programs for foster children and ways we as church and individuals can make a difference for the kids. As Development Director, she focuses on recruitment and retention, training, event planning, grant writing and media relations. She also provides Trauma Informed Caregiving training for both foster families, as well as community professionals.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**

#### **Protests & Violence in Charlottesville**

Our class will take time today to share reactions to the events in Charlottesville last Saturday and since. We will look to what our faith response can be, both nationally and from local churches such as ours. It is a difficult time and we gather together as people of God for strength and support at this time. The class will begin at 11 in the lounge.

### **ACTIVITY BAGS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

### **NATIONAL RELIEF NETWORK 2018 MISSION TRIP**

We are now getting ready for our seventh National Relief Network journey to help out families after natural disasters. We are preparing for 2018. We have scheduled our first meeting to see who is interested in joining our life changing team. Our meeting will take place at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. At that time we will give you details on this trip and be there to answer questions if this is your first time with us. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested, please call Marsha Hoppe at 354-8903 or Vicki Denstaedt at 916-9258. Thank you.

### **SAVE THE DATE! GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS September 9th ~ 1:00-5:00**

#### **Family Fun Day for Foster Children and Their Foster Families**

#### **LET'S HAVE FUN!!! (No rakes, shovels or garden gloves needed)**

This year we are partnering with Mike Arzo from Arzo Amusement Park, US 23 N, and hosting a day filled with games, amusement rides and food - but, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We will be serving a picnic-style lunch - please bring a salad or dessert to share and we will need volunteers to be present at the event to help: serve food, care for little ones so parents can also enjoy the activities and to mingle and interact - it will be a great opportunity for us to get to know these families.

Mike Arzo may have said it best, "bringing a smile and joy on each foster care child is the most important achievement of my life."

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex

Worried about the flower planting at Samaritas or the Grace Lutheran Cemetery project? We've got that covered, too - keep an eye on your bulletin.

Any questions, call:

Dawn Anderson 657-6923 or  
Joelyn Rich 340-0592

**SERVING AUGUST 20**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Melissa Timmreck  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,  
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett & Olivia  
Haske  
**Greeters** ..... Corky Gates, Patti MacNeill  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Pam Kirchoff, Charlotte Werth,  
Jo Ann Smith

**SERVING AUGUST 27**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Donna Czarnecki  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,  
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett & Olivia  
Haske  
**Greeters** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Polly Cook, Elsa Phillips,  
Sandra Christopherson

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday -20th - Bread Weekend**

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

**Tuesday - 22nd**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday - 23rd**

**10:00 a.m.      Discipleship WG**

**Saturday - 26th - Bread Weekend**

**5:00 p.m.      Worship**

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - August 13, 2017	\$ 3,027.50
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (1,762.00)

**FIRST READING                      Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.  
<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—  
<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**PSALM 67** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**GOSPEL Matthew 15:10-28**

<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of

the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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