

✠ **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., August 25, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., August 26, 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-R408

Psalms 34:15-22

D-R879

C-R494

S-R537

Come, Thou Almighty King

(Psalms begin page 339)

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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. Today we pray for the Trinity Episcopal Church Women 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

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
Ed & Donna Czarnecki's
18th Wedding Anniversary

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. John Laycock for preaching and leading worship. We appreciate his being here this weekend.

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 by volunteering and getting to know a different segment of our community. 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.

FOSTER CLOSET COLLECTION

Thank you to all who so generously donated or helped with the collection of items for The Foster Closet. We were wowed by what was collected and we hope you are, too! This would not have been possible without the caring kindness of the congregations. Together we make a Christ-like difference in our community. (Check out the complete list of everything that was donated in our September newsletter.)

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONIC ITEMS

Do you have items to recycle? Please feel free to drop them at Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 E. Washington Ave. Items may be dropped off on the trailer located at the back of their parking lot on the grass. This is for any electronic items including computers, tv's, printers, phones, etc. The trailer will be available through the end of August. Questions? Contact Peggy in the church office (354-2640).

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.)

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
BABY KITS**

Discipleship is now collecting items for **Baby Kits for LWR (Lutheran World Relief)**. Tags are on the tree for the items that are needed to make complete kits for the items that are left from previous years. If we collect the items, we will add new tags to start new kits. Please stick to the items on the tags, it has been determined by the folks in the field that people benefit the most from these items. We cannot send anything that is not specific to the items on their list. Please also know items with patriotic symbolism, religious symbolism and camouflage are not accepted. Thank you for aiding those that are less fortunate and living in areas of disaster or conflict, you are helping to "make a difference in our community and world". **We will be collecting items for the baby kits through September. School kit collection will end at the end of August.** This is the first time we have had an overlap of collections, so it is a test. We are hoping to get everything together to send it all out in October with the quilts.

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.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

- Sunday - 26th** - Noisy Offering Weekend
 9:30 a.m. Worship
- Tuesday - 28th**
 6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge
- Wednesday - 29th**
 3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved
- Thursday - 30th**
 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
- Friday - 31st**
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Saturday - 1st**
 5:00 p.m. Worship

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - August 18/19	2,776.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,969.87)

SERVING AUGUST 25-26

- Ministers** God's People
- Pastor** Rev. John Laycock
- Music Director** David Delano
- Lector** Vicki Denstaedt
- Communion Assts.** Clarence & Bonnie Cross
- Ushers** Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
 Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck,
 Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
- Greeters** Jo Ann Smith, Anne Gentry
- Hospital** Janet Chroninger
- Altar Guild** Karen Suszek, Jo Ann Smith
- Counters** Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
- Coffee Hour** Wayne & Chris Christopherson

SERVING SEPTEMBER 1-2

- Ministers** God's People
- Pastor** Rev. Tom Orth
- Music Director** David Delano
- Lector**
- 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

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the

Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

PSALM 34:15-22 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray

also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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