

✠ NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., October 14, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., October 15, 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-R522 As We Gather at Your Table
Psalms 23 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R362 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing
C-R487 What Feast of Love
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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Stephen Ministry Program/Prayer Group 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

Myra Cross, Kelly Pankey, Tom Brennan, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Scott Coddington, 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 honor of Tammy Furze’s birthday, October 14, given by her family Mom, Dad brother, sister-in law, nieces, dogs and cat.

THANK YOU

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

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.

CARD/GAME NIGHT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
Grace Lutheran Church
Doors open at 5 pm, Serving at 6 pm
\$7.00/person

Baked Potato Bar/Ice Cream Bar/Quilt Raffle

Reservations: Arlis - 356-9583

Patti - 354-5990

Limited Seating ` Sponsored by Grace Quilters

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will meet on Wednesday, October 18, in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. The lesson will be based on John 20:24-31, covering the Apostles' Creed, followed by a short meeting concerning the updating of the Lounge . There will be time for fellowship with dessert furnished by Elaine Hatch. **All women of Grace are encouraged to attend and there is no obligation.**

43RD ANNUAL SERRV BAZAAR
First Congregational UCC, 201 S. Second
Friday, October 27, 2-6 p.m.

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Featured items include jewelry, textiles, baskets, and more! Unique ceramics and holiday decorations. Fair Trade coffee, tea, food items - and delicious Divine Chocolate. All of the high quality crafts sold at the sale are handmade by artisans from 35 countries around the world including underprivileged parts of the U.S. Every purchase directly helps improve working conditions, access to healthcare and education for the artisans and their families by offering them fair wages for their crafts. **Don't miss out on this unique shopping opportunity that has been taking place at First Congregational UCC since 1974!**

EXPLORING LUTHERAN TRADITION
& GRACE LUTHERAN

Want to learn about a little about Lutheran tradition and Grace Lutheran Church. Join us on Wednesday evenings Oct. 25 and then Nov. 8 & 29 at 6:30. If you are curious about joining Grace this is a great way to find out more. Let Pastor Tom or the office know so we can get the book to you.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
727 S. Second St., Alpena

This prayer service commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which is October 31, 2017. Both Bishop Steven Raica of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord and Bishop Craig Satterlee of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA will be leading worship together with other clergy from the community assisting.

As we gather to hear God's Word, pray, sing, and give thanks to God in celebration for the unity we share in Christ Jesus, this time of worship will be especially meaningful because we'll be together in one place—members of the various LARCC congregations, the area Catholic parishes, and other congregations from Alpena, Alcona, Presque Isle and surrounding counties—but one in mind and spirit. Please put this important date on your calendar and plan to join this wonderful opportunity for ecumenical worship and fellowship.

In commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, look again at the Small Catechism. Classes on Oct. 26, Nov. 9, 16 & 30 at 6:00. Sign up at the office and pickup the book for \$11. Any questions see Pastor Tom.

This year the Quilters made a total of 286 quilts. We sent 234 quilts to Lutheran World Relief and the other 52 went to Graduates and other events. 25 School Kits, 9 Baby Layettes, 14 sewing kits, 1 personal care kit. We would like to Thank everyone for all the support and donations throughout the year. Since 1986 we made a total of 3,597 Quilts.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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 9:00 a.m. Quilting
 5:00 p.m. Worship Work Group
 7:00 p.m. Council

All Day	Fellowship Hall Reserved
1:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle - Lounge
3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
5-6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved

4:30-5:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
5:00 p.m. Card/Game Night - Fellowship Hall
Friday - 21st
5:00 p.m. Noisy Offering Weekend Worship

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Organist	Kat Tomaszewski
Music Assistant	Miriam Denstaedt
Lector	Patti Tucker
Communion Assts.	Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Ushers	Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith, Nic Timmreck, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters	Dale & Pat Schultz
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow
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Coffee Hour	Don, Verna & Tammy Furze

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Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - Oct. 8, 2017	\$ 2,904.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (1,689.00)

FIRST READING**Isaiah 25:1-9**

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM 23

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Philippians 4:1-9**

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL**Matthew 22:1-14**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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