

✠ TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 22, 2020 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 23, 2020

**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-R314**

**Psalm 2**

**D-R636**

**C-R838**

**S-R543**

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

(Psalms begin page 339)

How Small Our Span of Life

Beautiful Savior

Go, My Children, with My 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. This weekend we pray for the Youth Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God

**PRAYERS**

Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Gerald Lancaster, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Christine Schultz O'Neil, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Karlene Trump, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Kim Branch, Nick Wittman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Cassie Newman, who passed away February 16th.

**THANK YOU**

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

### **COMBINED CHOIR FOR LENT**

Combined choir rehearsals continue at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays at Grace. The Combined Choir will be used at several of the Lenten series services. You don't have to make all the rehearsals to sing. Open to all, regardless of ability!

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHOIR INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM!**

Our choir is looking for more members! We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Open to all, regardless of ability!

### **SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEMBERS**

Some members at Grace with asthma can react to and have difficulty breathing with various perfumes or colognes. For those with special sensitivity, it can be surprising how little it takes to cause the reaction and even moving further away doesn't always help as the scent can travel a good distance. We would ask that you consider wearing as little as possible or even refraining from any perfumes or colognes for worship services allowing others to worship in ease and comfort.

### **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Grace Lutheran Church scholarship applications are now available in the Office Narthex. Please contact the office if you would like one emailed to you. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - February 15-16	3,374.67

### **OFFICE LOBBY DOORS LOCKING**

Our new locks are installed and working on the wooden doors in the Office Lobby. We are now using the wooden doors to lock the building, leaving the metal outer doors unlocked. With this change, the Little Food Pantry in the heated vestibule between the doors will be accessible 24/7 just like the outdoor Little Food Pantry. Food susceptible to freezing can be offered year round making a greater range of food available to those who have needs. Dollars from our Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner made this possible. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

### **LET'S TALK FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH Tuesday February 25 ~ 7 p.m.**

There will be a panel discussion at Thunder Bay Theatre promoting diversity and inclusivity by members from the Alpena community. This is the second year that TBT will be doing this Let's Talk series. You are invited to come and participate in this important issue in our society today. Reception starts at 6:30 p.m.

### **BABY KIT COLLECTION**

The Discipleship Work Group is now collecting items for the baby kits that we send to Lutheran World Relief. Tags are on the "Giving Tree" located in the office narthex. Please purchase the specific items on the tags. Some items may be difficult to find locally and may have to be purchased online. "Making a Christ-like difference in our community and world".

**Large print worship folders,  
including hymns and weekly  
bulletin are available from  
ushers.**

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

<b><u>Sunday - 23rd</u></b>	<b>Noisy Offering Weekend</b>
9:00 a.m.	Choir - Lounge
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
<b><u>Monday - 24th</u></b>	
6:00 p.m.	Combined Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Tuesday - 25th</u></b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sewing/Quilting
11:30 a.m.	Kitchen Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Choir - Lounge
<b><u>Wednesday - 26th</u></b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Kitchen Reserved
12:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup &
12:30 p.m.	Worship at St. Paul
3:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m.	Worship at St. Paul
<b><u>Thursday - 27th</u></b>	
5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
<b><u>Friday - 28th</u></b>	
11:30 a.m. -	
2:30 p.m.	NorthStar Ark - Lounge/ Kitchen
<b><u>Saturday - 29th</u></b>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Worship</b>

## **SERVING FEBRUARY 22-23**

<b>Ministers</b> .....	God's People
<b>Pastor</b> .....	Rev. Gene Bacon
<b>Music Director</b> .....	David Delano
<b>Lector</b> .....	Cheryl Werblow
<b>Communion Assts</b> .....	Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett, & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz & Tami Romel(Sat)
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Pat & June Daly
<b>Hospital</b> .....	Janet Chroninger
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles
<b>Counters</b> .....	Dale & Pat Schultz
<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	Wayne & Chris Christopherson
<b>Doughnut Pickup</b> .....	Sharon & Rick Engstrom

## **2019 YEAR-END STATEMENTS**

2019 year-end statements are now available to be picked up in the Office Narthex.

## **SERVING FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 1**

<b>Ministers</b> .....	God's People
<b>Pastor</b> .....	Rev. Mark Rutenbar
<b>Music Director</b> .....	David Delano
<b>Lector</b> .....	Donna Czarnecki
<b>Communion Assts</b> .....	Roger & Jeanne Pankey
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturday)
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Bruno Hirzel, Kelly Pankey
<b>Hospital</b> .....	Janet Chroninger
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips
<b>Counters</b> .....	
<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	Dawn Anderson, Phran Ludington
<b>Doughnut Pickup</b> .....	..Gary & Kay Grove

## **FIRST READING** **Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**PSALM 2**

(Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING****2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**GOSPEL****Matthew 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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