

‡ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ‡

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 9, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 10, 2016

Hymns

G-R449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Psalms 29 (Psalms begin on page 339)

D-R581 You Are Mine

C-R456 Baptized in Water

S- R304 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Quilting Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

PRAYERS: Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Bunny Lyon Clapp, Richard Clapp, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Carolynne Wegmeyer, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Eric Carlson, Tom Laughlin, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by friends in honor of the following January birthdays: Gordon Hansen (7th), Elfie Jahnke (10th), and Rick Engstrom (12th).

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
ECUMENICAL WORSHIP**

The 2016 International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18th-25th. St. Paul Lutheran will host the LARCC sponsored worship service on **Wed. Jan. 20th at 7pm** marking that special week. The theme this year is: *Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord* (1 Peter 2:9). Please put this date on your calendar as we join together with our Christian brothers and sisters in Alpena as we re-commit ourselves to becoming one as Jesus prayed.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

A reminder to all continuing and outgoing work group leaders...Annual Reports are due in the church office by Monday, February 1, 2016.

TAKING THE DECORATIONS DOWN

We will take the decorations down Sunday morning following worship. All are welcome to stay and help!

NEW FLOWER CHART

The 2016 Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign the chart and fill out an Altar Flowers form (located on the table in the Narthex). Completing this form lets the office know what you would like listed in the bulletin. Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the office.

RUTH CIRCLE

The women of Grace will meet January 20 in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. The session will be "confidence in God's beginnings and endings" (Philippians 1:1-26) followed by a short meeting deciding on the benefits from the Julefest Bake Sale. Names will be drawn for your secret prayer pal for 2016. Thelma Stevens and Chris Christopherson will serve refreshments during the fellowship hour. All women of Grace are welcome at every meeting.

EYEGLOSS LENS FOUND

An eyeglass lens was found following Christmas Eve services. If you, or someone you know, lost an eyeglass lens please have them contact the church office (354-2640).

MLK DAY ACTIVITIES

Alpena's MLK Day commemoration activities are coming up on Monday January 18th. There is an afternoon movie that portrays the relationship between 2 girls who learn about tolerance and friendship. New this year in the evening after the Chili supper is the reading of Jr Hi & High School essay contest winners. Then a Youth panel that talks about "Creating a Beloved Community. Join us for any and all activities that you can. See your January newsletter or posters around church for more details.

MLK DAY

CHILI SUPPER SUPPORT NEEDED

3 crockpots of chili, 3 desserts of brownies, bar cookies or cookies and corn bread **ARE NEEDED**. Sign up on the Narthex table or see Polly Cook, 356-1716

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector Dawn Anderson
Acolyte
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers..... Dale Schultz, Steve & Wesley Garant,
Charles Snyder, Vicki, Isabelle, Trevor
& Taylor Denstaedt
Greeters..... Corky Gates, Patti MacNeill
Hospital..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild..... Kay Zinsli, Elsa Phillips
Counters..... Dale & Pat Schultz, Linda Gapske
Coffee Hour..... Wayne & Anna Lewis

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 10th

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

Decorations Down
Following Worship

NO Adult CE Today

12:30 p.m. Catechism - St. Paul

Tuesday - 12th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

3:30-7:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved

4:00 p.m. Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 13th

BULLETIN DEADLINE

9:30 a.m. LARCC

2:30-6:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 14th

11:00 a.m. Computer Hour

Friday - 15th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Saturday - 16th

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

FIRST READING**Isaiah 43:1-7**

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

PSALM 29

(Psalms begin on page 339)

SECOND READING**Acts 8:14-17**

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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