

✠ **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 27 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 28, 2016

Hymns

G-R335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Psalms 63:1-8 (Psalms begin on page 339)

D-R324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

C-R471 Let Us Break Bread Together

S- R811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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 Homebound Parishioners at St. Paul 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).

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDER

A large print worship folder, hymns and weekly bulletin are available for anyone who would like one. Please ask the ushers for it.

PRAYERS: Tammy Furze, Thelma Stevens, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Bunny Lyon Clapp, Richard Clapp, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Ken Liske, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Erv Simi's February birthday.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held
Sunday, March 13
following 9:30 a.m. worship.

On the Agenda

Receive Annual Reports

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Interpreting the Constitution and the Bible
Justice Antonin Scalia believed in the "original meaning" of the US Constitution. Many believe in the original meaning of the Bible. What makes for a valid interpretation method of the Bible? See you at 11 in the Lounge.

**EASTER FLOWER
ORDER FORMS**

Easter flower order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. **Deadline to order is March 4.**

**COMMUNITY
CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner to be held at the Apex on April 3. Jon Benson, owner of J J's Catering, will once again donate a delicious meal. The silent auction and Chinese raffle return, too. Tickets will be in the church office soon at the cost of \$12 and children under 12 are free.

The silent auction and Chinese raffle will be looking for donations. If you have a wonderful idea or some treasure you would like to donate, please let Sandy Malaski at 989-657-4480 or Myra Cross at 989-340-1523 know and they will help make the arrangements.

It will be a wonderful time to enjoy fellowship and a catered dinner!

NEEDED FOR CC&S DINNER

Blue wine bottles are needed to create centerpieces for the Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner. Bottles may be dropped off in the kitchen any time. See Eleanor Coddington for more information.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL
SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING WORKSHOP
Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

Alpena Public Library Upstairs Classroom
Join local representatives Jeremy Jackson and Mark Jackson for a free session on Social Security options for those in or nearing retirement, including timely updates on the new law, the basics of Social Security and strategies for maximizing your benefits. Informational pamphlets available on the table in the Narthex.

**FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH/
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & GAME DAY
FOLLOWING OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Please join us for some fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. We will start with a potluck lunch at approximately noon (or whenever the annual meeting is done), followed by a Euchre Tournament (for 9th Graders through Adults) and game day (all ages welcome). Drinks and table setting will be supplied for lunch. Please bring a dish to share if you'd like to join us for a meal before the games begin.

Details of the tournament/game day are available with the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Please bring a card table, if you have one. Also, please invite your friends to join us. This is a great time to share our Grace hospitality with others. If you have any questions, please see a Fellowship Committee member. See you all there!!!

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE DINNER
(McDonald's - Chisholm St)**

March 2 & March 9 ~ 5-7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$3 each (includes 1-breakfast sausage and all you can eat pancakes). Proceeds benefit the Alpena NRN Mission Trip. We will be assisting with flooding clean up in South Carolina. Questions? Call Vicki 989-916-9258. More info available on the table in the Narthex.

BREAD SUNDAY - THANK YOU

\$149 collected for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. Thank you to the bakers and buyers, trusting that you both enjoyed your contribution. Remember Bread Sunday will be the 3rd Sunday of every month.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

A big thank you to all for the soup, bread and all the help with set up and clean up for our soup supper. This was so very much appreciated!!

THANK YOU!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 28th

9:30 a.m.	Worship Noisy Offering Sunday
11:00 a.m.	Adult CE - Lounge
1:30 - 3 p.m.	Small Group Meeting - Lounge

Monday - 29th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
6-8:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study

Tuesday - 1st

9:00 a.m.	Quilting
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m.	NRN Mission Trip Mtg - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - 2nd

BULLETIN DEADLINE	
2:30-6:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m.	Worship - First Presbyterian

Saturday - 5th

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector	Ruby Haske
Acolyte	
Communion Assts.	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers	Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove, Tom Brennan, Rick Engstrom
Greeters	Shelly Olsen Family
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Bethany Popour, Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle
Counters	Chris Christopherson, Marge Weber, Bethany Popour
Coffee Hour	Wayne & Chris Christopherson

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Lector	Sandy Welch
Acolyte	
Communion Assts.	Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers	Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze, Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Greeters	Gordon & Dorothy Hansen
Hospital	Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	Sandy Welch, Angie Crittenden, Ellie Walker
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden, Ellie Walker

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - February 21	\$ 2,163.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$3,743.00)

FIRST READING

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 63:1-8 (Psalms begin on page 339)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them

did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.

¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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