

✠ **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 25, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 26, 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-R673** God, Whose Almighty Word  
**Psalms 23** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R779** Amazing Grace  
**C-R581** You Are Mine  
**S- R793** Be Thou My Vision

**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 Homebound Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish.

**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.

**PRAYERS**

Darlene Freel, Elsa Phillips, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Brad Grove, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Eugene Hatch, given by Elaine Hatch.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rev. Gene Bacon for preaching and presiding for this weekend's worship services.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS**

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available. Please ask the ushers for one.

### CROSSES FOR LENT

During the Lenten season, the Discipleship Work Group is asking that everyone in the congregation bring in a cross to display in the dining hall. We will have tables along the wall to display them. Just write your name and what kind of cross it is. Let's see how many we can display! Let us be drawn to these symbols of Christ and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering that the crosses represent.

### CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

**Auction and Raffle** - We are approaching the deadline for donations at our Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner. This year's deadline is April 10, so if you have any "treasures" for either category please let us know. Contact Sandy (989-657-4480), Patti (989-354-5990) or Myra (989-379-3734) and sign up in the Narthex. We appreciate your continued support and proceeds benefit The Friendship Room and The Foster Closet as well as both Grace Lutheran and St Paul's Lutheran Church. **Tickets** are \$12.00 and **available in our office or from committee members**. Children under 12 are free. Come and have some fellowship with our church community and invite friends and family.

### SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

#### Monday April 3rd 7 p.m. at St Paul

Bishop Satterlee annually leads Chrism Masses around the Synod. In this service the oil (chrism) used at baptism and anointing the sick is blessed, clergy renew their ordination vows and lay renew their commitment as disciples of Christ. This year Episcopalians have been invited to join and it will be combined with the Episcopal Evensong worship setting. All are invited to participate.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Help is needed for an Easter breakfast potluck to be held between services on Easter Sunday.

**We can use help with set up, working during the breakfast, and clean up.** A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) or Pat Schultz (356-2781)

### MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### Soup Supper 6 p.m. ~ Worship 7 p.m.

March 29	St. Bernard Roman Catholic "Moving in Peace" Rev. Sue Platt
April 5	First Presbyterian "Moving in Suffering" Rev. Paul Lance
Maundy Thursday April 13	Trinity Episcopal "Moving Through Death" Rev. Bob Case

### Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday	First Presbyterian
Tre Ore 12-3pm	
Saturday 5 pm	Easter Worship
Sunday 8 & 10:30 am	Easter Worship (Easter Breakfast served Between services)

### **BREAD SUNDAY - THANK YOU**

\$239 was collected last weekend for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. Thank you to the bakers and buyers, trusting that you both enjoyed your contribution. Remember Bread Weekend will be the 3rd weekend of every month.

### **THANK YOU**

Madison and Nic Timmreck thank you for your donations to AHS Track. Ten dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts were delivered to Hope Shores Alliance (formerly Shelter Inc.) on behalf of Grace Lutheran congregation members. 20 families will benefit from your tasty donation--thank you!

### **SERVING MARCH 26**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Bob Greene  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,  
Sandra Christopherson, Matt, Everett &  
Olivia Haske  
**Greeters**.... Caroline Weise, Sandra Christopherson  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich,  
Mary Rowader, Kelli Liske  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Pam Kirchoff, Charlotte Werth

### **SERVING APRIL 2**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Vicki Denstaedt  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross

**Ushers** ... Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne &  
Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Greeters** ..... Timmreck Family  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** .. Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson  
**Counters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Polly Cook, Elsa Phillips,  
Sandra Christopherson

### **THE WAY OF THE CROSS TOWARDS PEACE AND JUSTICE**

#### **A Procession of Peace Poles**

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

Sponsored by the Alpena Peace Coalition -  
**2pm** Alpena Community of Christ, 126 Clinton  
St.; **2:20 pm** St. Paul Lutheran, 727 S. 2nd  
Ave.; **2:40 pm** Grace Lutheran, 119 W. Dunbar  
St.; **3 pm** Trinity Episcopal, 124 E. Washington  
Ave.; **3:20 pm** First Congregational, 201 S.  
2nd Ave.; **3:40 pm** All Saints Catholic Parish,  
Lockwood St. between 9th/10th Avenues. Join  
us as we pray for peace. All are welcome!

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### **Sunday - 26th - Noisy Offering Weekend**

8:50 a.m. Children's Sunday School

9:30 a.m. **Worship**

#### **Monday - 27th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

#### **Tuesday - 28th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

#### **Wednesday - 29th**

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &

7:00 p.m. Worship at St. Bernard RC

#### **Saturday - 1st**

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

### **FIRST READING      1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil

and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.”<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**PSALM 23** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - March 19, 2017	\$ 3,062.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 366.00

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