

✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., December 2, 2018

**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-R242**

**Psalm 25:1-10**

**D-R246**

**C-R260**

**S-R543**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

(Psalms begin page 339)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

The King Shall Come

O Living Bread from Heaven

**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 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for Samaritas (Lutheran Social Services of Michigan)/Grace Lutheran Church.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS**

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

**PRAYERS**

Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Laurie Foster, Kevin Reiser, Steve Kautz, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brad Grove, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the  
Glory of God

### **NURSERY AVAILABLE**

We have a nursery staffed by an adult available during our Sunday worship service time. If you have a child that worship is too long for or they need to move around or today is just a tough day for them, let the nursery attendant or ushers know and they will show you through the basement to our nursery space in the Fellowship Hall.

### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST TREE**

Thank you to all who took a tag from the tree! The gifts are to be returned to the church, wrapped and with the tag attached (for identification purposes) no later than Sunday Dec. 2. Thank you for helping to make a Christ-like difference in our community.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to those who have donated the clean, used toys for children this Christmas. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 11:30**

#### **Following a Luncheon after Service**

Share Christmas carols with some of Grace Lutheran's members, who are not often able to make it to church. All singing abilities and ages are welcome. It is truly a heartwarming experience. Sign up for the Luncheon. Join us even if you are not caroling.

### **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE**

We have individual devices to help people hear the services more. Pick them up from the ushers in the Sound Room. There are ear pieces available. Or hearing aids with T Coil will be able to receive the sound directly.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 2nd**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge  
**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
12:30 p.m. Catechism - Grace

**Monday - 3rd**

6:00 p.m. Remembering Our Children -  
Lounge

**Tuesday - 4th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing  
9:30 a.m. Sunrise Conference Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice - Lounge  
7:00 p.m. Council

**Wednesday - 5th**

3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice-Sanctuary

**Thursday - 6th**

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 8th**

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

**SERVING DECEMBER 1-2**

**Ministers**.....God's People  
**Pastor**..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector**..... Paul Denstaedt  
**Communion Assts.** Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**... Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie  
Cross, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub  
**Greeters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Gentry & Denstaedt Families  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
Marge Weber  
**Coffee Hour**..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom  
**Cookie/Doughnut Pick Up**.... Joe & Dawn Gentry

**SERVING DECEMBER 8-9**

**Ministers**.....God's People  
**Pastor**..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector**..... Joe Gentry  
**Communion Assts.** Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**... Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie  
Cross, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub  
**Greeters**..... Wayne & Anna Lewis  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Gentry & Denstaedt Families  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
Marge Weber  
**Coffee Hour**..... Ruby & Olivia Haske  
**Cookie/Doughnut Pick Up**.... Joe & Dawn Gentry

**FIRST READING**                      **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**PSALM 25:1-10**                      (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**GOSPEL**                                      **Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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