

✠ **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., November 30, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., December 1, 2019

**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-R254 (Tune 392)**

**Psalm 122**

**D-R261**

**C-R487**

**S-R537**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(Psalms begin page 339)

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

What Feast of Love

On Our Way Rejoicing

**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 Intergenerational Messy Church at Trinity Episcopal Church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Honor of  
Joe & Dawn Gentry's  
31st Wedding Anniversary

**PRAYERS**

Gary Grove, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Alec Kennedy, Deb Nitchman's Family (Culbertsons), Kay Zinsli, Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Bill Estlack, Kim Branch, Nick Wittman, Dave Stebbins, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Duane Schultz, Maria Shelton, Steve Thorpe, Charles Johnson, Charles Miller's Mother, Ann Haske, Mary Ann Czarnecki, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Chris & Sarah Smith & Family, Ellen, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT NEEDED**

We have an open slot on our Communion Assistant schedule and are looking for someone who would be willing to serve on a team for the months of December and July. If you would consider serving on this team, or would be willing to fill in for one of the open months, please call Sharon Engstrom at 354-5133.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### **Sermon Talk Back for Adults**

Sunday's Adult CE will be a sermon talk back session. We'll gather at 11 in the Lounge to talk about thoughts and ideas from the sermon and further discuss it. Where does it lead and consider any questions that arose from it. See you at 11 in the Lounge.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE DECEMBER & JANUARY**

December 1 - No Sunday School  
December 8 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
December 15 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
December 22 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
December 29 - No Sunday School  
  
January 5 - No Sunday School  
January 12 - No Sunday School  
January 19 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
January 26 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST TREE**

Please return the tag/s with your wrapped package and place under the tree at Grace by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday), so the packages can get delivered to the Volunteer Center during the week of Dec. 2 -6. Thank you for helping to "Make a Christ-Like difference in our community".

### **YULEFEST BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, December 7 ~ 9 am-12:30 pm**

The Ruth Circle is planning a Yulefest Bake Sale at Grace again this year on December 7th. Please check your recipes for all kinds of goodies. We depend on everyone to help us make this a success.

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 6, from 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated.

Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 if you can help set up on Friday or help the day of the sale. Thanks!

**This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.**

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 1st**

9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge  
**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed - Lounge

**Monday - 2nd**

**Church Office Closed**  
 12-3:00 p.m. Kitchen Reserved  
 6:00 p.m. ROC - Lounge

**Tuesday - 3rd**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing  
 11:30am-5pm Kitchen Reserved  
 6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge

**Wednesday - 4th**

8am-1pm Sunrise Conference at Grace  
 3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved  
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

**Thursday - 5th**

7am-2pm Kitchen Reserved  
 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 7th**

9am - 12:30pm Yulefest Bake Sale  
**5:00 p.m. Worship**

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

<b>GENERAL FUND GIVING</b>	
Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - November 23-24	2,885.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (12,761.35)

**SERVING NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** .....David Delano  
**Lector**..... Nancy & Bill Platt  
**Communion Assts**..... Phran Ludington  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross, Corky Gates, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub  
**Greeters** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Hospital**.....Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Denstaedt Family, Gentry Family  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour**..... Ruby & Olivia Haske  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up** .....Joe & Dawn Gentry

**SERVING DECEMBER 7-8**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** .....David Delano  
**Lector**..... Cheryl Werblow  
**Communion Assts**..... Phran Ludington  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross, Corky Gates, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub  
**Greeters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Hospital**.....Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Denstaedt Family, Gentry Family  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour**..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up** .....Joe & Dawn Gentry

**FIRST READING****Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**PSALM 122**

(Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING****Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live

honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**GOSPEL****Matthew 24:36-44**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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