

✠ **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 23, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 24, 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-335

Psalm 63:1-8

D-R623

C-R542

S-R628

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

(Psalms begin page 339)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

O Living Bread from Heaven

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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. Today we pray for the Music Ministry at 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

Dorothy Hansen, Marge Weber, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Lyle Beck, Dewayne Nail, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, Sheila Hansen, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Violet McLaren, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WORSHIP AND THE BULLETIN

For adding Joys and Concerns to our Intercessory Prayers, we are now using the Prayer Requests forms found in the pew envelope holder. The ushers will pick it up from you at the end of announcements. Please sign it indicating that you have the permission of the person(s) to have their name said in worship and/or printed in the bulletin. Thank you.

DRIVEWAY FUND

Church Council has set a goal of paying off the Driveway Fund Balance this year. A monthly goal of \$575 will retire the remaining \$6900 by the end of the year. Contributions in any amount can use the regular offering envelope marking the amount on the Other Line, the special golden envelope in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope. Thanks for making this project possible for everyone's safety and convenience. ***We have reached our goal for March - THANK YOU.***

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - March 16/17	4,439.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,212.00)

DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING

Monthly Goal	\$ 575.00
March Giving	850.00
Driveway Fund Balance	\$ (3,558.38)

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.

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK

This year's Easter Breakfast Potluck will be held following worship on April 21st. Help is needed with set up/clean up and during the breakfast. Sign up sheets are located in the Office Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Office Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the church office by April 15, 2019. Please contact the office for further information or if you would like an application emailed to you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Deadline March 31, 2019

Remember that you can designate Grace Lutheran Church if you have available Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. To direct Choice Dollars, go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 24th Noisy Offering Weekend

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge
9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge

Tuesday - 26th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge

Wednesday - 27th

11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship at St. Paul,
 followed by luncheon
3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship
 at First Congregational UCC

Thursday - 28th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 30th

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING MARCH 23-24

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
 Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)
Greeters Joe & Dawn Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Ruby & Olivia Haske
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up Gary & Kay Grove

SERVING MARCH 30-31

Ministers God's People
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Music Director David Delano
Lector Joe Gentry
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
 Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)
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MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE **WEDNESDAYS**

At St. Paul ~ 11:30 a.m.
with Luncheon Following or
at the Following Churches with
Soup Supper~6:00 p.m. & Worship~7:00 p.m.

March 27 First Congregational UCC
 "Jesus is denied by Peter"
 Fr. Joe Muszkiewicz
April 3 St. Paul Lutheran
 "Jesus is judged by Pilate"
 Rev. Bill Rayment
April 10 All Saints Catholic Parish
 St. Anne's Church
 "Jesus is scourged and
 Crowned with thorns"
 Very Rev. Bill McClure

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

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 page 339)

SECOND READING 1Corinthians 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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