

✠ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 16, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 17, 2016

Hymns

G-R311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Psalm 36:5-10 (Psalms begin on page 339)

D-R310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

C-R487 What Feast of Love

S- R822 Oh, Sing to the Lord

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 Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Trinity Episcopal 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).

PRAYERS: Thelma Stevens, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Bunny Lyon Clapp, Richard Clapp, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Carolynne Wegmeyer, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Eric Carlson, Tom Laughlin, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN
UNITY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP**

Wednesday January 20th at 7pm

St Paul Lutheran is hosting this LARCC sponsored service. *Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord* is the theme. Join together with our fellow Christians in Alpena as we commit to being one in mission for God's work.

COMMUNION SURVEY

Would you like communion at the rail a 2nd time a month? We have had a request to consider this and would like some more opinions on doing this. Please write a response on the back of your communion card. Thanks.

**WEB SURFING WITH ACE
(ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION)**

Join the adult class as we look at Christian resources on the web. What are good sites? What ones can we learn from? Where can we learn about other traditions? See you at 11 in the Fellowship Hall

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Thank you to all 34 who attended last Saturday's retreat and worked through several chapters in Acts seeking guidance for what God is leading us to do. Take a tour of the Fellowship Hall to see some of the ideas gathered throughout the day under the guidance the Holy Spirit is giving us. More opportunities for congregational comments and participation in the final Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles are coming up. Stay tuned.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

A reminder to all continuing and outgoing work group leaders...Annual Reports are due in the church office by Monday, February 1, 2016.

NEW FLOWER CHART

The 2016 Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign the chart and fill out an Altar Flowers form (located on the table in the Narthex). Completing this form lets the office know what you would like listed in the bulletin. Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the office.

EYEGLASS LENS FOUND

An eyeglass lens was found following Christmas Eve services. If you, or someone you know, lost an eyeglass lens please have them contact the church office (354-2640).

RUTH CIRCLE

The women of Grace will meet January 20 in the lounge beginning at 1:00 p.m. The session will be "confidence in God's beginnings and endings" (Philippians 1:1-26) followed by a short meeting deciding on the benefits from the Julefest Bake Sale. Names will be drawn for your secret prayer pal for 2016. Thelma Stevens and Chris Christopherson will serve refreshments during the fellowship hour. All women of Grace are welcome at every meeting.

MLK DAY ACTIVITIES

Alpena's MLK Day commemoration activities are coming up on Monday January 18th. There is an afternoon movie that portrays the relationship between 2 girls who learn about tolerance and friendship. New this year in the evening after the Chili supper is the reading of Jr Hi & High School essay contest winners. Then a Youth panel that talks about "Creating a Beloved Community. Join us for any and all activities that you can. See your January newsletter or posters around church for more details.

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

The **Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner** is **April 3, 2016**...thanks to Jon Benson's generous offer once again this year!!! We are looking for anyone interested to serve on one of the many committees that make this dinner the success that it has been. Each year this dinner has grown in attendance and support for the community because of Jon and the time given by the volunteers. First meeting Thursday January 28th @ 7 pm at St Paul. See Cheryl Werblow for further info. 354-5560

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 17th

9:30 a.m. Worship
Children's Sunday School

11:00 p.m. Adult CE - Lounge

5:00 p.m. Family Night - St. Paul

Tuesday - 19th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

3:30-7:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved

7:00 p.m. Church Council - Lounge

Wednesday - 20th

BULLETIN DEADLINE

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge

2:30-6:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 21st

10:30 a.m. Discipleship Comm. Mtg.

Saturday - 23rd

5:00 p.m. Worship

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Music Director..... Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector Anne Gentry
Acolyte
Communion Assts...... Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Dale Schultz, Steve & Wesley Garant,
Charles Snyder, Vicki, Isabelle, Trevor
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Coffee Hour Wayne & Chris Christopherson

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FIRST READING**Isaiah 62:1-5**

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

PSALM 36:5-10 (Psalms begin on page 339)**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge

according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL**John 2:1-11**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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