

Grace Lutheran Church

March 30 & 31, 2024

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

“We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Alleluia! The Strife is O'er” Bell Choir

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of life,

C: By the resurrection of your Son, You make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life You have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism we have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that our sins are forgiven in +Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in us both now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

R361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own “All hail!” and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

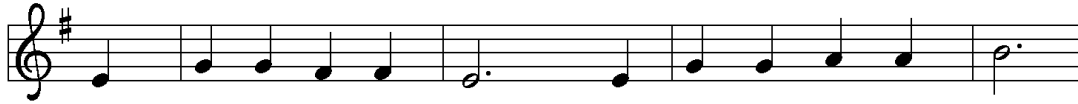
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 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

A WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the

scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(The assembly stands as they are able for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Christ is Ris’n Today”

R365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Merciful God,

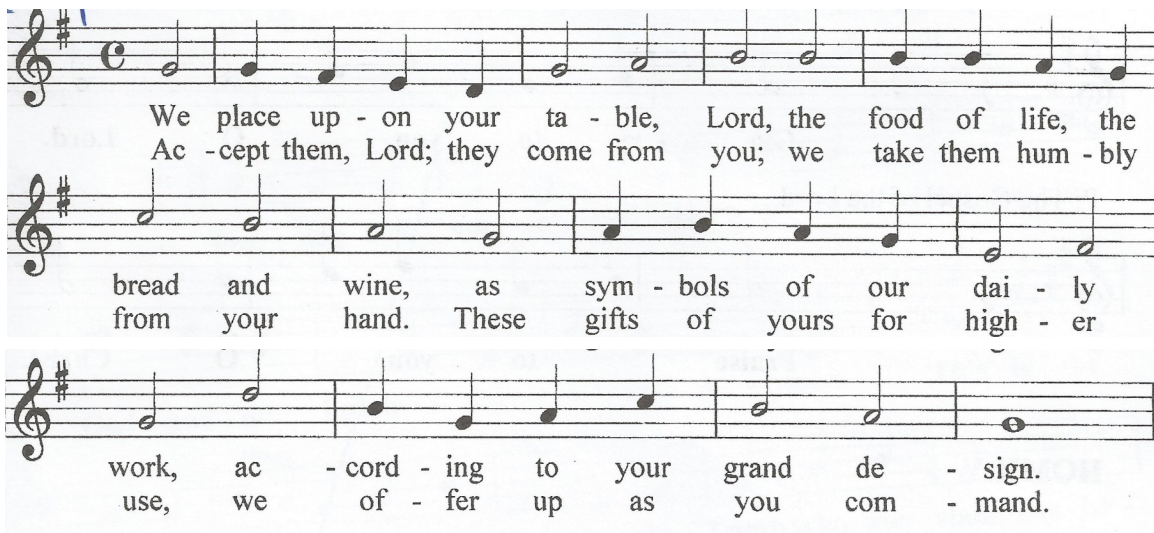
C: receive our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(the assembly stands as they are able and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day after day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: ...

Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

R474

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

P: Let us pray...Compassionate God,

C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless us now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

R382



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re - turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A musical score for a vocal part, likely a soprano or alto, set in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are "A - men, A - men, A - - - men." The melody is simple and homophonic, with the vocal line often moving in parallel motion with the accompaniment. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

POSTLUDE



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK

Please join us for our Easter Breakfast Potluck following the 9:30 Sunday morning worship service.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Katherine Rettell -- Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

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 - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Homebound Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Immanuel Lutheran Church/ Mt. Pleasant, Rev. Dana Hendershot and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

If you are available, please contact Peggy in the Office to be put on the schedule. Thanks.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - GIFTS OF LOVE - ON THE FARM

During the Lenten Season, Grace will be participating in the LWR Gifts of Love On the Farm program. We will be collecting funds to donate various farm animals and farming seeds through Lutheran World Relief. You can use the pew envelopes, designate or include an amount in your regular church contribution, or drop a donation at the office. Please indicate the amount as LWR-FARM.

As funds are collected, we would like to donate one or more of each of the following gifts: \$45 - piglet; \$80 - hen and chicks; \$100 - goat; \$100 - sheep; \$220 - one goat, three hens and 18 chicks; \$240 - two goats, 1 hen, and 6 chicks; \$265 - a goat, a sheep, a piglet, a hen and three chicks; \$265 - a goat, a piglet, a hen, and 6 chicks; \$300 - high - quality, drought-tolerant seeds for a farming community; \$530 - two goats, two sheep, two piglets, one hen and six chicks. *Amount donated to date is \$1,060.*

IT'S COMING - HOLY HUMOR RETURNS ON APRIL 13 & 14

Be Prepared. Start thinking of your jokes to share. And get them to Pastor Tom so they can be put in the right spot at the services.

UPCOMING DATES FOR FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY

April 15 at 5:30 p.m. and May 20 at 5:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA FROM GRACE'S HISTORY

If you have any items about Grace Lutheran history, photos, bulletins or newsletters or just anything from the past, and not just the ancient past, but even things in the last 25 to 50 years, please bring them in for our 150th Anniversary and to be added to our history room, or we can make copies of items if you would like them back. Any questions please contact Don LaBarre or Pastor Tom.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS! GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Make your reservation as seats are limited for our 150th celebration dinner on April 28. Cost is \$20 a person for dinner catered by JJ's. We will have our dinner after our Sunday morning service on April 28. Festivities acknowledging our church's history will also be celebrated. (Saturday worship service is cancelled so everyone can be together on Sunday.)

*For your convenience, Janet Bettega and Elsa Phillips will be available after church services to make your reservation and collect your fee. (You may also contact Janet Bettega by email at: janetbettega@yahoo.com). **In-person reservations may be paid by cash or check (payable to Grace Lutheran Church). The last day for reservations and payment will be SUNDAY, APRIL 14.***

ON THE MENU: strawberry spinach salad with pecans and feta cheese, chicken piccata, meatballs with beef sauce, pan style twice baked potatoes, wild rice, glazed carrots, steamed asparagus, soft rolls and homemade cake (donated by Pam Kirchoff).

PASTOR GERALD (JERRY) ANDERSON TURNS 90 ON APRIL 12

Pastor Anderson served at Grace from 1960-1964. His son, Mark, writes that he and his siblings think it would mean a lot to Pastor Anderson if parishioners and friends would send a birthday greeting and a brief note. **He especially enjoys funny cards.** Cards may be sent to 992 Westfield Ln., Neenah, WI 54956-1330. Mark writes that his mother, Sharon, died in October 2022, after suffering a stroke in April 2020.

PEACE GATHERING

You are invited to the Alpena Peace Community's Peace Gathering from 7-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 at Grace Lutheran Church. Come and take part in an evening of gentle music provided by Mr. David Usher followed by intermittent readings and quiet reflection.

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY KITS

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Collection for these items will take place April through mid-May.

- ◆ Clean, gently used items (no stains nor tears) may be substituted for new ones.
- ◆ Sizes 6 to 24 months
 - Light weight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
 - Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet. Pajama sets or tops & pants may be substituted.
 - Swaddling/receiving blankets (36" to 52" square) (medium weight cotton or flannel; crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn).
 - Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred (or 3/4 yard of 45/46" cotton flannel).
 - Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap/hat. NO fleece. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
 - Hand towel, dark color recommended.
 - Bars of gentle soap in original wrapping (8-9 oz.; NO mini or hotel size bars).
 - Diaper pins or large safety pins.

Items that are not used in the Baby Kits may be donated elsewhere, as needed.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE

Christ in Our Home devotionals for April through June are in. Pick one up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

2ND ANNUAL FREE COLLABORATIVE PIANO TRAINING

Thunder Bay Arts invites your music ensemble to a free collaborative workshop on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, 201 S. 2nd Ave., Alpena. This event begins with a classical voice and piano performance on Friday night, followed by a Saturday morning workshop teaching collaborative techniques to local registered ensembles (an ensemble consists of a pianist and music conductor, a pianist and choir, or a pianist and vocalist or instrumentalist). Registered space is limited. Ensembles will come with a prepared piece of their choice. Both events are open to the public. **Ensembles must register at office@thunderbayarts.com by April 1.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.



In Memory of

Margaret Kieliszewski Adams

*Mom, Jeannine Clayton
Aunt Arlene & Uncle Frank Bettega*

Sandi & John Carlson

*Our Parents
Ed & Mary Ann Czarnecki
Don & Helen Luoma*

Jim Dekett

*Judy & Lester Fettes
Cornelius Haske*

*Harry & Jeanette Grove
John & Florence Newhouse*

Michael & Kimberly Moors

Daniel Spaulding

Given by

Cindy & Gene Domrase

Janet & Gary Bettega

Sharon & Rick Engstrom

Ed & Donna Czarnecki

His Family

The Haske Family

Gary & Kay Grove

Geraldine Moors

Danny's Mom

In Memory of

*D. H. & Virginia Riley
Earl & Gladys Evans
Lyn Marshall*

*Ryan Marie Szymanski
Beloved Daughter & Sister*

*Ernest & Dorothy Shores
D. H. & Virginia Riley*

*Ann & Martin Suszek
Harry & Jeanette Grove*

*George & Phyllis VanWormer
Rena Prevost*

In Honor of

Clara & Ferdinand Domrase

Ann Haske

Our Children & Grandchildren

Given by

Don & Myra Cross

*With all our love,
always in our hearts
Dad, Mom, Madi & Izzy*

Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Joel & Cindy Suszek

Randy & Diane Prevost

Given by

Cindy & Gene Domrase

The Haske Family

Joel & Cindy Suszek

In Thanksgiving

Bill & Nancy Platt

Steve & Janie Hansen



Anniversaries of Baptism

April 2
Kat Tomaszewski

April 3
Ruby Haske
Dorene Schultz

April 4
Norm Timm

April 5
Larry Rettell

April 7
Tyler Suszek

April 8
Don Cross

April 9
Janet Bettega
Patrick Daly

April 11
Shane Jaroch

April 14
Jeanette Chroninger

April 15
Anna Greene

April 21
Taylor Agius

April 22
Vicki Cripps

April 24
Donna Czarnecki

April 25
Denise Timrick

April 26
Reed Lappan

April 27
Patrick McCourt

April 28
Chloe Hayward

April 29
Michael Herrmann
Sophia Kamyszek



April 1
Larry Suszek

April 6
Janet Carlson

April 7
Robert Greene
Everett Haske

April 8
June Daly
Tyler McKenzie

April 9
Phran Ludington

April 10
Nicholas Schillerstrom
Logan Suszek

April 11
James Malaski

April 13
Jeanne Pankey
Piper Slominski

April 14
Kendra McInerney

April 15
Wesley Garant
Myles Granata

April 16
Pamela Agius

April 18
Alecia Lewis

April 19
Ryan Reynolds

April 20
Connor Freel

April 22
Stacey Piontkowski

April 23
Mike Schiller

April 24
Madison Timmreck

April 25
Terry Bertrand
Jordyn Cieslik

April 26
Sharon Engstrom
Lorah Lappan

April 27
Nancy Amelotte

April 30
Brody Engstrom
Molly O'Connor
Bethany Popour
Anna-Marie Struble

Wedding Anniversaries

8th Donald & Myra Cross
12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart
17th Joel & Corinne Fraley
Michael & Donna Morgan
18th Richard & Janet Carlson
30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Average needed in February (4 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 18,944.00
Monthly Giving - February	18,599.02
(Includes a one-time donation of \$1,500)	

We received:

108 envelopes, 84 Simply Giving recurring payments,
10 Give+ payments made from our website and 1 Thrivent Choice donation.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 31st

9:30 am NO Sunday School
Worship
Easter Breakfast Potluck follows the service

Monday - 1st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - 2nd

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am Pastors Text Study - Lounge
6:00 pm Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 3rd

8am-noon Church Office Open
1:30 pm ReBoot Committee Mtg.
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm MLK Committee-Lounge

Thursday - 4th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Friday - 5th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 6th

5:00 pm Worship

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

SERVING MARCH 30/31

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
Recorded Accompaniment..Kat Tomaszewski
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Comm. Asst...... Joe Gentry/Wayne Lewis
Ushers..... Dale Schultz (Sun.)
..... Diane Prevost (Sat.)
Greeters Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters.....Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Easter Breakfast Potluck

SERVING APRIL 6/7

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
Recorded Accompaniment..Kat Tomaszewski
Lector Bob Greene
Comm. Asst......
Ushers..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
.....Cindy Domrase (Sat.)
Greeters Dale & Pat Schultz
Altar Guild..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch

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