

✠ **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 16, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., April 17, 2016

*Hymns*

- G-R369** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today;  
Alleluia!
- Psalm 30** (Psalms begin on page 339)
- D-R502** The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- C-R789** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
- S- R764** Have No Fear, Little Flock

**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 Homebound Parishioners at First Congregational UCC.

**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:** Gordon Hansen, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Judy McCourt, Sandra & John Carlson, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Joel & Corinne Fraley's 40th wedding anniversary (April 17).

**BAKE LOCALLY ACT GLOBALLY**

**Grace Lutheran will have  
Today is Bread Sunday**

Bread is being sold to help raise money for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. **We plan to do this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, May 21, 2016  
"Pray Where You Are"**

Grace Lutheran Church ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Men and Women's Retreat  
Lunch will be provided.  
More info to come.

***DIRTY COPPER FUNDRAISER FOR  
THE NATIONAL RELIEF NETWORK  
MISSION TRIP***

Do you have a frayed extension cord? Are you recycling an appliance that has an electrical cord on it? (cut it off) Old computer cords that are not being used? Maybe a piece of household electrical wiring? Copper pipes?

You have *DIRTY COPPER*

Please bring it to church. Put it in the bin and we'll take it to recycling for funds for the NRN Mission Trip in June.

**PENTECOST GERANIUMS**

If you would like to place a geranium plant (to be planted on the church grounds after Pentecost Sunday) in the church for our Pentecost Sunday Worship (May 15), please fill out the form included in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in the mailbox outside the church office. Each plant is \$4.00. Deadline to order is May 2nd!

**NATIONAL RELIEF NETWORK  
MISSION TRIP  
RUMMAGE SALE**

Friday, April 22 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 23 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**RECYCLING ITEMS NEEDED**

We are in need of Walmart-type plastic bags for a recycling project. We could also use clean plastic bread wrappers. If you have these recyclable items, please drop them in the box located in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

**KEYS MISSING**

A set of keys, on a lanyard, were lost following services last weekend (April 10). If found, please turn in to the church office. Thanks!

**DOUBTS - QUESTIONS - CONCERNS**

*Thanks to one and all* who wrote down their doubts, questions and concerns about faith in the April 2nd and 3rd services. They are posted on my office door. Some of the doubts expressed have been the doubts of the church from the beginning. Some more modern. Some thoughts and responses will be coming in various ways in the future - newsletter, Adult Christian Education classes, individual conversations, sermons, temple talks, etc. For those who were not here or those who were and may have other questions, more cards are welcome. Cards are on the table outside the offices. You are encouraged to sign them so you and I can have a conversation, but it is not necessary. Simply slip them under my door. Thanks again for your sharing in the service and sharing your growing faith.

Pastor Tom

**Grace Lutheran Church  
SPRING CLEAN-UP  
Saturday, April 30  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Welcome Spring! Saturday, April 30, is the date for our annual spring clean-up. Coffee and donuts will be provided, also pizza and pop for lunch. Come help ready our church grounds for warm weather and spring clean our interior. Please sign the sheet in the narthex to indicate you can come. **Please bring rakes, shovels, trimmers, hand tools, gloves, and your favorite cleaning supplies.** Call Jeff at 255-6068 or Sandy at 916-5006 with questions or to say you can help. Thank you!

### **RUTH CIRCLE**

The women of Grace will meet Wednesday, April 20, in the lounge at 1:00 p.m. Following the Bible study led by Polly Cook, a short business meeting will be led by Darlene Freel and there will be time for fellowship.

### **SUNRISE RINGERS SPRING CONCERT**

**Sunday, April 17 ~ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Lincoln First United Methodist Church**  
**101 E. Main, Lincoln**

Come! Enjoy an afternoon of English handbell music. A free-will offering will be received.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### **Sunday - 17th**

**9:30 a.m.**

#### **Worship**

Children's Sunday School  
During Worship

#### **Tuesday - 19th**

Rummage Sale Setup - Afternoon

9:00 a.m. Quilting

3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

7:00 p.m. Council

#### **Wednesday - 20th**

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Rummage Sale Setup - Afternoon

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge

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

#### **Thursday - 21st**

Rummage Sale Setup - Afternoon

#### **Friday - 22nd**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rummage Sale

#### **Saturday - 23rd**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Rummage Sale

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

### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Ministers** ..... God's People

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Richard Clapp

**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon Clapp

**Lector** ..... Bob Greene

**Communion Assts.** ..... Vicki & Taylor Denstaedt

**Ushers** . Mick & Kay Zinsli, Wayne & Anna Lewis,  
Clarence & Bonnie Cross

**Greeters** ..... Joel & Cindy Suszek

**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger

**Altar Guild** ..... Phran Ludington, Jeanne Pankey,  
Chris Christopherson

**Counters** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson

**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

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**Coffee Hour** ..... Vicki, Trevor, Taylor  
& Isabelle Denstaedt

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - April 10	\$ 3,615.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$2,996.00)

**FIRST READING****Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**PSALM 23**

(Psalms begin on page 339)

**SECOND READING****Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**GOSPEL****John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

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