

✠ EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., January 5, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., January 6, 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-R302

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

D-R308

C-R309

S-R677

As with Gladness Men of Old

(Psalms begin page 339)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

The Only Son from Heaven

This Little Light of Mine

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 Program at First Congregational UCC.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available. Please ask the ushers for one.

PRAYERS

Peggy Tomaszewski, Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Kevin Salesman, Laurie Foster, Kevin Reiser, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brad Grove, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond. We also remember the family of Martin Suszek, who passed away December 29th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of
Gordon Hansen's Birthday (Jan. 7)
Given by His Family

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for the incredibly generous gift that I received a few weeks ago. Bri and I have been overwhelmed by the support of this congregation and look forward to continue serving alongside in 2019! This was our first Christmas separated by a long distance from our families, but having a supportive church family is an incredible gift, especially in this time. Thank you again!

David

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH

All are welcome to join us to help us pack the Christmas decorations away on **Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** Many hands make light work!

THE LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The Little Food Pantry is constructed and in front of the church. The purpose of this pantry is to help our neighbors that might need a little extra with food and personal needs. Our goal is to stock the pantry ourselves, initially, but hopefully the community will get engaged and contribute. If you have questions you can talk to Dawn Anderson or Phran Ludington. Once this project gets rolling it will be a snap. Thanks.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE

We have individual devices to help people hear the services more. Pick them up from the ushers in the Sound Room. There are headphones available. Or hearing aids with T Coil activated will be able to receive the sound directly from the devices you take to your seat.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Parish

St. Anne's Church

6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper

7:00 p.m. Service

Once again we will gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ to work toward more understanding as we worship together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2019 is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20).

Throughout 2019, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PICTURES OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If anyone has pictures of the Children's Christmas program that they would like to share, they can be emailed to captainphrantastic@yahoo.com. I would be delighted to add those photos to the few I have. I will print them for a bulletin board and add them to the folder for the CCS dinner photo Power Point. Many of you had better vantage points than I. Thanks.

Phran

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 6th

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

Monday - 7th

6:00 p.m. Remembering Our Children-
Lounge

Tuesday - 8th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
5:00 p.m. Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 9th

3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 10th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 12th

9:00 a.m. Un-decorating the Church
5:00 p.m. **Worship**

SERVING JANUARY 5-6

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Ushers... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Mike &
Donna Morgan, Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)
Greeters Jack & Patti Tucker
Hospital..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Kelli Liske
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Joe & Dawn Gentry
Cookie/Doughnut Pick Up
Wayne & Chris Christopherson

SERVING JANUARY 12-13

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
Ushers... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Mike &
Donna Morgan, Vicki Piontkowski (Sat.)
Greeters Jeff & Sandy Welch
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Kay Zinsli, Kelli Liske
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Don, Verna & Tammy Furze
Cookie/Doughnut Pick Up
Wayne & Chris Christopherson

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East

came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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