

✠ SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 19, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 20, 2016

Hymns

G-R344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Psalm 31:9-16 (Psalms begin on page 339)

D-R347 Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs 1-3)

D-R353 Were You There (vs 1-3)

C-R350 They Crucified My Lord

S- R326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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 Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran 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).

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDER

A large print worship folder, hymns and weekly bulletin are available for anyone who would like one. Please ask the ushers for it.

PRAYERS: Judy Kautz, Tammy Furze, Thelma Stevens, 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, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Ken Liske, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God.

BAKE LOCALLY ACT GLOBALLY

Today is Bread Sunday

The bread is being sold to help raise money for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. **Remember, we do this the 3rd Sunday of every month.**

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

The inventor of email has died. In 1971, Ray Tomlinson was tasked with ways to use computers linked together. His response was a way for people to communicate over computer networks. How has our human communication changed since then? How does it affect our faith? See you at 11 in the Lounge

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

Our Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner will be Sunday, April 3 at the Apex. Get your tickets and enjoy some fun! We are looking for donations for our silent auction and Chinese raffle and if you want it published our booklet you need sign up in the narthex by March 20. You can just give us a description and bring the item in at your convenience. If you are looking for ideas here are some from last year; pet items, gardening and picnic tools, a gift basket with a theme, gift certificates, hunting and fishing items, something with a children theme or gift cards. If you have a wonderful idea or some treasure you would like to donate, please let Sandy Malaski at 989-657-4480 or Myra Cross at 989-340-1523 know and they will help make the arrangements. We appreciate anything you would like to donate and hoping for a successful dinner again this year. **BAKE BREAD?** Enter your loaf in the *LIVE AUCTION* for the best loaf there. Just 4 loaves from Grace can be entered. Sign up soon on the sheet in the Narthex. A **wagon to be filled with gardening supplies** is located in the Narthex. We are asking anyone interested to add gardening items to the wagon which will be auctioned off at the CC&S Dinner.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships will be available in the Narthex, beginning March 1, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter Breakfast will be served between services on Easter Sunday - all proceeds will go to the Alpena Community National Relief Network Mission Trip. Menu: variety of egg casseroles, sausage, cheesy potato casserole, variety of sweet breads; Beverages: coffee, tea, milk & juice. If anyone would like to bring additional sweet breads to be served - we would appreciate it!

Those from Grace going on the NRN Trip: Taylor Agius, Rachel, Taylor & Staci Chroninger, Olivia Cordes (Pastor Bright's member & friend of Grace Youth), Isabelle, Miriam, & Vicki Denstaedt, Hannah & Isaac Matzke, Brooke, Jake, Carey & Jeff Schiller. Additional Alpena Community Members going on this mission trip: Logan Barch, Chris, Gabriella, Matt & James Benedict, Linda Bicksler, Ben, John, Kristin, Phil, & Phillip Carriveau, Maggie Fluharty, Tricia Handley Joe & Marsha Hoppe, Julie Kowalski, Ken Murray, Carolyn Szatkowski & her family, Lisa, Madison, Michaela, & Michael Williams, Colin, Connor, & Keira Wright. 40 people in all!!!!

Thank-you!!

Vicki Denstaedt, Marsha Hoppe
& Staci Chroninger

THRIVENT FINANCIAL CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE SOON!

Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. After that date, Choice Dollars will expire. Please call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted or log on to www.thrivent.com and direct your Choice Dollars. Dollars directed to Grace will be distributed through our Local and World outreach programs. We CAN make a difference.

HOLY HUMOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Holy Humor services will be held on April 9 and 10. Everyone is encouraged to dress for fun in costume or bright, cheerful colors. If anyone has jokes they would like to share, please get them to Pastor Orth ahead of the service.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector Anna Lewis
Acolyte
Communion Assts. Roger & Jeanne Pankey
Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Greeters Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich,
Mary Rowader
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Joe, Dawn & Anne Gentry

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Lector Early Dawn Anderson
Late Ruby Haske
Acolyte
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Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
Greeters Early Jeff & Sandy Welch
Late Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich,
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Coffee Hour Easter Breakfast

COAT MIX-UP AT

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

A Women's Light Tan London Fog Coat with Black Collar was taken in error at the mid-week Lenten service at First United Methodist Church on March 16. The coat that was left in its place is at First United Methodist. If this is your coat, please contact them (354-2490) to make the switch. Thanks!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 20th

9:30 a.m.

Worship

Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Adult CE - Lounge

5:00 p.m.

Family Night - St. Paul

Tuesday - 22nd

9:00 a.m.

Quilting

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

Wednesday - 23rd

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

Thursday - 24th

6:00 p.m.

Soup Supper &

7:00 p.m.

Worship -
Trinity Episcopal

Friday - 25th

12-1:00 p.m.

At First Congregational -
Meditation Time

1-2:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship
Service

2-3:00 p.m.

Meditation Time

Saturday - 26th

5:00 p.m.

Worship

Sunday - 27th

8 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship

9-10:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast
(served between services)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL
Luke 19:28-40

FIRST READING
Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 31:9-6
(Psalms begin on page 339)

SECOND READING
Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL
Luke 22:7-23:56

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - March 13	\$ 3,585.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$2,708.00)

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