

✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., May 7, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., May 8, 2016

*Hymns*

- G-R813** Faith of Our Fathers  
**Psalm 97** (Psalms begin on page 339)  
**D-R392** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus  
**C-B710** One Bread, One Body  
**S- R656** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**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 Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul 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).

**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 Don & Theresa Barnard's 34th anniversary; in honor of Dorothy Gentry's 94th birthday, given by her family.

**REV. DAVID SPRANG TO PREACH**

Rev. David Sprang, Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop of our NWLM Synod will be preaching on Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22. This is part of the Synod staff effort to be out and about in the Synod meeting people and making a connections to the wider work of the ELCA in Michigan and the world..

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 25-29, 2016**

Registration forms are located in the Narthex. More info is located on the insert in your bulletin.

**PRAYER RETREAT**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2016**  
**“Pray Where You Are”**  
**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Grace Lutheran Church**  
Men and Women’s Retreat  
Led by June Scarborough  
Lunch will be provided.

Is prayer uncomfortable for you?  
Who do you pray for?  
What do you pray for?  
When do you pray?  
Where do you pray?  
Why do you pray?

If any of these questions have entered your thoughts, come join us! Lunch will be provided. Please bring a Bible, journal if you have one, any devotional material you may be using (for quiet time) and/or Serenity coloring book. No experience necessary! This is a day for you so come and experience the journey! A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

***DIRTY COPPER FUNDRAISER***  
***FOR THE NRN MISSION TRIP***  
***LAST CALL!!!***

Any frayed electrical cords, power cords cut off household appliances or lamps before you scrap them, electrical wiring scraps or copper plumbing pipe or fittings. ***Anything copper!!!***

We're recycling as a fund raiser for the National Relief Network Mission Trip. Bring it to church. A bin is located in the entrance. We are turning it in for \$\$\$\$\$ soon. Any questions see Pastor Tom

**DOUBTS - QUESTIONS - CONCERNS**  
***Thanks to one and all*** who wrote down their doubts, questions and concerns about faith in the April 2 & 3 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

**WORSHIP WORK GROUP SURVEY**  
Time and Talent survey sheets are included in the May newsletter and in your bulletin. Please fill one out if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.) ***Please note that only those completing a survey will be included on the new schedules, so if you are willing to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the form to help us with scheduling. Be sure to check any areas in which you are already involved along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve.*** Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office.

### BAPTISM

We welcome Ella Grace and Kady Rayne Sandula to the Lord's family as they are baptized at our Saturday evening service. Their sponsors are Melissa Chabot and Jeni Manning and their parents are Brandon and Becky Sandula.

### MYSTERY DINNER

**Saturday, May 14 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$10.00/person**

**Menu: Awesome!**

**Don't forget** to bring a little extra money for your additional meal needs. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or on the bulletin board in the Church entrance. This is a fundraiser benefiting the National Relief Network Mission Trip group.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

#### Sunday - 8th

<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed - Lounge

#### Monday - 9th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

#### Tuesday - 10th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
3:30-7:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
4:00 p.m.	Worship Work Group

#### Wednesday - 11th

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

#### Thursday - 12th

4:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved

#### Saturday - 14th

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
6:00 p.m.	Mystery Dinner

### MISSING KEYS

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

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT NEEDED

A Communion Assistant is needed for the month of May. If you would be willing to help serve this month, please contact Sharon Engstrom at 354-5133. Thanks!

### SERVING THIS WEEK

<b>Ministers</b> .....	God's People
<b>Pastor</b> .....	Rev. Tom Orth
<b>Music Director</b> .....	Berniece Lyon Clapp
<b>Lector</b> .....	Joe Gentry
<b>Communion Assts.</b> .....	Joelyn Rich
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel & Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran Ludington, Nic Timmreck
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
<b>Hospital</b> .....	Janet Chroninger
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Pat Schultz, Verna Furze, Tammy Furze
<b>Counters</b> .....	Gary & Kay Grove
<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	Rick & Sharon Engstrom

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<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	Bethany Popour, Jo Ann Smith

**FIRST READING****Acts 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set

food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**PSALM 97**

(Psalms begin on page 339)

**SECOND READING****Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**GOSPEL****John 17:20-26**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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