

✠ **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 30, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., May 1, 2016

*Hymns*

**G-R377** Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

**Psalm 67** (Psalms begin on page 339)

**D-B649** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**C-R342** There in God's Garden

**S- R543** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**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 Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal 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 TJ's birthday, given by Tom & Mary Lappan.

**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 a form (located in the Narthex) and place it in the offering plate or in the mailbox outside the church office. Each plant is \$4.00. **Deadline to order is Monday, May 2nd!**

**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.

**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

**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!

**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.

**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.

### 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.

### 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!

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

#### Sunday - 1st

9:30 a.m.

**Worship**

Children's Sunday School  
Catechism - St. Paul

12:30 p.m.

#### Monday - 2nd

6:00 p.m.

ROC - Lounge

#### Tuesday - 3rd

9:00 a.m.

Quilting/Sewing

3:30-7:00 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

6:30 p.m.

NRN Mission Trip Mtg -  
Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday - 4th

2:30-6:30 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

#### Friday - 6th

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kitchen Reserved

#### Saturday - 7th

5:00 p.m.

**Worship**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE  
CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED MAY 2-9, 2016.**

### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon Clapp  
**Lector** ..... Vicki Gentry  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Joelyn Rich  
**Ushers** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Joel & Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates,  
Phran Ludington, Nic Timmreck  
**Greeters** ..... Beverly Attwell, Mary Rowader  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Pat Schultz, Verna Furze,  
Tammy Furze  
**Counters** ..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Corky Gates, Patti MacNeill,  
Phran Ludington

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Tammy Furze  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - April 24	\$ 2,850.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$3,651.00)

**FIRST READING****Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**PSALM 67**

(Psalms begin on page 339)

**SECOND READING****Revelation 21:10,22-22:5**

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean

will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**GOSPEL****John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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