

✠ TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ✠
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 6 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 7, 2016

Hymns

G-R848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

Psalm 99 (Psalms begin on page 339)

D-R671 Shine, Jesus, Shine

C-R838 Beautiful Savior

S- R318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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 Re-Member Mission Team 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).

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: Tammy Furze, Thelma Stevens, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Bunny Lyon Clapp, Richard Clapp, 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, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Ken Liske, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Tom Laughlin, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkiewicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Dave Chroninger's birthday (February 10).

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held
Sunday, March 13
following 9:30 a.m. worship.
Please plan to attend!

MID-WEEK LENTEN

SOUP SUPPER AT GRACE

Grace Lutheran is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 17. We are planning for 175-200 people, and we are in need of soups (approximately 15) and breads. We are also looking for setup and cleanup help. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) for more information.

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner to be held at the Apex on April 3. Jon Benson, owner of J J's Catering, will once again donate a delicious meal along with a silent auction and a Chinese Raffle. Tickets will be in the church office soon at the cost of \$12 and children under 12 are free.

The silent auction and Chinese raffle will be looking for donations. If you have a wonderful idea or some treasure you would like to donate, please let Dennis Dzieszinski at 989-464-7112 or Paul Kieliszewski at 989-354-4800 know and they will help make the arrangements.

It will be a wonderful time to enjoy fellowship and a catered dinner!

NEEDED FOR CC&S DINNER

Blue wine bottles are needed to create centerpieces for the Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner. Bottles may be dropped off in the kitchen any time. See Eleanor Coddington for more information.

BAKE LOCALLY ACT GLOBALLY

Grace Lutheran will have

“Bread Sunday” on Sunday, February 21.

We are asking the congregation to bake bread, any type, and bring it to the church on Saturday or Sunday, prior to the service. We will price the loaves. The bread will be sold to help raise money for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund. **We plan to do this the 3rd Sunday of every month.**

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle (women of Grace) will NOT meet in February but will resume meeting on March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. This is due to the fact that on Feb 17 we will be hosting the "Soup and Bread" supper for the Lenten services at Grace.

USING YOUR COMPUTER

Using your computer to create documents, letters, reports, etc.? Join our class with the ALL program from ACC. We are working on basic word processing skills and techniques. Thursday at 11 am. See Pastor Tom for more details.

VALENTINE GOODIES

FOR OUR LOVING CARE MEMBERS

We will be putting “goodie bags” together for our Loving Care members at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9. We will meet at Grace at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10 to deliver them. All are welcome to help with this project. Please join us!

FLINT WATER CRISIS

Grace's February Community Outreach dollars (\$200) are going to the Flint Water Crisis. Salem Lutheran ELCA in Flint needs to repair their pipes and then setup a filtration system so residents of their neighborhood can have a place to receive safe water for consumption. If you would like to add a contribution, please use a pew envelope and mark it for Flint Water. The loose offering this weekend will also be added to what we send.

Some resources for more information:

<http://mittensynod.server303.com/news/flint-water-crisis/>

<http://mittensynod.org/docs/FlintWaterFAQ.pdf>

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 7th

9:30 a.m. Worship
Children's Sunday School
During Worship
NO ACE Today
12:30 p.m. Catechism - Grace

Tuesday - 9th

9:00 a.m. Quilting
10:30 a.m. Loving Care Valentine
Preparation
3:30-7:00 p.m. Lounge Reserved
4:00 p.m. Worship Work Group

Wednesday - 10th - Ash Wednesday

BULLETIN DEADLINE
9:30 a.m. LARCC - Lounge
10:30 a.m. Loving Care Valentine
Delivery
2:30-6:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Worship - St. Paul
Lutheran

Thursday - 11th

11:00 a.m. Computer Hour

Saturday - 13th

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kitchen Reserved
5:00 p.m. Worship

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - January 31	\$ 4,080.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$1,706.00)

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Music Director Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector Cheryl Werblow
Acolyte
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Tom Brennan, Rick Engstrom
Greeters Brian & Bethany Popour Family
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Bethany Popour, Angie Crittenden,
Barb Werle
Counters Chris Christopherson, Marge Weber,
Bethany Popour
Coffee Hour Linda Gapske, Charlotte Werth,
Pam Kirchoff
Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch

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Coffee Hour Patti Tucker, Polly Cook,
Elsa Phillips

FIRST READING**Exodus 34:29-35**

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PSALM 99

(Psalms begin on page 339)

SECOND READING**2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2**

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of

the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL**Luke 9:28-43a**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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