

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 4, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 5, 2017

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-R673 God, Whose Almighty Word
Psalm 112:1-9, [10] (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R532 Gather Us In
C-R712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
S-R717 Let Justice Flow like Streams

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 Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Travis Konarzewski, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Dave Chroninger's birthday, February 10th.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 5
following 9:30 a.m. worship.

On the agenda:

Receive Annual Reports
Memorial Gifts Policy

Please plan to attend!

A reminder to all continuing and outgoing work group leaders...Annual reports are due in the church office by February 12

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Talking about Tough Sensitive Topics

We are exploring and practicing having respectful and faithful discussions on difficult topics by continuing a sensitive discussion began several weeks ago in our class. We meet at 11 in the Lounge.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Has God graced you with musical talent? Would you be willing to share it with the congregation? If you would be willing to provide special music for our worship services, please let a member of our Worship Work Group know. Thanks!

Sharon Engstrom
Dorothy Hansen
Dawn Gentry
Ruby Haske
Carolynne Wegmeyer

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER APRIL 23, 2017

Put the date on your calendar for fun, a great meal and auctions to support good causes

We're starting up this year's committee! Interested in helping? **Join us February 7 at 6pm** here at Grace for the 1st meeting of the year.

For more info see Grace co-chairs:

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2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please let the office know (354-2640).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 5th

8:50 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 6th

6:00 p.m.	Remembering Our Children - Lounge
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Tuesday - 7th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
3:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Celebrating & Sharing Dinner Planning Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - 8th

9:30 a.m.	LARCC - Lounge/Kitchen
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Thursday - 9th

5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
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Saturday - 11th

10:00 a.m.	First Communion Workshop
12:00 p.m.	Acolyte Boot Camp (Lunch Served)
5:00 p.m.	Worship

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - January 29, 2017	\$ 2,094.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 3,461.00)

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Lector Corinne Fraley
Communion Assts. Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers ..Joel & Logan Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Jo Ann Smith, Rick Engstrom
Greeters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Hospital.....Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild.....Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle,
Bethany Popour
Counters..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee HourBrian & Bethany Popour

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ^{3a}Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient

ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

PSALM 112:1-9[10] (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

[¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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