

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 22, 2017 ~ Sunday, 8 & 10:30 a.m., April 23, 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-R384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Psalms 16 (Psalms begin page 339)

D-R368 With High Delight Let Us Unite

C-R379 Now the Green Blade Rises

S-R376 Thine Is the Glory

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 Administration Ministries at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

PARKING & THIRD AVE. REBUILT

With Third Ave being rebuilt starting April 5th for the next month or so, we ask you to leave the spaces closest to the church for those who need them. Get some exercise for God.

PRAYERS

Darlene Freel, Elsa Phillips, 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, Alice, Brad Grove, Mimi, Dick Sanders, 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 Joel & Corinne Fraley's 41st wedding anniversary, April 17, and granddaughters Gretchen & Hanna's birthday, April 21.

**ACTIVITY BAGS
FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

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

HOLY HUMOR WEEKEND

April 29 and 30

Please join us at the eleventh annual Holy Humor Saturday/Sunday services. Everyone is encouraged to dress for fun in costume or bright cheerful colors and wear crazy hats and ties. If anyone has jokes they would like to share please get them to Pastor Orth ahead of the service. **Following the service there will be a Holy Humor Appreciation Potluck** to thank Bruno Hirzel for placing our new Mission Statement on the wall in the Narthex and to thank all those who helped take the squeak out of our pews. *We will set up for the potluck at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29. Help setting up would be appreciated.* **Please bring your favorite dish to pass and be prepared to have fun!!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

We will NOT have Sunday School this Sunday, April 23. Our last day of Sunday School until Fall will be May 7.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - April 16, 2017	\$ 4,929.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 2,050.50

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Children's Closet (sizes 4 and up) and Baby Pantry (4T and under) are in need of clothing, shoes, coats, toys, etc. especially for summer. Winter clothing can also be given and will be stored for next winter. Our inventory is lower than usual and we will soon be giving away summer clothing. As you clean out your children's closets, please consider donating to us. They can be dropped off M-F during the day at St. Bernard's Parish Center on the **Lockwood Street** entrance. "Freely we have received. Freely give. Matthew 8:10 When you give to these groups, you are providing clothing for needy families in our area. Thank you!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 23rd - Noisy Offering Weekend

9:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner at APlex

Tuesday - 25th

9:00 a.m.

Quilting/Sewing

7:00 p.m.

Council

Wednesday - 26th

3:30 - 4:45 pm

Lounge Reserved

5-6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 29th - Holy Humor Weekend

5:00 p.m.

Worship

SERVING APRIL 23

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Donna Czarnecki
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers .. Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters .. Caroline Weise, Sandra Christopherson
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild... Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Rich & Sherie McTaggart

SERVING APRIL 30

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers .. Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters Joel & Cindy Suszek
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild... Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden, Ellie Walker

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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SECOND READING**1 Peter 1:3-9**

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL**John 20:19-31**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace

be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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