

✠ **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 9, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 10, 2019

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-815

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

D-R618

C-R333

S-R313

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(Psalms begin page 339)

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

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 5 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers at All Saints Catholic Parish.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

PRAYERS

Marge Weber, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Dewayne Nail, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, Sheila Hansen, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Violet McLaren, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

We also remember the family of Martin Martinson (Kathy Piontkowski's brother), who passed away March 3rd.

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WORSHIP AND THE BULLETIN

For adding Joys and Concerns to our Intercessory Prayers, we are now using the Prayer Requests forms found in the pew envelope holder. The ushers will pick it up from you at the end of announcements. Please sign it indicating that you have the permission of the person(s) to have their name said in worship and/or printed in the bulletin. Thank you.

DRIVEWAY FUND

Church Council has set a goal of paying off the Driveway Fund Balance this year. A monthly goal of \$575 will retire the remaining \$6900 by the end of the year. Contributions in any amount can use the regular offering envelope marking the amount on the Other Line, the special golden envelope in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope. Thanks for making this project possible for everyone's safety and convenience. ***We have almost reached our goal for March - THANK YOU.***

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - March 2/3	5,029.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,773.00)

DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING

Monthly Goal	\$ 575.00
March Giving	435.00
Driveway Fund Balance	\$ (3,973.38)

NURSERY AVAILABLE

We have a nursery staffed by an adult available during our Sunday worship service time. If you have a child that worship is too long for or they need to move around or today is just a tough day for them, let the nursery attendant or ushers know and they will show you through the basement to our nursery space in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all for your prayers and loving kindness shown to me and our family during this most sorrowful time with the passing of my Dad, Dennis Diamond. What blessing it is to be a part of the Grace Lutheran family.

With love and thankfulness,

Dawn Diamond-Gentry

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Office Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2019. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990). Please contact the office if you would like an application emailed to you (354-2640).

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Deadline March 31, 2019

Remember that you can designate Grace Lutheran Church if you have available Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. To direct Choice Dollars, go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 10th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge
9:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Catechism - St. Paul

Tuesday - 12th

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing
6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge

Wednesday - 13th

11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship at St. Paul,
followed by luncheon
3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &
7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship
at First Presbyterian

Thursday - 14th

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Kitchen Reserved
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 16th

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING MARCH 9-10

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Verna Furze
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)
Greeters Don, Verna & Tammy Furze
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Joel & Cindy Suszek
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up Gary & Kay Grove

SERVING MARCH 16-17

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Dawn Anderson
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)
Greeters Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Wayne & Anna Lewis
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up Gary & Kay Grove

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE **WEDNESDAYS**

At St. Paul ~ 11:00 a.m.
with Luncheon Following or
at the Following Churches with
Soup Supper~6:00 p.m. & Worship~7:00 p.m.

March 13 First Presbyterian
"Jesus is betrayed by Judas
and is arrested"
Rev. Seok Nam Lim

March 20 First United Methodist
"Jesus is condemned
by the Sanhedrin"
Rev. Tom Orth

March 27 First Congregational UCC
"Jesus is denied by Peter"
Fr. Joe Muszkiewicz

April 3 St. Paul Lutheran
"Jesus is judged by Pilate"
Rev. Bill Rayment

April 10 All Saints Catholic Parish
St. Anne's Church
"Jesus is scourged and
Crowned with thorns"
Very Rev. Bill McClure

FIRST READING**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING**Romans 10:8b-13**

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is

Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL**Luke 4:1-13**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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