

✠ **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 12, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 13, 2016

*Hymns*

**G-R803** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**Psalm 126** (Psalms begin on page 339)

**D-R598** For by Grace You Have Been Saved

**C-B661** My Song Is Love Unknown

**S- R772** Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

**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 Prayer Chain 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).

**PRAYERS:** Judy Kautz, Tammy Furze, Thelma Stevens, 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, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Ken Liske, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowicz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by Tom and Mary Lappan.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Our annual meeting will be held this morning following 9:30 a.m. worship.

On the Agenda

Receive Annual Reports

Please join us!

**CANCELLED**

**Fellowship Potluck Lunch/  
Euchre Tournament & Game Day  
following our Annual Meeting**

Please note that the events that were set up to follow the Annual Meeting this morning have been cancelled, due to lack of interest. We will reschedule for another time.

## COMMUNITY

### CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

Our Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner is in need of auction items. Last year we had a wonderful variety and this year we hope to be even better. Remember our deadline is March 20 for the item to be placed in the booklet. Please get your items in early and be sure to sign up in the narthex so we have a brief description. If you have a wonderful idea or some treasure you would like to donate, please let Sandy Malaski at 989-657-4480 or Myra Cross at 989-340-1523 know and they will help make the arrangements.

**BAKE BREAD?** Enter your loaf in the *LIVE AUCTION* for the best loaf there. Just 4 loaves from Grace can be entered. Sign up soon on the sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you for your consideration and see you on April 3, 2016! Tickets are still available!

### 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, March 20**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.**

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter Breakfast will be served between services on Easter Sunday - all proceeds will go to the Alpena Community National Relief Network Mission Trip. Menu: variety of egg casseroles, sausage, cheesy potato casserole, variety of sweet breads; Beverages: coffee, tea, milk & juice. If anyone would like to bring additional sweet breads to be served - we would appreciate it!

Those from Grace going on the NRN Trip: Taylor Agius, Rachel, Taylor & Staci Chroninger, Olivia Cordes (Pastor Bright's member & friend of Grace Youth), Isabelle, Miriam, & Vicki Denstaedt, Hannah & Isaac Matzke, Brooke, Jake, Carey & Jeff Schiller. Additional Alpena Community Members going on this mission trip: Logan Barch, Chris, Gabriella, Matt & James Benedict, Linda Bicksler, Ben, John, Kristin, Phil, & Phillip Carriveau, Maggie Fluharty, Tricia Handley Joe & Marsha Hoppe, Julie Kowalski, Ken Murray, Carolyn Szatkowski & her family, Lisa, Madison, Michaela, & Michael Williams, Colin, Connor, & Keira Wright. 40 people in all!!!!

Thank-you!!

Vicki Denstaedt, Marsha Hoppe  
& Staci Chroninger

### THRIVENT FINANCIAL CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE SOON!

Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. After that date, Choice Dollars will expire. Please call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted or log on to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) and direct your Choice Dollars. Dollars directed to Grace will be distributed through our Local and World outreach programs. We CAN make a difference.

### **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.

### **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships will be available in the Narthex, beginning March 1, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2015. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990).

### **RUTH CIRCLE**

The Women of Grace will meet on Wednesday, March 16, in the lounge at 1:00 p.m. Polly Cook will lead the study (#2 and #3) found in the Gather Magazine. Extra copies will be available. During the short business meeting we will be deciding on the silverware purchase (which we discussed at our January meeting) and there will be time for dessert and fellowship.

### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon Clapp  
**Lector** ..... Verna Furze  
**Acolyte** .....  
**Communion Assts** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,  
Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske  
**Greeters** ..... Melissa & Madison Timmreck  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** ..... Sandy Welch, Joelyn Rich,  
Mary Rowader  
**Counters** ..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby & Olivia Haske

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### **Sunday - 13th**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Worship**

Children's Sunday School

**Annual Meeting Follows**

#### **Tuesday - 15th**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

9:00 a.m.

Quilting

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Lounge Reserved

7:00 p.m.

Council

#### **Wednesday - 16th**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

1:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle - Lounge

2:30-6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Reserved

6:00 p.m.

Soup Supper &

7:00 p.m.

Worship -

First United Methodist

#### **Thursday - 17th**

7:00 p.m.

CC&S Meeting -

Fellowship Hall

#### **Saturday - 19th**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Worship**

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**FIRST READING****Isaiah 43:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**PSALM 126**

(Psalms begin on page 339)

**SECOND READING****Philippians 3:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because

Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL****John 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - March 6	\$ 4,306.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$1,913.00)

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