

✠ SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 8, 2017 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., April 9, 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-R344** All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
**Psalm 31:9-16** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R335** Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross  
**D-R353** Were You There  
**C-R803** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
**S- R338** Beneath the Cross of Jesus

### 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 worshipping 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 Youth & Family Leadership at Grace Lutheran Church.

### 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.

### 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, 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 Phran Ludington's birthday, April 9, given by Joelyn Rich & family.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Help is needed for an Easter breakfast potluck to be held between services on Easter Sunday. **We can use help with set up, working during the breakfast, and clean up.** A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeanne Pankey 354-2416/Pat Schultz 356-2781.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### **SPECIAL NOISY OFFERING FOR CC&S DINNER**

Noisy offerings at both Grace & St. Paul this weekend will be attached to a balloon in the Chinese Raffle. The \$ will be a surprise for you to win. There will be 4 other balloons in the Chinese raffle as well. Give a little and make a big prize together

### **PARKING & THIRD AVENUE 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.

### **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. 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. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and be prepared to have fun!!!

### **FLURRY OF EASTER CARDS**

Let's have a flurry of Easter cards for our Loving Care members! If you have misplaced your address list, please contact the office. *Also, please come help the Discipleship Committee deliver Easter packages on Wednesday, April 12th. Meet at church at 10:30 a.m.!!!*

### **CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER**

Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner is Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Apex with doors opening at 11:30 and dinner served at 12:30. The menu for this delicious meal is baked chicken, sausage and sauerkraut, red skin garlic mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, green beans, cole slaw, rolls with butter and some delicious desserts. Tickets are available at our church office for \$12.00 per person and 12 and under are free.

### **HELP!!! DONATIONS NEEDED!!!**

Donations of items for the Chinese Raffle and Silent Auction are needed for the April 23 Celebrating and Sharing Dinner. Please consider donating a theme basket (movie night, kids games, salon package, health package, sports items); handmade/homemade goods; gift certificates for local restaurants, stores, gas stations. Auction Committee members would be happy to help with suggestions. Call Sandy Malaski 356-6248, Myra Cross 255-9635, or Patti Tucker 354-5990. **Please sign the donation list on the table in the Narthex by April 10. Items must be delivered to the church by April 19.** If you are donating a live plant, please list it on the donation sheet and deliver it to the auction committee at Apex the day of the event.

**Help to fill the Wheelbarrow!** The Haske family has once again donated a wheelbarrow and are asking members to help fill it with gardening/yard items. This item has always been a real crowd pleaser and we would like to have a full wheelbarrow to raffle off at the CC&S event.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

We will NOT have Sunday School on April 16 or April 23. Our last day of Sunday School until Fall will be May 7.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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

### CROSSES FOR LENT

During the Lenten season, the Discipleship Work Group is asking that everyone in the congregation bring in a cross to display in the dining hall. We will have tables along the wall to display them. Just write your name and what kind of cross it is. Let's see how many we can display! Let us be drawn to these symbols of Christ and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering that the crosses represent.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday** Trinity Episcopal  
**April 13** "Moving Through Death"  
**Soup Supper 6 pm** Rev. Bob Case  
**Worship 7pm**

**Good Friday** First Presbyterian  
**Tre Ore 12-3pm**

**Saturday** Easter Worship  
**5 pm**

**Sunday** Easter Worship  
**8 & 10:30 am** (Easter Breakfast served between services)

### SERVING APRIL 9

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Dawn Anderson  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Ushers** ... Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Greeters** ..... Shelly Olsen Family  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** .. Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson  
**Counters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch

### SERVING APRIL 16

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Berniece Lyon  
**Organist** ..... Kat Tomaszewski  
**Music Assistant** ..... Isabelle Denstaedt  
**Lector** Early ..... Dawn Anderson  
Late ..... Verna Furze  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Ushers** ... Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Greeters** Early ..... Gordon & Dorothy Hansen  
Late ..... Jeff & Carey Schiller Family  
**Hospital** ..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** .. Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson  
**Counters** ..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Easter Breakfast

### GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - April 2, 2017	\$ 4,378.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 524.00

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

#### **Sunday - 9th**

8:50 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. **Worship**  
12:30 p.m. Catechism - St. Paul  
5-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

#### **Tuesday - 11th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

#### **Wednesday - 12th**

3:30 - 4:45 pm Lounge Reserved  
5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

#### **Thursday - 13th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT 10 A.M.  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &  
7:00 p.m. Worship at Trinity  
Episcopal

#### **Friday - 14th**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT 11 A.M.  
12-3:00 p.m. Community Tre Ore Service  
At First Presbyterian

#### **Saturday - 15th**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
5:00 p.m. **Easter Worship**

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he

wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**PSALM 31:9-16** (Psalms begin page 339)

### **SECOND READING      **Philippians 2:5-11****

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 26:14 - 27:66**

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