

✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✠  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 23, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 24, 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-603**

**Psalm 37:1-11,39-40**

**D-R631**

**C-R708**

**S-R604**

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken  
(Psalms begin page 339)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

O Christ, Our Hope

### 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 Sunday Supper Program 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

Marge Weber, Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Sheila Hansen, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Dennis Diamond, who passed away February 19.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor  
of  
Darlene Freel  
by  
The Ruth Circle,  
WELCA (Women of Grace)

### **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 are well over February's goal with the Euchre Tournament proceeds - **THANK YOU.**

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - February 16/17	3,846.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (2,079.00)

#### **DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING**

Monthly Goal	\$ 575.00
February Giving	845.00
Euchre Tournament	391.00
Driveway Fund Balance	\$ (4,573.38)

### **LET'S TALK SERIES**

#### **FEBRUARY: BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**February 28 from 6-9:00 p.m.**

**Art in the Loft, 109 N. 2nd Ave, Ste 300**

Thunder Bay Theatre and Art in the Loft are proud to partner to talk more about diversity and inclusivity with the "Let's Talk" series. Come and discuss Black History month with our panel of guest speakers, and celebrate diversity and inclusivity in Alpena. This is a free event, and all are welcome.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, March 3**

**Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

On the Agenda:

Receive Annual Reports

Please plan to attend!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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).

## COMBINED CHOIR FOR

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Combined choir of the Lenten Series churches at Ash Wednesday service, open to everyone from the congregation who wants to take part.

Rehearsals on February 25th and March 4th at 6:00 p.m., and on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) at 5:30 p.m.

## 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](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday - 24th

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Choir - Lounge
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
12:30 p.m.	Catechism - Grace

### Monday - 25th

	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 p.m.	Combined Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday - 26th

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

### Wednesday - 27th

11:00 a.m.	Lounge Reserved
3-4:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee - Lounge

### Thursday - 28th

5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved
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### Saturday - 2nd

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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## SERVING FEBRUARY 23-24

<b>Ministers</b> .....	God's People
<b>Pastor</b> .....	Rev. Tom Orth
<b>Music Director</b> .....	David Delano
<b>Lector</b> .....	Bob Greene
<b>Communion Assts.</b> .....	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Dale Schultz, Paul & Vicki Denstaedt, Phran Ludington, Sandra Christopherson (Sat.)
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
<b>Hospital</b> .....	Janet Chroninger
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles
<b>Counters</b> .....	Gary & Kay Grove
<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	Dawn Anderson, Phran Ludington
<b>Cookie/</b>	
<b>Doughnut Pick Up</b> .....	Rick & Sharon Engstrom

## SERVING MARCH 2-3

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

## FIRST READING      **Genesis 45:3-11,15**

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on

earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40** Psalms begin page 339)

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as

is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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