

✠ CHRIST THE KING ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., November 23, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., November 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-R838

Psalm 46

D-R855

C-R295

S-R634

Beautiful Savior

(Psalms begin page 339)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Of the Father's Love Begotten

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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. This weekend we pray for the Ruth Circle at Grace Lutheran Church.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT NEEDED

We have an open slot on our Communion Assistant schedule and are looking for someone who would be willing to serve on a team for the months of December and July. If you would consider serving on this team, or would be willing to fill in for one of the open months, please call Sharon Engstrom at 354-5133.

PRAYERS

Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Alec Kennedy, Deb Nitchman's Family (Culbertsons), Kay Zinsli, Gerri Moors, Michele Amelotte, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Gloria Moore, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Dave Stebbins, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Duane Schultz, Maria Shelton, Steve Thorpe, Charles Johnson, Charles Miller's Mother, Ann Haske, Mary Ann Czarnecki, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Dewayne Nail, Chris & Sarah Smith & Family, Ellen, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

LECTOR NEEDED DECEMBER 15

If you would be willing to read on December 15, please contact Peggy in the church office. Thanks!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Symbols and Words – ACE for this week

Symbols and words can have different meanings to different people and in different contexts. And they can change meaning over time. How do we deal with others using “our” symbols for different meanings and purposes that we may oppose? Have you ever had a symbol or word that oppressed you? Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joel & Cindy Suszek (and parents Cody & Jess!), on the birth of a granddaughter, Raylynn Angeline on November 5th.

NRN MISSION TRIP MEETING

The Grace Lutheran Sponsored National Relief Network (NRN) Mission Trip is having our formal meeting for those interested in participating on Sunday, November 24th at 1pm in Grace Lutheran's Fellowship Hall. This trip is open to anyone from the age of 13 years of age and older. For those who are under the age of 21, it is requested that your parent(s) attend this meeting. You can look up information on the NRN on their website: <https://www.nrn.org>

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE DECEMBER & JANUARY

December 1 - No Sunday School
December 8 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
December 15 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
December 22 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
December 29 - No Sunday School

January 5 - No Sunday School
January 12 - No Sunday School
January 19 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
January 26 - Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

YULEFEST BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 7 ~ 9 am-12:30 pm

The Ruth Circle is planning a Yulefest Bake Sale at Grace again this year on December 7th. Please check your recipes for all kinds of goodies. We depend on everyone to help us make this a success.

Sale items may be brought in on Friday, December 6, from 9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. We appreciate all baked or homemade goods, canned items, and craft items donated.

Please invite your family and friends to this annual event sponsored by the women of Grace. Contact Darlene Freel at 354-8866 if you can help set up on Friday or help the day of the sale. Thanks!

This event is sponsored by the women of Grace, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate items or help and shop on the day of the event.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT GRACE LUTHERAN

Thursday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Menu: turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy and drinks provided. Please sign up by November 24 and indicate if you are able to bring a salad, vegetable, bread or rolls to share. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Call Ruby/Matt Haske (356-4276) or Vicki/Paul Denstaedt (916-9258) with questions. You are invited to come early (3 p.m.) if you want to play cards or board games before dinner.

Large print worship folders, including hymns and weekly bulletin are available from ushers.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST TREE

Please return the tag/s with your wrapped package and place under the tree at Grace by Dec. 1st (Sunday), so the packages can get delivered to the Volunteer Center during the week of Dec. 2 -6. Thank you for helping to "Make a Christ-Like difference in our community".

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

<u>Sunday - 24th</u>	Noisy Offering Weekend
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Choir - Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed - Lounge
1:00 p.m.	NRN Meeting - Fellowship Hall
<u>Monday - 25th</u>	
12-3:00 p.m.	Kitchen Reserved
<u>Tuesday - 26th</u>	Church Office Closed
9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
11:30am-5pm	Kitchen Reserved
<u>Wednesday - 27th</u>	
All Day	Kitchen Reserved
3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
<u>Thursday - 28th</u>	Church Office Closed
5:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace
<u>Friday - 29th</u>	Church Office Closed
<u>Saturday - 30th</u>	
5:00 p.m.	Worship

SERVING NOVEMBER 23-24

Ministers..... God's People
Pastor..... Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Anne Gentry
Communion Assts Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturday)
Greeters Steve & Janie Hansen
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Sandy Welch, Karen Slaght
Counters Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Joe & Dawn Gentry
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up Paul & Vicki Denstaedt

SERVING NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1

Ministers..... God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Nancy & Bill Platt
Communion Assts Phran Ludington
Ushers Wayne Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross, Corky Gates, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub
Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Denstaedt Family, Gentry Family
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Ruby & Olivia Haske
Cookie/
Doughnut Pick Up Joe & Dawn Gentry

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - November 16-17	3,125.81
CC&S Dinner Proceeds	2,500.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (11,264.35)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign

as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

PSALM 46 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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