

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., December 7, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., December 8, 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-R260**  
**Psalm 72:1-7,18-19**  
**D-R249**  
**C-R496**  
**S-R246**

The King Shall Come  
(Psalms begin page 339)  
On Jordan's Bank, The Baptist's Cry  
One Bread, One Body  
Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

**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 Homebound Parishioners at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Memory of Bill Gohlke  
Given by  
Pam, Paul, Jamie, Gracelyn & Riley

**PRAYERS**

Gary Grove, 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, Charlie Phillips, Charlotte Barnard, Janie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Kim Branch, Nick Wittman, 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. We also pray for the family of Betty Pepper (Don Barnard's Aunt), who passed away this past week.

**BREAKFAST POTLUCK  
&  
DECORATING THE CHURCH  
Sunday, December 8  
Following Worship  
Please join us!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER & JANUARY**

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.

**THANK YOU**

The Discipleship Committee would like to thank everyone that helped to make the Christmas Wish List another success this year. We had a total of seven families, sixteen individuals, for whom we collected items. Thank you so much for helping to make a Christ-like difference in our community.

**LOCAL BENEVOLENCE NEEDS**

There have been many in need this holiday season/time of the year and the needs will become greater during the winter months. Our fund balance is very low at this time. If you would like to make a donation to help those less fortunate during the upcoming winter months, please mark your donation "Local Benevolence" and place in the offering plate or give to Peggy in the church office. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Join us as we go Christmas Caroling on Sunday December 15th at noon. We've have a sub lunch here and then leave for our rounds See you then.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 8th**

9:00 a.m.	Choir - Lounge
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
10:45 a.m.	Breakfast Potluck/ Decorate the Church
5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Reserved- Remembering Our Children

**Monday - 9th**

**Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday - 10th**

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
11:30am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Choir - Lounge

**Wednesday - 11th**

3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir

**Thursday - 12th**

8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Kitchen Reserved
4:30-8 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Reserved
5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 14th**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
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**Large print worship folders,  
including hymns and weekly  
bulletin are available from  
ushers.**

### SERVING DECEMBER 7-8

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

### SERVING DECEMBER 14-15

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

### GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - Nov 30/Dec 1	2,900.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (14,243.35)

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19** (Psalms begin page 339)

### SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement

of the scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

<sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has

come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' " <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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