

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2020 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 16, 2020

**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-R638**  
**Psalm 119:1-8**  
**D-R659**  
**C-R305**  
**S-R313**

Blessed Assurance  
(Psalms begin page 339)  
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant  
When Jesus Came to Jordan  
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

**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 Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In Honor of  
Cindy & Gene Domrase's  
Wedding Anniversary

**PRAYERS**

Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Gerald Lancaster, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Karlene Trump, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Kim Branch, Nick Wittman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Cassie Newman, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Mary Ann Czarnecki, who passed away February 8th.

*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).*

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Reading Matthew**

Our ACE Class continues reading through the Matthew, the gospel for this lectionary year. Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we continue hearing the words of Matthew, asking questions and looking for connections and themes that we might find by listening to bigger chunks of the Gospel at one time. See you there.

## **COMBINED CHOIR FOR LENT**

Combined choir rehearsals will begin Monday, February 17, at Grace. The Combined Choir will be used at several of the Lenten series services. Open to all, regardless of ability!

## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHOIR INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM!**

Our choir is looking for more members! We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Open to all, regardless of ability!

## **SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEMBERS**

Some members at Grace with asthma can react to and have difficulty breathing with various perfumes or colognes. For those with special sensitivity, it can be surprising how little it takes to cause the reaction and even moving further away doesn't always help as the scent can travel a good distance. We would ask that you consider wearing as little as possible or even refraining from any perfumes or colognes for worship services allowing others to worship in ease and comfort.

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

## **OFFICE LOBBY DOORS LOCKING**

Our new locks are installed and working on the wooden doors in the Office Lobby. Beginning this weekend, we be using the wooden doors to lock the building, leaving the metal outer doors unlocked. With this change, the Little Food Pantry in the heated vestibule between the doors will be accessible 24/7 just like the outdoor Little Food Pantry. Food susceptible to freezing can be offered year round making a greater range of food available to those who have needs. Dollars from our Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner made this possible. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

## **NRN Mission Trip MYSTERY DINNER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Grace Lutheran Church**

**\$10/Person ~ Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.**

Guaranteed fun - The only mystery is the menu! The dinner is sports themed - wear your favorite team shirt.

RSVP by February 19 by calling:

Staci - 989.590.3937

Vicki - 989.916.9258

or sign up in the Office Narthex

## **BABY KIT COLLECTION**

The Discipleship Work Group is now collecting items for the baby kits that we send to Lutheran World Relief. Tags are on the "Giving Tree" located in the office narthex. Please purchase the specific items on the tags. Some items may be difficult to find locally and may have to be purchased online. "Making a Christ-like difference in our community and world".

## **2019 YEAR-END STATEMENTS**

2019 year-end statements are now available to be picked up in the Office Narthex.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 16th**

9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
**9:30 a.m. Worship**  
 11:00 a.m. Adult CE - Lounge  
 4:30 p.m. Potluck  
 5:30 p.m. Euchre Tournament/  
 Game Night

**Monday - 17th**

6:00 p.m. "Sensible Shoes" Women's  
 Group - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday - 18th**

9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting  
 6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge  
 6:00 p.m. Council Discernment  
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**Wednesday - 19th**

1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Lounge  
 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

**Thursday - 20th**

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
 6:00 p.m. Foster Family Group -  
 Fellowship Hall

**Friday - 21st**

11:30 a.m. -  
 2:30 p.m. NorthStar Ark - Lounge/  
 Kitchen  
 All Day Fellowship Hall Reserved

**Saturday - 22nd** **Noisy Offering Weekend**

**5:00 p.m. Worship**  
 6:00 p.m. Mystery Dinner (NRN  
 Mission Trip Fundraiser)

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - February 8-9	2,710.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$ 4,433.33)

**SERVING FEBRUARY 15-16**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** .....David Delano  
**Lector**..... Verna Furze  
**Communion Assts**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett,  
 & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz&Tami Romel(Sat)  
**Greeters** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** .....Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles  
**Counters** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Cookie/Doughnut Pickup**..Sharon & Rick Engstrom

**SERVING FEBRUARY 22-23**

**Ministers**..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** .....David Delano  
**Lector**..... Cheryl Werblow  
**Communion Assts**..... Paul & Vicki Denstaedt  
**Ushers** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett,  
 & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz&Tami Romel(Sat)  
**Greeters** .....Pat & June Daly  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild** .....Bethany Popour, Arlis St. Charles  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Cookie/Doughnut Pickup**..Sharon & Rick Engstrom

**FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**PSALM 119:1-8** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

**GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you

say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

**GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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