

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., May 25, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., May 26, 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-R815**

**Psalm 67**

**D-R398**

**C-R496**

**S-R399**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(Psalms begin page 339)

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

One Bread, One Body

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

**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 all who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS**

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

**PRAYERS**

Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Dorothy Hansen, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Edna Delano, Theresa Vrendenburg, Pastor Sandy Hutchens, Yvonne Stoll, Randy Fisher, Lyle Beck, Dewayne Nail, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, Sheila Hansen, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Violet McLaren, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rev. John Laycock for preaching and leading worship. We appreciate his being here this weekend.

### GRADUATE SUNDAY

We invite all graduates of high school and college to be with us next Sunday, June 2, as we recognize them in worship and offer best wishes for the next step in their lives. They are invited to bring their robes and gather early at 9 as we will process in together.

### RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle met at church on May 15, with 10 present. Our next meeting is June 19 at CW's Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. All women are welcome. If you would like to join us that day, please call Darlene Freel at 989-354-8866 for reservations.

### 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.

#### GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,382.00
Weekly giving - May 18/19	4,106.82
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ (3,301.36)

### LARCC

#### COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

Wednesday, June 12

#### 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper ~ 7:00 p.m. Worship

The LARCC Covenant Renewal Service will be held at Grace Lutheran on June 12. *We are in need of 2 crocks of soup and 4 loaves of bread for the supper.* If you are able to help with this, please sign the sheet located in the Office Narthex.

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

During the Easter Season, we will be sharing the peace with each other at the conclusion of our intercessory prayers of the church as a continuation of them. The congregation prays for peace in the Church, peace in the world, and peace for all those in need. Then the congregation follows through with the people offering peace and reconciliation to one another. We can simply turn to those nearby and offer a handshake with the words "peace be with you" or "the peace of Christ be with you." Please be mindful that some may not wish to shake hands or embrace and simply exchanging the words is appropriate.

#### DRIVEWAY FUND

We are well on our way to retiring our Driveway Fund balance. **THANK YOU.** Contributions toward the Fund can use the regular offering envelope marking the other line, the special golden envelop in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope marked for the Driveway. *We have reached our goal for May - THANK YOU.*

#### DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING

Monthly Goal	\$ 575.00
May Giving	795.00
Driveway Fund Balance	\$ (1,038.38)

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
**Peace & Pizza**  
**May 31 ~ 5:00 p.m.**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**727 S. 2nd Ave., Alpena**

Join us for a fun-filled night of fellowship designed to create decorations for the Alpena Community Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (ACEVBS) program which will be held July 8 – 12 at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Ripley Blvd. & First Ave. *Bring your friends & family to have a bite to eat and use your artistic talents!* A sign-up sheet is located in the Office Narthex.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 26th**      **Noisy Offering Weekend**  
9:00 a.m.          Choir - Lounge  
9:30 a.m.          **Worship**

**Monday - 27th**  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday - 28th**  
6:00 p.m.          Choir - Lounge

**Wednesday - 29th**  
3-5:00 p.m.      Kitchen Reserved  
3-4:30 p.m.      Lounge Reserved

**Thursday - 30th**  
8 am-3 pm        Kitchen Reserved  
5:00 p.m.        Sanctuary Reserved

**Friday - 31st**  
5:00 p.m.        Family Fun Night for  
ACEVBS - at St. Paul

**Saturday - 1st**  
5:00 p.m.        **Worship**

**SERVING MAY 25-26**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. John Laycock  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector** ..... Sandy Welch  
**Communion Assts.** ..Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington  
**Ushers**..... Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence &  
Bonnie Cross, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub  
**Greeters**..... Jack & Patti Tucker  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Pat Schultz, Verna Furze,  
Tammy Furze, Patti Tucker  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Marge Weber  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Corky Gates, Jo Ann Smith,  
Sandra Christopherson  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up**..... Clarence & Bonnie Cross

**SERVING JUNE 1-2**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... David Delano  
**Lector** ..... Patti Tucker  
**Communion Assts.** Dale Schultz, Sherie McTaggart  
**Ushers**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Jo Ann Smith, Vicki Piontkowski (Saturdays)  
**Greeters**..... Jeff & Sandy Welch  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**.... Joanne Nicholls, Kathy Piontkowski  
**Counters**..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Cookie/**  
**Doughnut Pick Up**..... Rich & Sherie McTaggart

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace,

the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**PSALM 67** (Psalms begin page 339)

## SECOND READING

### Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination

or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## GOSPEL

**John 5:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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