

✠ **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 7, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., April 8, 2018

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-R384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Psalm 133 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!
C-R379 Now the Green Blade Rises
S-R376 Thine Is the Glory

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 worshipping 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 spiritual growth and renewal 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

Sara Kamyszek, Hope Kamyszek, Bev Attwell, Caroline Weise, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, Mark Jackson, Annette Kindt, Patricia Denstaedt, Shelly Greenwood, Carole Liske, Debbie Weir, Scott Coddington, Judy Kautz, Mimi, Kevin Salesman, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond, Rev. Richard Clapp.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor
of
Don & Verna Furze's 55th Anniversary
by
Family and Friends

**HOLY HUMOR SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
APRIL 14 AND 15**

Please join us at the twelfth annual Holy Humor Saturday/Sunday services. Everyone is encouraged to dress for fun in costume or bright cheerful colors. If anyone has jokes they would like to share please get them to Pastor Orth ahead of the service.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

How are we doing as a just and fair society?

With 2 recent events, the death of Linda Brown of Brown v. Bd of Education and the 50th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr assassination, we stop to ask the questions: How much progress have we made? How much progress do we have to go? And then for us as Christians in our country, what is our role to play in fairness, equality and social justice in our country? See you at 11 in the Lounge.

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER

April 22, 2018 at the APLEX

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. ~ Dinner is at 12:30

Tickets \$15.00/Children 12 & under are free

Enjoy the Silent Auction, Chinese Raffle, Silent Pie Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and Door Prizes

AUCTION ITEMS DONATION SHEETS

are located in the Office Narthex.

Please consider donating an item to support this wonderful event!

See Dawn Anderson, Cheryl Werblow, or call the church office at 354-2640 to get your tickets.

Proceeds from the dinner benefit United Way School of Clothes; Foster Children's Fund at DHHS as well as Grace Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

HELP TO FILL THE WHEELBARROW!

A wheelbarrow has been donated and we are asking members to help fill it with gardening/yard items. This item has always been a real crowd pleaser and we would like to have a full wheelbarrow to raffle off at the CC&S event.

ALPENA NRN MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Rummage Sale

April 13 ~ 9am-5pm

April 14 ~ 9am-1pm

Grace Lutheran Church

Celebrating & Sharing Dinner

April 22

Selling Custom Signs

Proceeds benefit the

2018 Alpena NRN Mission Trip

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,225.00
Weekly giving - April 1	\$ 7,106.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 345.85

SERVING APRIL 8

- Ministers** God's People
- Pastor** Rev. Tom Orth
- Music Director** David Delano
- Lector** Anne Gentry
- Communion Assts.**... Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington
- Ushers** Dale Schultz, Phran Ludington, Vicki, Paul & Miriam Denstaedt, Linda Batchelor (Sat.), Charles Snyder (Sat.), Trevor Denstaedt (Sat.)
- Greeters** Rich & Sherie McTaggart
- Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger
- Altar Guild** . Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson, Karen Slaght
- Counters** Gary & Kay Grove
- Coffee Hour** Wayne & Anna Lewis

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 8th

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 9th

RUMMAGE SALE SET UP
5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. ROC - Lounge

Tuesday - 10th

RUMMAGE SALE SET UP
9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

Wednesday - 11th

RUMMAGE SALE SET UP
3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved

Thursday - 12th

RUMMAGE SALE SET UP
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Friday - 13th

9am - 5pm Rummage Sale

Saturday - 14th

9am - 1pm Rummage Sale
5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING APRIL 15

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director David Delano
Lector Bill & Nancy Platt
Communion Assts.... Joelyn Rich, Phran Ludington
Ushers Dale Schultz, Phran Ludington,
Vicki, Paul & Miriam Denstaedt,
Linda Batchelor (Sat.), Charles
Snyder (Sat.), Trevor Denstaedt (Sat.)
Greeters Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild . Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson,
Karen Slaght
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Clarence & Bonnie Cross

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

PSALM 133

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship

with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL **John 20:19-31**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas

(who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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