

✠ **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., March 30, 2019 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., March 31, 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-666

Psalm 32

D-R606

C-R599

S-R603

What Wondrous Love Is This

(Psalms begin page 339)

Our Father, We Have Wandered

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

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 Intergenerational Messy Church 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

Dorothy Hansen, Marge Weber, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Rev. Fred Neumnn & Kay, 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.

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
My Husband, Beaver Hatch
Given By
His Wife, Elaine

THANK YOU

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

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.

DRIVEWAY FUND

Church Council has set a goal of paying off the Driveway Fund Balance this year. A monthly goal of \$575 will retire the remaining \$6900 by the end of the year. Contributions in any amount can use the regular offering envelope marking the amount on the Other Line, the special golden envelope in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope. Thanks for making this project possible for everyone's safety and convenience. *We have reached our goal for March - THANK YOU.*

GENERAL FUND GIVING

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|---|---------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,382.00 |
| Weekly giving - March 23/24 | 3,606.00 |
| Year-to-date over/(under) | \$ (3,988.00) |

DRIVEWAY FUND MONTHLY GIVING

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| Monthly Goal | \$ 575.00 |
| March Giving | 1,070.00 |
| Driveway Fund Balance | \$ (3,338.38) |

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.

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK

This year's Easter Breakfast Potluck will be held following worship on April 21st. Help is needed with set up/clean up and during the breakfast. Sign up sheets are located in the Office Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Office Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education. Applications should be turned in to the church office by April 15, 2019. Please contact the office for further information or if you would like an application emailed to you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Deadline March 31, 2019

Remember that you can designate Grace Lutheran Church if you have available Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. To direct Choice Dollars, go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 31st

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge

9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday - 1st

6:00 p.m. R.O.C. - Lounge

Tuesday - 2nd

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

6:00 p.m. Choir - Lounge

Wednesday - 3rd

11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship at St. Paul,
followed by luncheon

3-4:30 p.m. Lounge Reserved

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper &

7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship
at St. Paul Lutheran

Thursday - 4th

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Friday - 5th

2 - 9 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Reserved

Saturday - 6th

5:00 p.m. Worship

SERVING MARCH 30-31

Ministers God's People

Pastor Rev. Gene Bacon

Music Director David Delano

Lector Joe Gentry

Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Ushers Joel Suszek, Gary & Kay Grove,
Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Saturdays)

Greeters

Hospital Janet Chroninger

Altar Guild Joelyn Rich, Mary Rowader

Counters Dale & Pat Schultz

Coffee Hour Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Cookie/

Doughnut Pick Up Gary & Kay Grove

SERVING APRIL 6-7

Ministers God's People

Pastor Rev. Tom Orth

Music Director David Delano

Lector Anne Gentry

Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt

Ushers Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Don Furze,
Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske, Bruce Anschuetz (Sat.)

Greeters Gary & Kay Grove

Hospital Janet Chroninger

Altar Guild Jeanne Pankey, Nancy Platt,
Chris Christopherson

Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch

Cookie/

Doughnut Pick Up Jack & Patti Tucker

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS

**At St. Paul ~ 11:30 a.m./Lunch Following
or at the Following Churches with
Soup Supper~6:00 p.m. & Worship~7:00 p.m.**

April 3 St. Paul Lutheran
"Jesus is judged by Pilate"
Rev. Bill Rayment

April 10 All Saints Catholic Parish
St. Anne's Church
"Jesus is scourged and
Crowned with thorns"
Very Rev. Bill McClure

FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

PSALM 32

(Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have

bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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