

✠ **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 29, 2017 ~ Sunday, 8 & 10:30 a.m., April 30, 2017

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-R391 This Joyful Eastertide
Psalm 98 (Psalms begin page 339)
D-R377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!
C-R674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
S-R380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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 8 LARCC parishes. Today we pray for the Faith Formation Program at All Saints Catholic Parish.

PARKING & THIRD AVE. REBUILT

With Third Ave being rebuilt starting April 5th for the next month or so, we ask you to leave the spaces closest to the church for those who need them. Get some exercise for God.

PRAYERS

Alan Freel, Darlene Freel, Elsa Phillips, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Alice, Brad Grove, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, Conrad Addison, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of Loving Care Member birthdays: Lorraine Leathead, May 1, and Dorothy Gentry, May 7.

**ACTIVITY BAGS
FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

There are now colorful activity bags with paper, crayons and picture books for younger children available for them in worship. Ask the ushers for one.

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

HOLY HUMOR WEEKEND

April 29 and 30

Following the Sunday service there will be a Holy Humor Appreciation Potluck to thank Bruno Hirzel for placing our new Mission Statement on the wall in the Narthex and to thank all those who helped take the squeak out of our pews. **Please join us!!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Our last day of Sunday School until Fall will be May 7.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATING & SHARING DINNER THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped in making the Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner a success! It is always amazing how volunteers give of their time and efforts, along with those who attend who enjoy the fellowship, food and bidding. Jon Benson and his crew surely put on a wonderful meal and we are so blessed. The benefits of this event are countless and we want to thank everyone who participated! More details to follow.

A special thank you from the Auction Committee for the many wonderful donations received for the Chinese raffle and silent auction. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and truly helped make this a successful event!

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,058.00
Weekly giving - April 23, 2017	\$ 2,997.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	\$ 989.50

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Children's Closet (sizes 4 and up) and Baby Pantry (4T and under) are in need of clothing, shoes, coats, toys, etc. especially for summer. Winter clothing can also be given and will be stored for next winter. Our inventory is lower than usual and we will soon be giving away summer clothing. As you clean out your children's closets, please consider donating to us. They can be dropped off M-F during the day at St. Bernard's Parish Center on the **Lockwood Street** entrance. "Freely we have received. Freely give. Matthew 8:10 When you give to these groups, you are providing clothing for needy families in our area. Thank you!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 30th - Holy Humor Weekend

8:50 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **Worship**
Holy Humor Appreciation
Potluck Follows Worship

Monday - 1st

6:00 p.m. ROC - Lounge

Tuesday - 2nd

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing

Wednesday - 3rd

3:30 - 4:45 pm Lounge Reserved
5-6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 6th

5:00 p.m. **Worship**

SERVING APRIL 30

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Mike Urlaub
Communion Assts. Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers .. Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays), Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters Joel & Cindy Suszek
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild... Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson
Counters Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Coffee Hour Barb Werle, Angie Crittenden, Ellie Walker

SERVING MAY 7

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Berniece Lyon
Music Assistant Isabelle Denstaedt
Lector Cheryl Werblow
Communion Assts. Paul & Vicki Denstaedt, Karen Slaght
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel & Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran Ludington, Nic Timmreck
Greeters Jack & Patti Tucker
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Pat Schultz, Verna Furze, Tammy Furze
Counters Dale & Pat Schultz
Coffee Hour Ruby & Olivia Haske

FIRST READING

Selected texts from Proverbs

15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

15:15

All the days of the afflicted are evil, but the cheerful of heart has a continual feast.

17:22

A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.

PSALM 98 (Psalms begin page 339)

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:1-7**

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL **Luke 24:13-35**

¹³ Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and

discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and

then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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