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Saturday, 5:00 p.m., December 8, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., December 9, 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-R240	Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
Psalm	Luke 1 : 68 -79
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D-R244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

C-R243 Lost in the Night

S–R239 Hark! The Glad Sound

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 the Prayer Group 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

Peggy Tomaszewski, Doug Chroninger, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Laurie Foster, Kevin Reiser, Joseph Hansen, Roger Schultz, Violet McLaren, Brad Grove, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Bill Gohlke, given by Pam, Paul, Jamie, Gracelyn & Riley

DECORATING THE CHURCH

All are welcome to join in on *Saturday December 15th at 9 am* for a wonderful time of fellowship and service as we prepare the Sanctuary for Christmas.

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.

THANK YOU

Julefest Sale made \$1,146.45 this year. Thank you to all who baked and bought items at the sale on December 1st. The Ruth Circle uses this money for their mission and ministry. Thanks to them for all the work to make the Sale possible.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 11:30 Following a Luncheon after Service

Share Christmas carols with some of Grace Lutheran's members, who are not often able to make it to church. All singing abilities and ages are welcome. It is truly a heartwarming experience. Sign up for the Luncheon and join us even if you are not caroling.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE

We have individual devices to help people hear the services more. Pick them up from the ushers in the Sound Room. There are ear pieces available. Or hearing aids with T Coil activated will be able to receive the sound directly from the devices.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that purchased gifts for the individuals on the Wish List Tree. We made a difference in the holidays for a total of 14 people in 4 different families. We are certain there will be happier holidays because of our generosity. Together we make a Christ-like difference. Thank you.

The Worship Group

CARDS/GIFTS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Discipleship Work Group would like to send cards to the college students with a gift card included. We need the address of the students from Grace that are in college. We have received one address. If you would like your student to receive a card with a gift card included, please get the address to Peggy, Phran or Dawn. Thank you.

SERVING DECEMBER 8 - 9

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	David Delano	
Lector	Joe Gentry	
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson		
UshersWayne &	Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie	
Cross, Mik	ke, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub	
Greeters		
Hospital	Janet Chroninger	
Altar Guild	Gentry & Denstaedt Families	
Counters	. Wayne & Chris Christopherson	
Marge Weber		
Coffee Hour	Ruby & Olivia Haske	
Cookie/Doughnut Pick UpJoe & Dawn Gentry		

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 9nd 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Choir - Lounge Worship 10:45 a.m. 11:30 p.m. Caroling

Monday - 10th

<u> 1 uesday - 11th</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice - Lounge

Wednesday - 12th

3-4:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice-
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<u>Thursday - 13th</u>

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday - 15th

9:00 a.m. Decorating the Church **5:00 p.m.** Worship

SERVING DECEMBER 15 - 16

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	David Delano	
Lector	Anne Gentry	
Communion Assts. Wayne & Chris Christopherson		
UshersWayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie		
Cross, Mike,	Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub	
GreetersJo	oelyn Rich & Phran Ludington	
Hospital	Janet Chroninger	
Altar Guild	Gentry & Denstaedt Families	
Counters V	Vayne & Chris Christopherson	
N	Marge Weber	
Coffee Hour	Jeff & Sandy Welch	
Cookie/Doughnut Pick UpJoe & Dawn Gentry		

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1 - 4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

PSALM Luke 1:68 - 79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

71 from the hands of all who hate us,
 72 to show mercy to our forebears,
 and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3 - 11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,

¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1 - 6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

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