

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

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

Psalm

D-R244

C-R243

S-R239

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Luke 1 : 68 -79

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Lost in the Night

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 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 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
- Ushers**...Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub
- Greeters** Wayne & Anna Lewis
- Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger
- Altar Guild** Gentry & Denstaedt Families
- Counters** Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Marge Weber
- Coffee Hour** Ruby & Olivia Haske
- Cookie/Doughnut Pick Up**Joe & Dawn Gentry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 9nd

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

Monday - 10th

Tuesday - 11th

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-
Sanctuary

Thursday - 13th

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
Ushers... Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie
Cross, Mike, Tracey, Adam & Allie Urlaub
Greeters Joelyn Rich & Phran Ludington
Hospital Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild Gentry & Denstaedt Families
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Marge Weber
Coffee Hour Jeff & Sandy Welch
Cookie/Doughnut Pick Up Joe & 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.

⁶⁹**You 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,**

⁷²to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³**This 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,

⁷⁵**holy 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,

