

**✠ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✠**  
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., February 3, 2018 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., February 4, 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-R673** God, Whose Almighty Word  
**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** (Psalms begin page 339)  
**D-R604** O Christ, Our Hope  
**C-R715** Christ, Be Our Light  
**S-R717** Let Justice Flow like Streams

### 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 Faith Formation Program at All Saints' Parish.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

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

### PRAYERS

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

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Loving Care Member  
Erv Simi's birthday, February 11th.

### ASSISTANCE FUND

We receive requests for assistance from individuals and families, both from the church and the community, when times are tough and circumstances pile up. The funds we have available for that come from the loose offering of each weekend's collection. Winter time seems to be when the need is greatest. With several recent significant needs, I would ask you to consider an extra bit of loose offering to have funds available when future needs arise.

Pastor Tom

### **USHER/ALTAR GUILD TRAINING**

There will be a training session for ushers and altar guild members on February 4 after the worship service. This is also open to anyone who might be interested in joining altar guild or ushers, as more help is always great.

### **COLLECTING PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

- Light-weight bath-size towel, dark color suggested (20x 40 to 52 x 27)
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (any brand) in original wrapping (No mini or hotel-size bars)
- Adult-size toothbrush in original pkg. (toothbrush multi-packs ok)
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail clippers

*Items may be place in wicker basket located in the Office Narthex near the parish building entrance.*

### **FOOD ITEMS FOR TRINITY PANTRY**

Grace collects food items for the food pantry at Trinity Episcopal. These items include; Tuna & Tuna Helper, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pancake mix (just add water type) & syrup and elbow macaroni. These items are used to fill emergency food boxes for individuals that are in need of food, due to a number of circumstances. Other non-perishable items may be donated to help fill in the boxes. We collect the donated food items in a basket, outside the church office door in the Office Narthex.

### **WARM QUILTS**

Do you know anyone who needs a warm, comfy quilt during the cold weather? If you have questions, contact the church office, Corinne Fraley, or Dorothy Hansen.

### **MID-WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AT GRACE**

Grace Lutheran is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 14. We are planning for 175-200 people, and we are in need of soups (approximately 15) and breads. We are also looking for setup and cleanup help. Sign-up sheets are located in the Office Narthex. Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416) for more information.

### **WANTED**

Wanted...anyone interested in the worship services and willing to serve on the Worship Work Group. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Contact Sharon Engstrom (354-5133).

### **DRIVEWAY FUNDRAISER EUCHRE TOURNAMENT/GAME NIGHT Sunday, February 11 Baked Potato Bar & Sundae Bar at 4:30 p.m. Games begin at 5:15 p.m.**

Please join us for some fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. Cost for the Euchre tournament is \$6.00 per person. Cost for the meal is \$7.00 per person (baked potato bar, sundae bar, coleslaw, relish tray and drinks). Please bring a card table if you have one. Bring any games you like to play, if not in the Euchre Tourney. And, last but not least, invite your friends! **Sign-up sheets and more information are located on the table in the office narthex.** Questions, please see a Fellowship Committee member.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held  
**Sunday, March 4**  
 following 9:30 a.m. worship.

**On the agenda:**  
 Receive Annual Reports  
 (Report Deadline - February 11th)  
 Please plan to attend!

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 4th**

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 a.m. **Worship**  
 Usher/Altar Guild Training  
 Following the Service

**Tuesday - 6th**

9:00 a.m. Quilting/Sewing  
 6:00 p.m. Community Celebrating &  
 Sharing Dinner Mtg - Lounge

**Wednesday - 7th**

3-5:15 p.m. Lounge Reserved

**Thursday - 8th**

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**Saturday - 10th**

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

**SERVING FEBRUARY 4**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... David Delano  
**Music Assistant** ..... Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Sharon Engstrom  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers**.. Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie  
 Cross, Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays)  
**Greeters**..... Dawn Anderson, Mary Rowader  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
**Altar Guild**..... Angie Crittenden, Barb Werle,  
 Bethany Popour (Back Up)  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
 Marge Weber  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Don, Verna & Tammy Furze

**SERVING FEBRUARY 11**

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... David Delano  
**Music Assistant** ..... Miriam Denstaedt  
**Lector** ..... Sandy Welch  
**Communion Assts.** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers**.. Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie  
 Cross, Mick & Kay Zinsli (Saturdays)  
**Greeters** ... Sandra Christopherson, Caroline Weise  
**Hospital**..... Janet Chroninger  
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 Bethany Popour (Back Up)  
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 Marge Weber  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
 Have you not understood from the foundations  
 of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle  
 of the earth, and its inhabitants are like  
 grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens  
 like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live  
 in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes  
 the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are  
 they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their  
 stem taken root in the earth, when he blows  
 upon them, and they wither, and the tempest  
 carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then  
 will you compare me, or who is my equal? says  
 the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and  
 see: Who created these? He who brings out  
 their host and numbers them, calling them all by  
 name; because he is great in strength, mighty in  
 power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say,  
 O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden  
 from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by  
 my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not

heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**PSALM 147:1-11, 20C** (Psalms begin page 339)

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all

things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:29-39**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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