

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., April 23, 2016 ~ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., April 24, 2016

Hymns

G-R720 We Are Called

Psalms 148 (Psalms begin on page 339)

D-R367 Now All the Vault of Heaven
Resounds

C-R477 I Received the Living God

S- B745 Awake, O Sleeper

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 Loving Care Members at Grace Lutheran Church.

PRAYER LIST

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).

PRAYERS: Gordon Hansen, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson, Marilyn Whitscell, Sara Kamyszek, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Julie Troy, Judy McCourt, Sandra & John Carlson, Linda Norton, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Brett & Katie Schoner, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowitz, Sam Brown, and Jaiden. We also remember the family of Harold Wegner (Mary Lappan's father), who passed away April 12th.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God, by Tom & Mary Lappan.

PENTECOST GERANIUMS

If you would like to place a geranium plant (to be planted on the church grounds after Pentecost Sunday) in the church for our Pentecost Sunday Worship (May 15), please fill out the form included in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in the mailbox outside the church office. Each plant is \$4.00. Deadline to order is May 2nd!

RECYCLING ITEMS NEEDED

We are in need of Walmart-type plastic bags for a recycling project. We could also use clean plastic bread wrappers. If you have these recyclable items, please drop them in the box located in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

***DIRTY COPPER FUNDRAISER
FOR THE NRN MISSION TRIP***

Do you have a frayed extension cord? Are you recycling an appliance that has an electrical cord on it? (cut it off) Old computer cords that are not being used? Maybe a piece of household electrical wiring? Copper pipes?

You have *DIRTY COPPER*

Please bring it to church. Put it in the bin and we'll take it to recycling for funds for the NRN Mission Trip in June.

A NOTE OF THANKS

A note of thanks to all for your prayers, cards and visits at Tendercare where I was for therapy since my fall on April 3rd. We hope to return soon to our family at Grace.

Gordon Hansen

**SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 21, 2016
"Pray Where You Are"**

Grace Lutheran Church ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Men and Women's Retreat
Lunch will be provided.
More info to come.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the comforting prayers, cards, hugs, and donations during this very difficult time. It is so reassuring to know that my family at Grace Lutheran was there during my father's passing. Harold Wegner is in a much better place and I know the Lord is now taking care of him. He will be missed.

Mary and Tom Lappan

**Grace Lutheran Church
SPRING CLEAN-UP**

Saturday, April 30

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Welcome Spring! Saturday, April 30, is the date for our annual spring clean-up. Coffee and donuts will be provided, also pizza and pop for lunch. Come help ready our church grounds for warm weather and spring clean our interior. Please sign the sheet in the narthex to indicate you can come. **Please bring rakes, shovels, trimmers, hand tools, gloves, and your favorite cleaning supplies.** Call Jeff at 255-6068 or Sandy at 916-5006 with questions or to say you can help. Thank you!

DOUBTS - QUESTIONS - CONCERNS

Thanks to one and all who wrote down their doubts, questions and concerns about faith in the April 2 & 3 services. They are posted on my office door. Some of the doubts expressed have been the doubts of the church from the beginning. Some more modern. Some thoughts and responses will be coming in various ways in the future - newsletter, Adult Christian Education classes, individual conversations, sermons, temple talks, etc. For those who were not here or those who were and may have other questions, more cards are welcome. Cards are on the table outside the offices. You are encouraged to sign them so you and I can have a conversation, but it is not necessary. Simply slip them under my door. Thanks again for your sharing in the service and sharing your growing faith.

Pastor Tom

BREAD SUNDAY - THANK YOU

\$218.00 was collected for the ELCA Hunger Relief Fund on April 17. Thank you to the bakers and buyers, trusting that you both enjoyed your contribution. Our next Bread Weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, May 21-22. All members are encouraged to bake and buy bread. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 24th

9:30 a.m.	Worship
	Noisy Offering Sunday
5:00 p.m.	Family Night - Grace

Monday - 25th

6-8:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
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Tuesday - 26th

9:00 a.m.	Quilting/Sewing
3:30-7:00 p.m.	Lounge Reserved

Wednesday - 27th

2:30-6:30 p.m.	Lounge Reserved
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BULLETIN DEADLINE
(For 5/1 & 5/8 bulletins)

Saturday - 30th

5:00 p.m.	Worship
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**Please note that the Church Office
will be closed May 2-6, 2016.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers	..... God's People
Pastor	..... Rev. John Laycock
Music Director	..... Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector	..... Anna Lewis
Communion Assts.	..... Vicki & Taylor Denstaedt
Ushers	Mick & Kay Zinsli, Wayne & Anna Lewis, Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Greeters	..... John & Patti Tucker
Hospital	..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	..... Phran Ludington, Jeanne Pankey, Chris Christopherson
Counters	..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Coffee Hour	..... Vicki, Trevor, Taylor & Isabelle Denstaedt

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Ministers	..... God's People
Pastor	..... Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	..... Berniece Lyon Clapp
Lector	..... Joe Gentry
Communion Assts.	..... Joelyn Rich
Ushers	..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Joel & Corinne Fraley, Corky Gates, Phran Ludington, Nic Timmreck
Greeters	..... Beverly Attwell, Mary Rowader
Hospital	..... Janet Chroninger
Altar Guild	..... Pat Schultz, Verna Furze, Tammy Furze
Counters	..... Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	..... Corky Gates, Patti MacNeill, Phran Ludington

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 3,981.00
Weekly giving - April 17	\$ 2,948.00
Year-to-date over/(under)	(\$2,519.00)

FIRST READING**Acts 11:1-18**

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

PSALM 148

(Psalms begin on page 339)

SECOND READING**Revelation 21:1-6**

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

GOSPEL**John 13:31-35**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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