

All *prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in the narthex.*

MEMBERS: Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to write it in again.

VISITORS: Please fill out a yellow card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

NORTH STAR DISTRICT: Prayer List for this week includes:

Deer Creek: Salem—Lee Kantonen

First Mile
MISSION



FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,646.00 or \$123.00 each member based a membership of 176. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$2,395.41 given to date.



PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer chain for any prayer concerns, please call Paula Horner, 218-790-2141.

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers and cards concerning the death of Luann's brother, Robert Palma. It was greatly appreciated—Luann & Del Larson

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He is
not here;
for he has
been raised

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

10:00 AM

The Church of the Neighborhood
Making followers of Christ to Transform the World.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Let go of sadness.

Let doubt be set aside.

Let the past struggles be forgotten.

Let mistakes and sins be robbed of their rule.

Let regrets be swept from our memories—at least for the moment.

Some other day we can learn from our weaknesses.

Today, today we rest in God's promises!

Let the light of a new day dawn!

Let the songs of hope rise!

Let the chorus of forgiveness sing out loud and strong!

Let death give way to life by the power of a mighty God!

Let the earth shake and the stone roll!

Sing with all heaven and earth!

God is the God of life! Amen.

***Hymn: #322 (Blue Hymnal) "Up from the Grave He Arose"**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: #839 (Blue Hymnal) "Psalm 118-14-24 (responsive)

CHILDREN' MOMENTS:

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

VOWS: #40 (Blue Hymnal)

BLESSING THE WATER AND BAPTISMS:

Sabin James Peterson, son of Kristina and Gerald Peterson

Caliann Marie Gedrose, daughter of Lisa and Scott Gedrose

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE #2 : #44 (Blue Hymnal)

HYMN: #302 (Blue Hymnal) vv. 1-4 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10 (CEB)

SPECIAL MUSIC: "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris - Lori Burkhardt, Soloist

MESSAGE: "Invitation to a New Day and a New Way"

TO RESPOND AND GIVE

OFFERING:

***DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) "Praise God"**

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #310 (Blue Hymnal) "He Lives"**

***BLESSING:**

Almighty, life-giving God, speak your word of hope into our hearts now and forever.

Let the Easter chorus sing in our souls today and every day.

Call us forth from the empty tomb into a full life on a daily basis.

Let us rest in your promises and be empowered to boldly share your love on earth as we one day will in heaven. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

PRAYER FOCUS

Those longing for a new beginning—the dawn of a new day. Also for those facing bodily death who seek the assurance of heaven.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Tyler Eliason

Readers: Bonnie Christopherson

Ushers: Roy Murray