



Order of Worship: March 2nd, 2025

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 34:29-30
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

Message: "Changed"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Holy Ground"*

Communion

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Sunday: Communion

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am
Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday service
6pm

Thursday:

World Day of Prayer
UWF
10am-meeting
11am--program/worship

If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.

Office Phone:
218-568-5755

Grace Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday
9 a.m. to noon

Worship

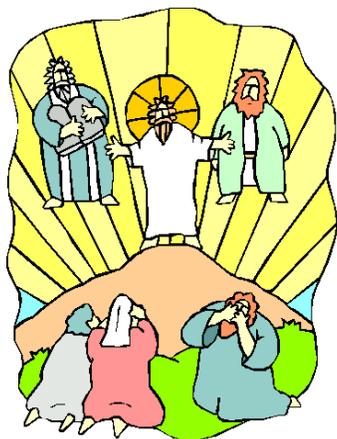
Online--available at
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

In-Person Worship
Sunday--9am

*"he wasn't aware
that this face had
become radiant
because he had
spoken to the Lord."
Exodus 34:29*

Unison Prayer

"Holy God,
mighty and immortal, you are beyond
our knowing, yet we see your glory in
the face of Jesus Christ, whose
compassion illumines the world.
Transform us into the likeness of
the love of Christ, who renewed our
humanity so that we may share in his
divinity,
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit. Amen."



Call to Worship

L: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior
calls you to come up the mountain and
pray. Will you
come?

**P: We will go wherever Jesus leads
us.**

L: Will you follow when Christ's glory
overwhelms your senses, and you sit
astounded at God's
greatness?

**P: We will go wherever Jesus leads
us.**

L: Will you follow when Jesus won't let
you stay on the mountaintop, insisting
that you return to the
valley where people are hurting and in
need of good news?

**P: We will go wherever Jesus leads
us.**

L: Disciples, come! Let us worship God,
whose glory shines on the mountaintop
and in the eyes of
our neighbors.

**ALL: Come, let us worship God, whose
glory shimmers all around us, even
now!**



Scriptures for next week:

Luke 8:1-3
Psalm 42:1-7
John 20:1-2,11-18

BUT WHENEVER ANYONE
TURNS TO THE LORD, THE
VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 3:16



Mission Giving for March

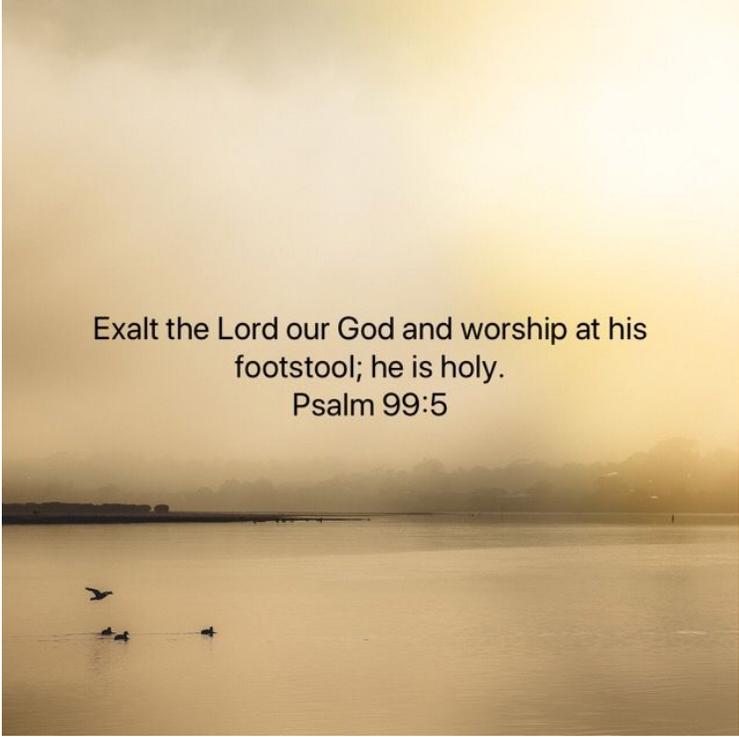
As is tradition, we will be designating mission gifts in March to the Lakes Area Food Shelf. Pastor Jen has also reached out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church to challenge them

for most pounds of food collected during this time. We will be kicking this off at worship with more details about which weeks we will be focusing on which food to bring in.

We will begin with peanut butter though for sure!

Generally, throughout the year, when in doubt, the food shelf needs peanut butter!

If you are giving monetary donations towards this mission, please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the sanctuary or make a note on your check with "March Missions".



Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his
footstool; he is holy.
Psalm 99:5

EASTER FLOWERS: Order forms for Easter flowers are available on a table in the narthex. All order forms **MUST** include payment at the time of ordering. Last day to order is Wednesday, March 12th. If you need an order form emailed to you, contact Marsha Mower (m.mower@sbcglobal.net). *Thanks for helping make the church beautiful for Easter!*



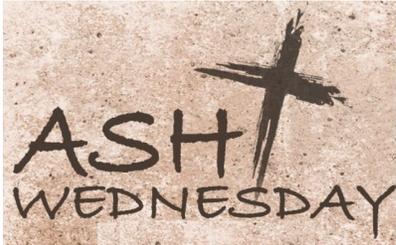
[Form](#)--click to open

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM 2025

We will decorate the church for Easter Sunday with lovely spring flowers from “The Wild Daisy.” If you are interested in ordering, please fill in the information below and return your order form, with your payment, to the small table in the narthex. The last day to order is Wednesday, March 12 th . Make checks payable to Grace UMC, with “Easter Flowers” in the memo line. All flowers are \$13.00 this year. You have 6 flower choices (please indicate how many):
Lily _____ Kalanchoe _____ Begonia _____
Cyclamen _____ Geranium _____ Daisy Mum _____

Purchaser Name _____
Phone Number _____
Order Total \$ _____
My flowers are:
 In Honor of _____
 In Memory of _____

Please take your flowers home following the worship service on Easter Sunday. Thank you!



We will have a special service on **March 5th at 6pm** which will include the imposition of ashes.

If you would like Pastor Jen to make a home visit and bring you ashes and/or communion, please reach out to the church office and she will do her best to get to you!



GRACE UWF/ LAFS “Healthy Cookbook” Project

In November, Tammy Larsen, Lakes Area Food Shelf Executive Director met with us and we discussed collaborating on a future “healthy cookbook”. The time is here!

We have listed the fruits and vegetables that they are planning on including in the book. They will be making cardstock dividers for each of these which educates on 1) How to Store this item, 2) Why we should eat it, and 3) Suggestions on how to use.

We are being invited to provide any recipes highlighting any of these fruits and/or vegetables, to be included in the book.

Please submit your recipes to Marsha Mower no later than March 6, 2025. She will compile them and get them to Tammy. (Recipes can be emailed to m.mower@sbcglobal.net or placed in her church mailbox.) *

Thank you, in advance, for your help with this collaborative project!

Lettuce

Cabbage

Carrots

Garlic

Green
onion

Leaks

Kale

Spinach

Swiss chard
peppers

Tomatoes

Bell

Bananas

Eggs Acorn squash Spaghetti
 squash Butternut squash
 Buttercup squash Red kuri
 squash Strawberries Cantaloupe
 Watermelon Cucumber Radishes
 Turnips
 Kohlrabi Potatoes Beets
 Celery
 Bok choy Zucchini Apples
 Fennel
 Pole beans Green beans Sweet
 corn Blueberries
 Pumpkin Oranges Avocados
 Mushrooms
 Brussel sprouts Asparagus

Join Bishop Lanette Plambeck and the Minnesota Conference Appointive Cabinet in a Lenten study around the book **“The Third Day,”** by Bishop Tom Berlin.



From the publisher:

On the third day, he rose again.

In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

The book can be read alone or used for a six-week group study and church-wide Lenten program. Components include a comprehensive Leader Guide and video teaching sessions featuring Tom (with closed captioning).

For Lent, Pastor Jen will be using this book as a loose guide for a series of messages.

Luke-Acts 2025



Dakotas-Minnesota Area
The United Methodist Church

Join us in reading one chapter each week throughout 2025.

Beginning in January 2025, **Bishop Lanette Plambeck** invites clergy and laity across the Area to join in a journey through Luke and Acts, reading one chapter each week throughout the year.

A checklist to use as a bookmark is available at church for this experience.

You Are Invited!

Grace United Women
in Faith

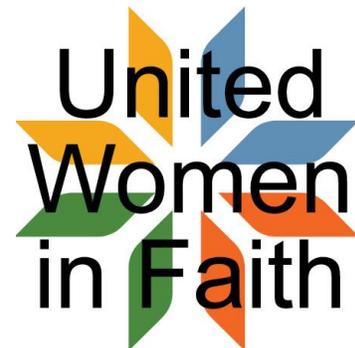
2025 World Day of Prayer
Program/Worship

March 6, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

We will have our monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall, with snacks.

At 11:00, a.m. our program/worship will begin in the sanctuary.

ALL are welcome!



The "Bells of Grace" choir is ringing together every Tuesday at 1:30 in the Bell room at Grace. The choir plays during one worship service per month.

Anyone interested in joining the handbell ministry is welcome to join, and Ardie Morris is offering "one on one" classes if you need a refresher or even to start from scratch! Contact Ardie at 218-330-8565 if interested.

The mission statement of this choir follows.

"The purpose of Grace handbell ministry is to enhance worship for the congregation and players by lifting up the Lord through music, and to bring about fellowship and joy among players."

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9am until noon. Ring the doorbell and we will come to open the south door!



--Church office phone: 218-568-5755

--Church office (for all general inquiries and administrative/clerical duties)

graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com

-- Pastor Jen Matthees – **jenmatt20@gmail.com**

-- Ann Hutchings-Congregational Care Assistant-**graceumccare@gmail.com**

Communication Reminder.....

The church office email (**graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com**) should be used to inform the office about ALL events, meetings, or use of the building you would like to schedule so they can be added to the master calendar. This enables us to avoid scheduling conflicts and make sure the areas of the building are cooled/heated as needed. The official church calendar is maintained by volunteers.

Additionally, did you know the church calendar is available on our website (**graceumcpequotlakes.org**)? There is a tab near the top, right side you can click to see the calendar!

Our Congregational Care Assistant, Ann Hutchings, is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00-noon. Her role is to follow-up with our church family, through telephone calls, notes and email, as well as greet and welcome those who visit our church and assist with any needs. Ann's email (**graceumccare@gmail.com**) should be used for "congregational care" needs only.

If you have something that should be added to this newsletter from your group or mission, please speak with Pastor Jen or email the details to her at **jenmatt20@gmail.com**. The E-Grace is generally completed by noon on Thursdays, so articles need to be received by Thursday 10am at the very latest.

If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during pretty regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-1030) and Wednesday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks and Mondays vary. You may find me here at other times too! I check my emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact me. **Friday is my day off** as needs allow, Pastor Jen.



Important note

If you are mailing something to the church, ***you must use our P.O. Box for the address.*** We do not receive mail at the church, and if you use the physical church address it will get returned and could delay your notices to us or offerings.

**P.O. Box 276
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[Visit our website](#)

On our website you can find links to past services, a spot to watch this week's service, an online link to giving, and much more!

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