



Order of Worship: March 9th, 2025

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"O Lord, You Called Disciples"

"I Stand Alone in the Presence"

Scripture Readings:

Luke 8:1-3

Psalm 42:1-7

John 20:1-2, 11-18

WDP recognition

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

Message: "Mary Magdelene"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Special Music: *"Jesus Paid it All"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"The Summons"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Monday:

SPRC 530pm

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am

Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

Adult Bible Study 4-6pm

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



And Also Some Women
Who Had Been Cured Of
Evil Spirits And Diseases:
Mary (Called Magdalene)
From Whom Seven Demons
Had Come Out;

Luke 8-2

BibleWordings.com

Unison Prayer

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Come, my Light, and illumine my
darkness.

Come, my Life, and revive me from
death.

Come, my Physician, and heal my
wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn
up the thorns of my sins,
kindling my heart with the flame of
Your love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of
my heart and reign there.

For You alone are my King and my
Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

L: Why have you come this morning?

**P: We come to experience the Risen
Christ.**

L: How will you know him?

**P: Through the love and life we feel
present**

in this gathering of the Body of Christ.

L: What will you do with this
experience?

**P: We will go forth, witnesses to this
amazing act of love.**

L: Come, then, people of God, let us
worship Him with bold voices to share
the Good News!

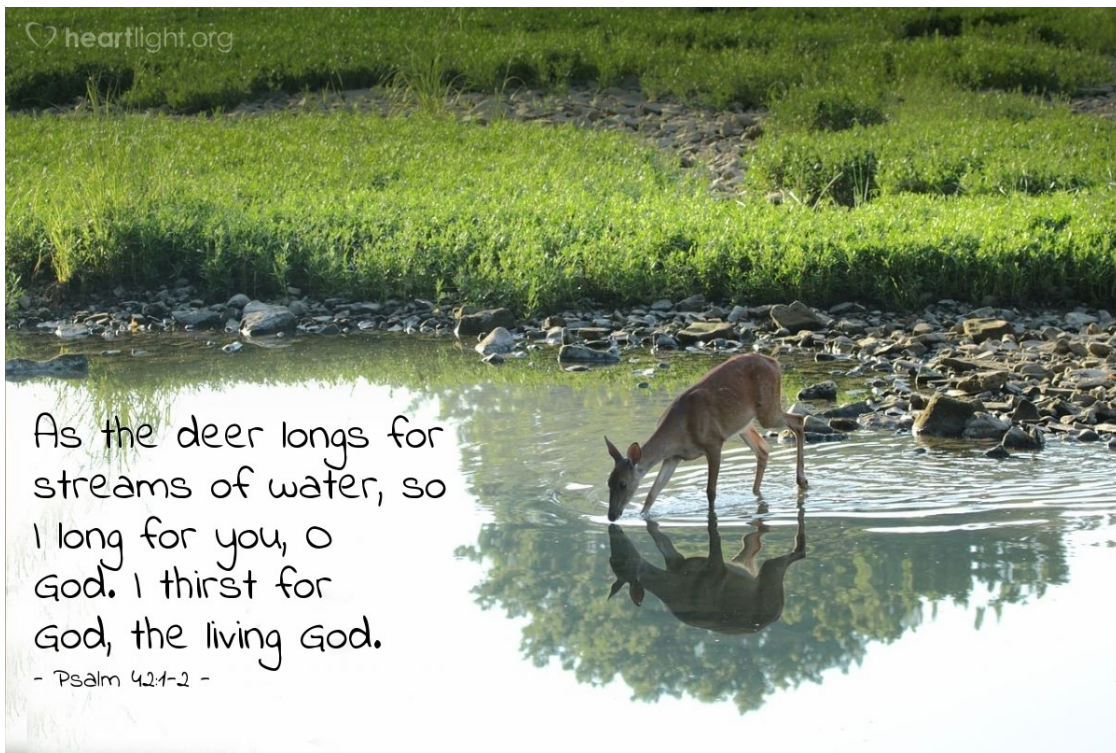


Scriptures for next week:

Luke 5:1-11

Psalm 23

John 21:15-19



As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God.

- Psalm 42:1-2 -



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! Bring your peanut butter this week.

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

Week 2 is cereal, protein bars, or toaster pastries.

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".

Pastor Jen has created a short devotional for Lent loosely based on a book by Elizabeth Caldwell that uses the Psalms as a starting point for prayer during Lent. There are copies available at church if you would like one; they can also be mailed or emailed if needed by contacting the office.

MARY MAGDALENE WENT AND
ANNOUNCED TO THE DISCIPLES, "I
HAVE SEEN THE LORD!" AND SHE
TOLD THEM WHAT HE HAD SAID TO
HER.

- JOHN 20:18

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 12th. 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!

Note to self...

I can have peace no matter what is happening around me if I remember these things.

1. God is still on the throne.
2. He is still my Savior
3. He is for me
4. He is beside me
5. He is my strength
6. He is my shield, provider, healer
7. His promises are true
8. He will never leave me or forsake me

(c) Note to self: Daily Reminders For The Broken Hearted by Debbie Kay



On Thursday March 6th, the ladies of our UWF offered a beautiful program for the World Day of Prayer. A recording of this program is available on our website, www.graceumcpequotlakes.org



Daylight Savings ends this Sunday. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before bed, so you aren't late for church! As many of our clocks change automatically, this is a great time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.

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:

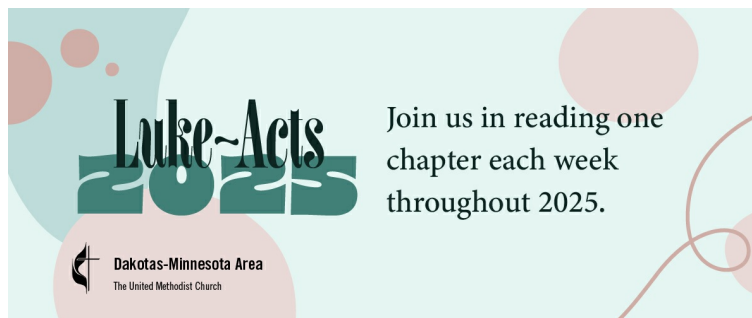
On the third day, he rose again.

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.



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

March Breakthrough Prayer

Bishop Lanette will offer a new breakthrough prayer each month throughout 2025, inviting the Holy Spirit to form and transform us through this communal reading experience. She encourages us to pray the prayer daily. The March prayer is:

Holy and Mighty God,

You have called us to follow you—to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and walk in the way of Jesus. Yet too often, we hesitate. We cling to comfort instead of courage, to control instead of trust, to complacency when we are called to challenge the sin of this age. But you are the God of abundance, the One who multiplies loaves and fish, who sends out disciples with nothing yet provides everything, who teaches us to engage ministry with boldness and expectancy.

Lord, we seek your kingdom first and your righteousness. Therefore: Break through our fears with the power of your Spirit. Break through our doubts with the assurance of your love. Break through our complacency with the urgency of your mission.

Teach us to trust you, to give us a way to walk forward in faith, knowing that you are already ahead of us.

Jesus, let our hearts be set on fire with the passion of your gospel. Let our lives be marked by generosity, humility, and holy boldness. Let your will be done in us and through us—on earth as it is in heaven.

May your Spirit move in ways beyond what we can ask or imagine. And when you call, Lord, may we answer, "Here I am, send me."

In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Guide, we pray. Amen.

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



If you have a young adult who is graduating this year from high school, college, or trade school, could you please let the office know? We struggle to stay up to date with the big life events of many because schedules make church attendance difficult. We understand the demands that life brings and also ask for your grace if we miss something! We look forward to recognizing the achievements of those within our faith community.

At the end of February, as part of the work of the Outreach Team, Nancy Adams and Marlowe Fortune served breakfast to the Tuesday morning food shelf volunteers. Our friends enjoyed a warm breakfast and fellowship before beginning their shifts to help our neighbors that use the food shelf. There will be another breakfast in a few weeks on a Thursday morning to catch those volunteers as well. Thank you to Nancy and Marlowe for representing our church to shine the light of Christ in such a tangible (and tasty) way!



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 Thursday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks 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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