



Order of Worship: March 23rd, 2025

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Bells of Grace: *"Were You There?"*

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:
"Morning Has Broken"
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Scripture Readings:
John 11:8-10,16
Psalm 73:2,21-28
John 20:24-29,30-31

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Message: "Thomas"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Jesus Paid it All"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"God Be with You till We Meet Again"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am
Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

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

Unison Prayer

Ever living God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

L: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

P: That's true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.

L: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

P: Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.

L: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

All: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the Good News of Christ Jesus!



Scriptures for next week:

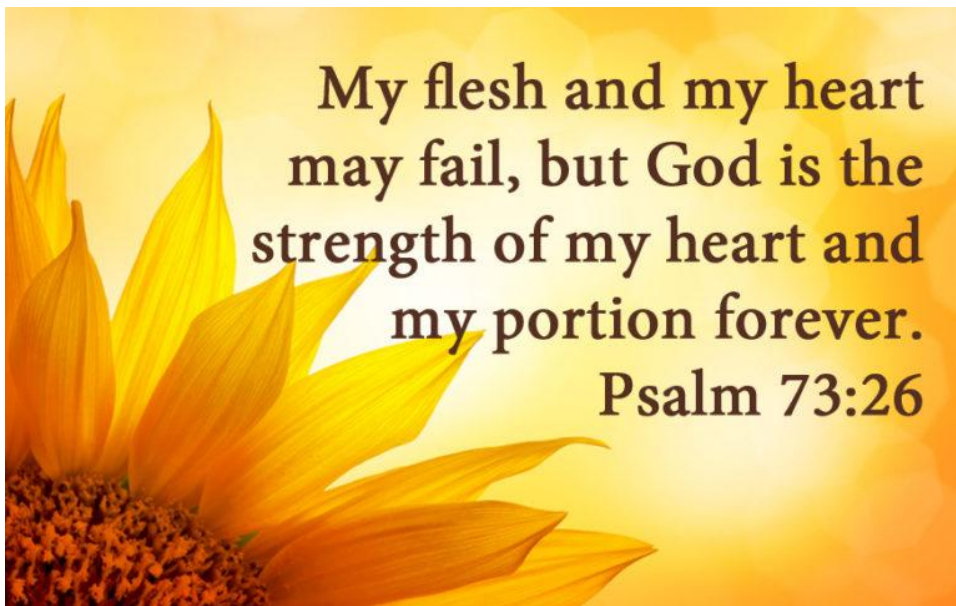
Luke 24:13-21,31-33

Psalm 139:1-6

Acts 10:28-29,34-36

My flesh and my heart
may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart and
my portion forever.

Psalm 73:26



Mission Giving for March

As is tradition, we are 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. St Christopher's and Gloria Dei are also working towards these efforts. How wonderful for us all to be able to help our neighbors!



Week 4 is general health and beauty goods; some examples are toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, feminine or incontinence products.

Generally, throughout the year, when in doubt, the food shelf needs peanut butter! (good old-fashioned peanut butter, not the natural stuff, is preferred by most!)

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".



Note to self...

The Bible says that God is in my midst. He is mighty to save. He rejoices over me and He will quiet me with His love. I will let these words calm me and fill me with peace today!

Grace Family,
Candy making time is almost here! The Grace Women in Faith May basket Mission Project of filling handmade baskets with candy is soon to begin. Please sign up to make candy on the sheet posted on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Your help is so appreciated!
Basket pre-sales will begin in April.



Jesus said to
him, Thomas,
because you
have seen me,
you have believed:
blessed are they that have
not seen, and yet have believed.

John 20:29

**I HEAR THE SAVIOR SAY, THY STRENGTH INDEED IS SMALL;
CHILD OF WEAKNESS, WATCH AND PRAY,
FIND IN ME THINE ALL IN ALL.**

JESUS PAID IT ALL,

**ALL TO HIM I OWE; SIN HAD LEFT A CRIMSON STAIN,
HE WASHED IT WHITE AS SNOW.**

JESUS PAID IT ALL BY KRISTIAN STANFILL

What's Happening

Congratulations to Mason Lundgren on a great season with the Patriots boys' basketball team!

Holy Week services Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (4/17 and 4/18) will be held at 6pm.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Wednesday April 30th @10am



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.





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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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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