



## Order of Worship: March 30th, 2025

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

*"He Lives"*

Scripture Readings:

Luke 24:13-21, 31-33

Psalm 139:1-6

Acts 10:28-29, 34-36

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

Message: "Emmaus"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Jesus Paid it All"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"In Christ There is No East or West"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

## This Week at Grace

**Tuesday:**

Bible Study 9am

Bell Practice 130pm

**Wednesday:**

Confirmation 6-715pm

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](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)

In-Person Worship

Sunday--9am

## Unison Prayer

Awesome God,  
you knew us before we were born.  
You love us into life. Open our  
hearts and our spirits today to hear  
your word for us. And, upon hearing  
the word, may we be convinced of  
our call to ministry and mission  
through the church. Bless us with  
your presence and your powerful  
love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name.  
AMEN.

## Call to Worship

L: We need your presence on the  
long road, Lord.

**P: The road between fear and  
hope, the road between the place  
where all is lost and the place of  
resurrection.**

L: Like the disciples walking the  
road to Emmaus, we are in need of  
your company!

**All: Jesus, stand among us, in  
your risen power, let this time of  
worship, be a hallowed hour.  
Amen.**



Scriptures for next week:

Acts 9:1-6,10-16  
Psalm 32:1-2,6-11  
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

**“Lord, even before I  
speak a word, You know  
all about it. You are all  
around me, behind me  
and in front of me. You  
hold me safe in your hand.  
I’m amazed at how well  
You know me. It’s more  
than I can understand!”**

Psalm 139:4-6 NIRV



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## 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.

April 6th, please bring in anything from the lists, or a cash offering. We will be praying over what we have collected so that it can be sent across the lot to be used by our neighbors.

Generally, throughout the year, when in doubt, the food shelf needs peanut butter! (good old-fashioned creamy 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".

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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

## May Baskets

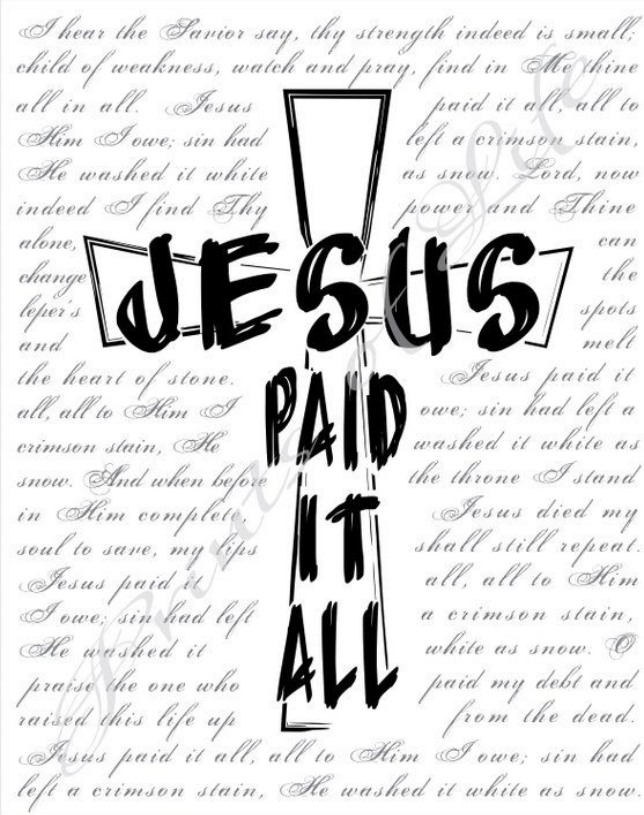
*Grace Family,*

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, \$5 each, filled with candy, payment expected when ordering please.

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## What's Happening

The Food Shelf had some great publicity this week in the Echo Journal! A visit from Senator Tina Smith to hear about the growing need for their services and how well it is presented. [Smith](#)

We have noticed the new sign for a few months now, but it was nice to share it with the community and to share its importance to the mission. [Sign](#)

[Click red to see article.](#)

Holy Week services Holy 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

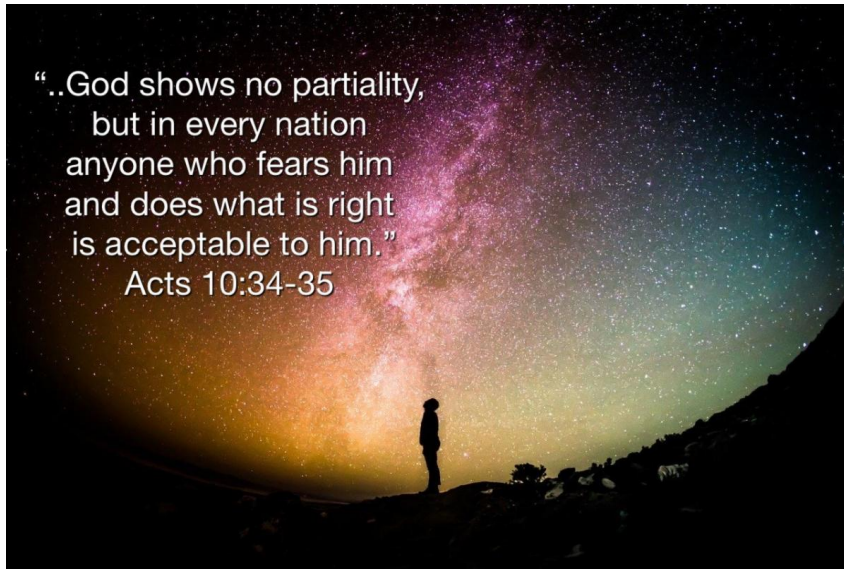
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If you have a young adult who is graduating this year from high school, college, or trade school, could you please let the office know? We struggle to stay up to date with the big life events of many because schedules make church attendance difficult. 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.

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“..God shows no partiality,  
but in every nation  
anyone who fears him  
and does what is right  
is acceptable to him.”  
Acts 10:34-35



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."

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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)

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***Communication Reminder.....***

The church office email (**[graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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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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