



Order of Worship: April 13th, 2025

Prelude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

PALMS

"The King of Glory Comes"

Scripture Readings:

Luke 19:28-40

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:41-44

Unison Prayer

Special Music: *"Is He Worthy"* (Casey Derksen)

Message: "Triumph to Tears"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Jesus Paid it All"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Song: *"We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"*

Blessing

Postlude (Casey Derksen)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am

Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

"Old Age is Not for Sissies"

at PRUMC 1-3pm

Confirmation 6-715

Thursday:

Holy Thursday Service

6pm

Friday:

Good Friday Service

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

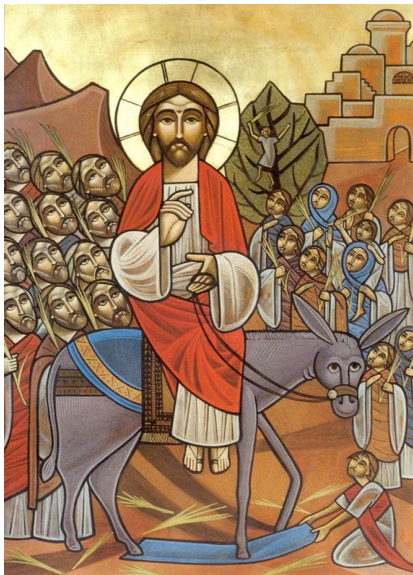
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

In-Person Worship

Sunday--9am

Unison Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
on this Palm Sunday, as we
remember Your triumphant entry
into Jerusalem,
let us also remember the path that
lay before You.
Fill our hearts with the humility and
faithfulness that You displayed.
Teach us to follow Your example of
selfless love, to praise You in our
hearts and with our lives,
as we carry our crosses daily.
Hosanna in the Highest!



Call to Worship

L: Today, we join Jesus in the final
ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths
we will descend on our
journey through Holy Week.

**P: Open the gates of righteousness,
that we may come worship God!**

L: We join the disciples in declaring that
Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler,
the One who will
bring peace and salvation for all.

**P: Open the gates of peace, that we
may come worship God!**

L: We join with the bystanders who
questioned and wondered who this Jesus
really is, who feared the
consequences of angering the powers
that be.

**P: Open the gates of truth, that we
may come worship God!**

L: The journey through Holy Week brings
us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin
and God's
faithfulness to save.

**P: Open the gates of salvation, that we
may come worship God whose
steadfast love never
fails!**

**ALL: All Praise to You O Lord as we
lift our voices together!**



Scriptures for next week:

Luke 24:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Hosanna in the
Highest!
Blessed is He
who comes in the
name of the
Lord

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Mission Giving for April

Our mission giving for April is designated for the "Pastor Discretionary Fund". These monies are used to support local missions when a special ask is made that we are not promoting, gas cards for neighbors in need, and as an emergency fund for our members if an unexpected need arises.



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 "April Missions".

Our March gifts to the Lakes Area Food Shelf have been delivered, and we are getting our final funding numbers together to report to all of you soon. Thank you so very much for your continued support of this mission and partnership that is a blessing to so many!

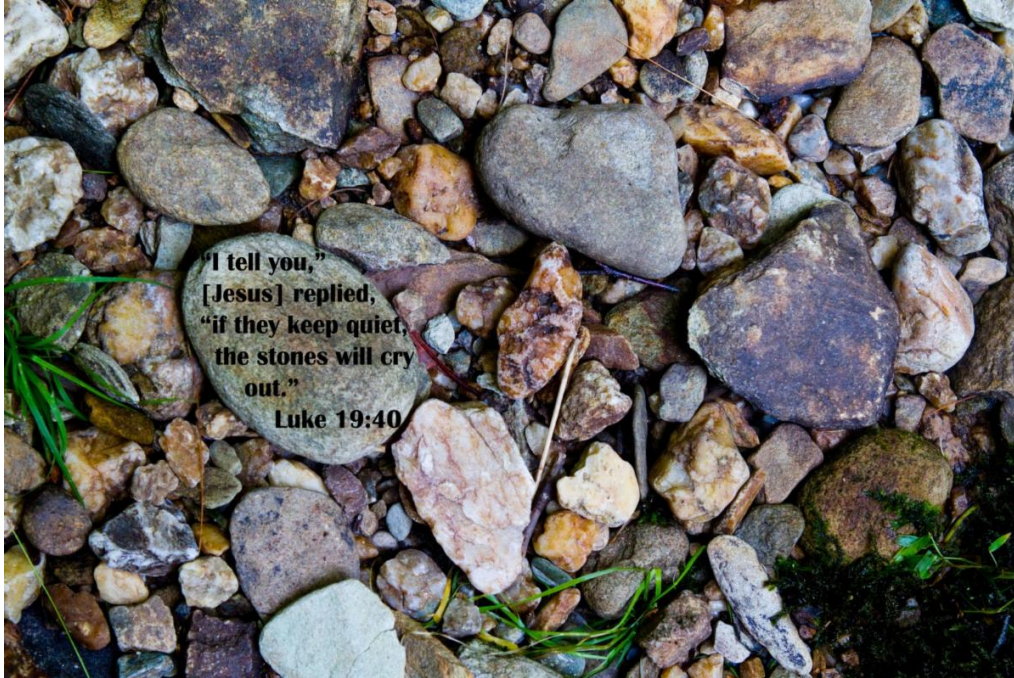


May Baskets

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.

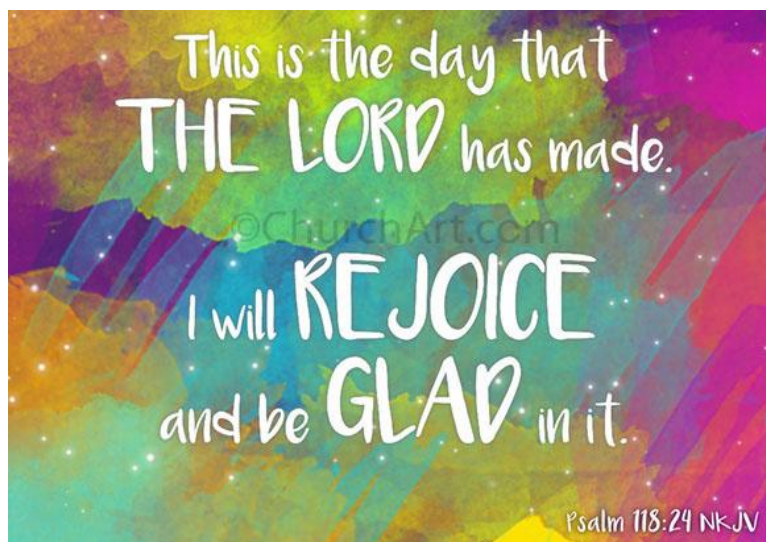
Please sign up to make candy on the sheet posted on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Your help is so appreciated!

Basket pre-sales will have begun--don't wait! \$5 each, filled with candy, payment expected when ordering please.



Holy Week services

Palm Sunday 9am
Holy Thursday 6pm
Good Friday 6pm
Easter Sunday 9am





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 on an upcoming Sunday.

Lots of Grace faces in the Echo this week!

Good luck to the ladies competing to become Miss Pequot Lakes on April 17th, Avery Amsden and Ruby Palmer. [Pageant](#)

Hats off to our athletes-- Mason Lundgren, Presley Crawford, and Evan Jacobs.

[Lundgren, Track and Field](#)

The Faith column was written by Pastor Jen. [Faith](#)

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Senior seminar at Pine River UMC Wednesday, April 16th, 1-3pm. "Decluttering, Downsizing, and Death Cleaning"

The annual Spring clean-up day for Grace will be on May 7th. Please watch for details around needs and sign-ups after Easter.



Set-up June 16, 17 and 18. Presale evening of June 18, all day sale June 19 and sale morning of June 20. Tear down, donation deliveries and clean-up will take place in the afternoon of Friday, June 20th.

Nothing planned for Saturday, June 21

Volunteers and garage sale items needed! Watch for sign-ups after Easter. Items can be dropped off starting **AFTER Easter!**

Brennecke Mission Updates

Spring Journal 2025, read journal here [Brennecke](#) or at church.

"Thank you for your fellowship in the work! The task of helping churches send missionaries to the field of God's calling is a worthy endeavor, and your role in giving of yourselves in prayers and in financial support of this ministry is something we truly appreciate.

If you'd like to help by receiving our Journal via email, please let me know at sbrennecke@bmm.org. Thanks!

May the Lord Bless you as you serve Him!"

Steve & Kim Brennecke





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 choir will be playing for us at the April 27th service.

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!



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--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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