



Order of Worship: April 20th, 2025

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

Scripture Readings:

Luke 24:1-12

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Unison Prayer

Song: *"He Lives"*

Message: "Glorious Nonsense"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Jesus Paid it All"*

The Lord's Supper

Special Music: *"Then Came the Morning"*

Jacki Kline and Brad Wallace

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Easter People Raise Your Voices"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am

Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 4-6

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

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Unison Prayer

L: Halleluia!

Jesus is risen!

He is risen indeed!

**ALL: May this declaration
resound not only in these walls
but touch the lives of all we
meet and forever be the truth of
which we speak. Your love,
once sown within a garden,
tended for your own
people, neglected and rejected,
now spreads its sweet perfume
in this place and wherever it is
shown.**

L: Halleluia!

Jesus is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

L: Beloved, Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

L: Our Savior is risen!

P: Our Savior is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

L: Steadfast Love is risen!

**P: Steadfast Love is risen
indeed! Alleluia!**

L: This is the day that God has
made;

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad!
Alleluia!**



Scriptures for next week:

Genesis 1:1-2, 27-31

Psalms 24

Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-6



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".

Easter Sunday, please consider a "special gift" to support our youth for the times that they gather and to help them as they support local missions too.

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

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!

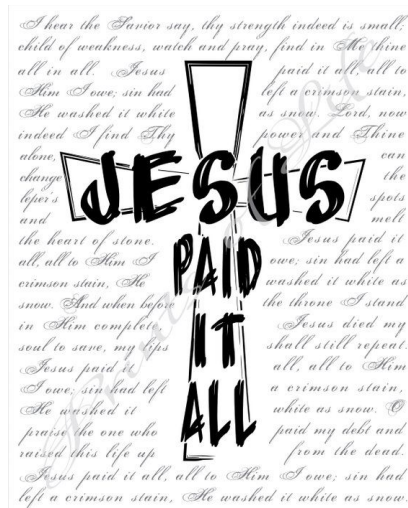
Basket pre-sales have begun--don't wait! \$5 each, filled with candy, payment expected when ordering please.

Holy Week services

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



Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph
o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the
dark domain
And He lives forever with His
saints to reign
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah
Christ arose!



FOR SINCE DEATH CAME THROUGH A MAN, THE
RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD COMES ALSO
THROUGH A MAN.
I CORINTHIANS 15:21



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.

The annual Spring clean-up day will take place on **May 7th**. We may or may not get some help from local students that give of their time on this "Day of Caring", they have lots of requests! For sure, we will need the willing hands of our own church community to spruce up our property for the season. The Trustees will be making some plans, and there will be jobs for all skill levels! Watch for an announcement here and from the pulpit, soon sign-ups will appear!



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

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 during church office open hours (rooms are marked)!

Basics---sale begins June 18th(pm), all day on the 19th, and the 20th(am).



A beautiful evening calls for a break after Confirmation class!

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."

Pastor Jen will be taking a few days off after Easter to rest and to attend a couple clergy leadership events and opportunities. An email is the best way to contact her. Ann and Marsha can help or direct you if there is an urgent need, as they have Pastor Jen's daily schedule. She will be back at church for the service on May 4th.



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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