



## **Order of Worship: July 27th, 2025**

**Prelude/Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**  
**Candle Lighting**  
**Call to Worship**

**Song:** *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

**Scripture:**  
Colossians 2:6-15  
Psalm 85  
Luke 11:1-13

**Unison Prayer**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Song:** *"Give Thanks"*

**Message:** A Life Alive

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

**Blessing**

## **This Week at Grace**

Tuesday:  
Bible Study 9am

Wednesday:  
Bible Study 4pm

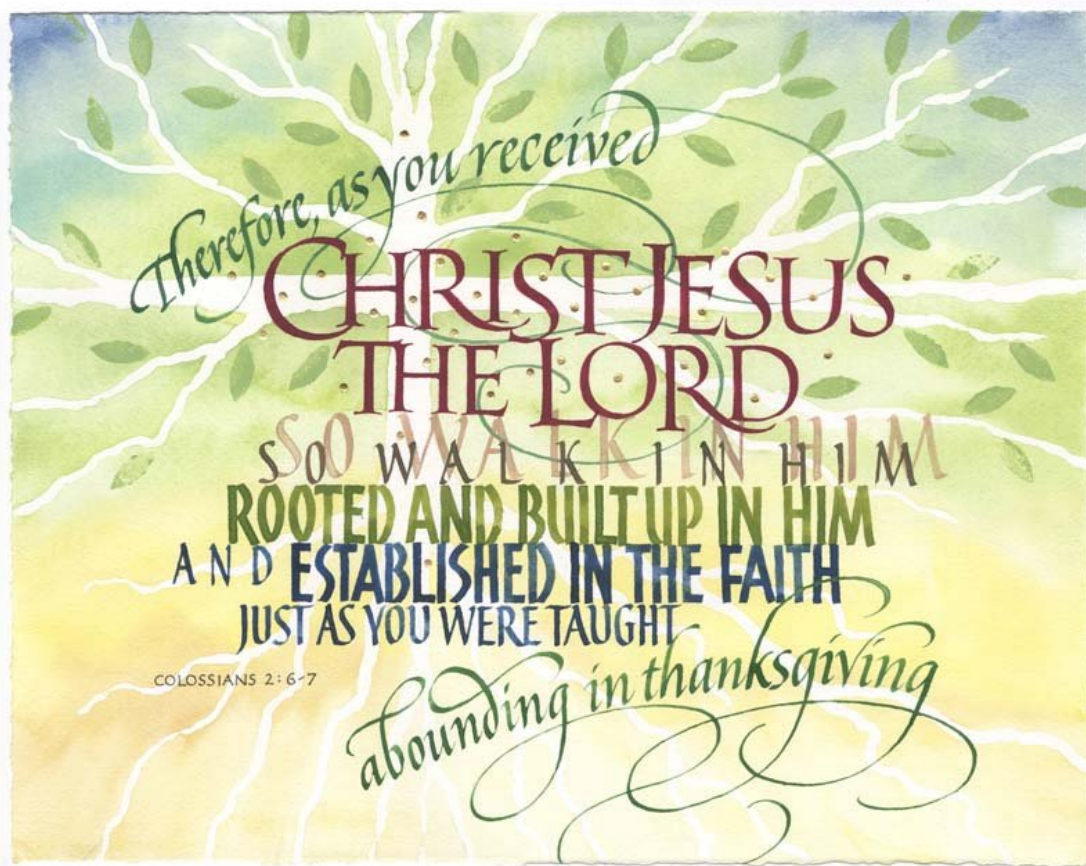
**If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.**

**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



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### Unison Prayer

Lord, we are in the middle of the summer months. We looked forward to rest and recreation, but time is moving rapidly on, and we still find ourselves stressed and weary. We need to slow down. As you have found us before, Lord, find us again. Wrap your arms of compassion around us. Help us to savor the times that we have with each other. Make us keenly aware of the magnificence of this world. Draw us to the times of peace and rest. As we bring names of loved ones to you for your healing mercies, remind us that we, too, stand in need of your healing love. Give us strength, courage and joy, as we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### Call to Worship

L: Welcome to worship this day.

**P: We have come seeking peace and hope.**

L: This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

**P: Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.**

L: Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

**P: Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. AMEN.**

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## I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day  
He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.



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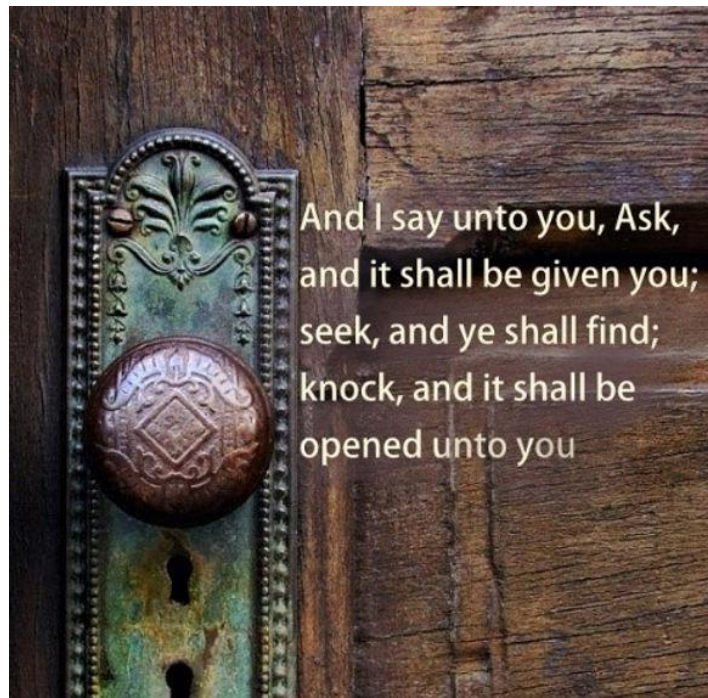


### Scriptures for next week:

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21



And I say unto you, Ask,  
and it shall be given you;  
seek, and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be  
opened unto you



## July Mission Giving

Our mission focus for July will be used to support Operation Christmas Child for the coming season. In the past we have given towards the general mission to fund the cost of shipping gift boxes; if possible, this year we would also like to fill some boxes. There will be more details to come around how to support these gifts. If you are giving by check, please note "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo please.

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We're looking for additional people to help out in the Sound/Tech Room. This is a great opportunity to help support our ministry on Sunday mornings. Your service will help to provide a meaningful experience for those attending in person and for those who are unable to make it in person on Sunday and are watching remotely.

There are two different service responsibilities each Sunday:

- 1) Helping out on the video side by changing the camera to the various presets using a camera script that is already made up for you.
- 2) Advancing the slides and turning the pulpit microphone on/off as needed. Many of you have the ability to handle this and help out, so if you've completed 7th grade please consider (training is available and assistance will be provided while you become more comfortable).

If you're curious or uncertain and want to find out more about this opportunity, please contact Gary Bochman (garybochman@gmail.com).

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July blood drive:

Pequot Lakes American Legion,  
12-6 p.m., Thursday, July 31

Schedule a time to donate blood by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)





**ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!!!!**

We are aware that there is someone sending text messages to people *again* posing as Pastor Jen. Pastor Jen is not sending messages asking for help or gift cards. Please do not be fooled. The number is not Pastor's, and it is a trick to make you think that it is. When in doubt, contact the office or call/text Pastor Jen with the number that you have saved for her. Requests for donations or special needs will never be made via a text.

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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-- Ann Hutchings-Congregational Care Assistant-**[graceumccare@gmail.com](mailto:graceumccare@gmail.com)**



#### ***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.

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 they might have. 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.

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 (830-1130) 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, and **Monday is a full school day**.

Pastor Jen.

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!



### 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**

**Pequot Lakes, MN 56472**

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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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