



Order of Worship: September 7th, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements
Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"The Summons"*
"Change My Heart, O God"

Scripture:
Romans 12:3-8
Psalm 51:15-17
John 21:15-17

Unison Prayer (UMH 883)

Special Music: *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Message: *For Such a Time as This*

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Sanctuary"*

Great Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Here I Am Lord"*

Blessing

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:
Bible Study 9am
Bell practice 12pm
Finance meeting
530pm

Wednesday:
Bible study 4pm

Sunday (14th):
Church potluck following
the MN Teen Challenge
Choir during worship

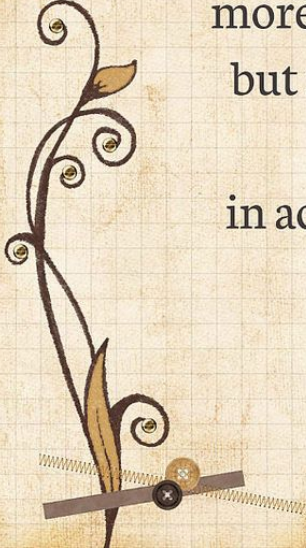
**If you are planning to meet
at Grace UMC, you need to
call ahead or email the
office to reserve space and
to get your meeting on the
church calendar. To adjust
for heating/cooling needs,
Pastor Jen needs to know
if/when you are meeting.**

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



Do not think of yourself
more highly than you ought,
but rather think of yourself
with sober judgment,
in accordance with the faith
God has distributed
to each of you.

Romans 12:3

Unison Prayer--UMH 883

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating;
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to love and
serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Worship

L: You have called us to this place,
O Lord.

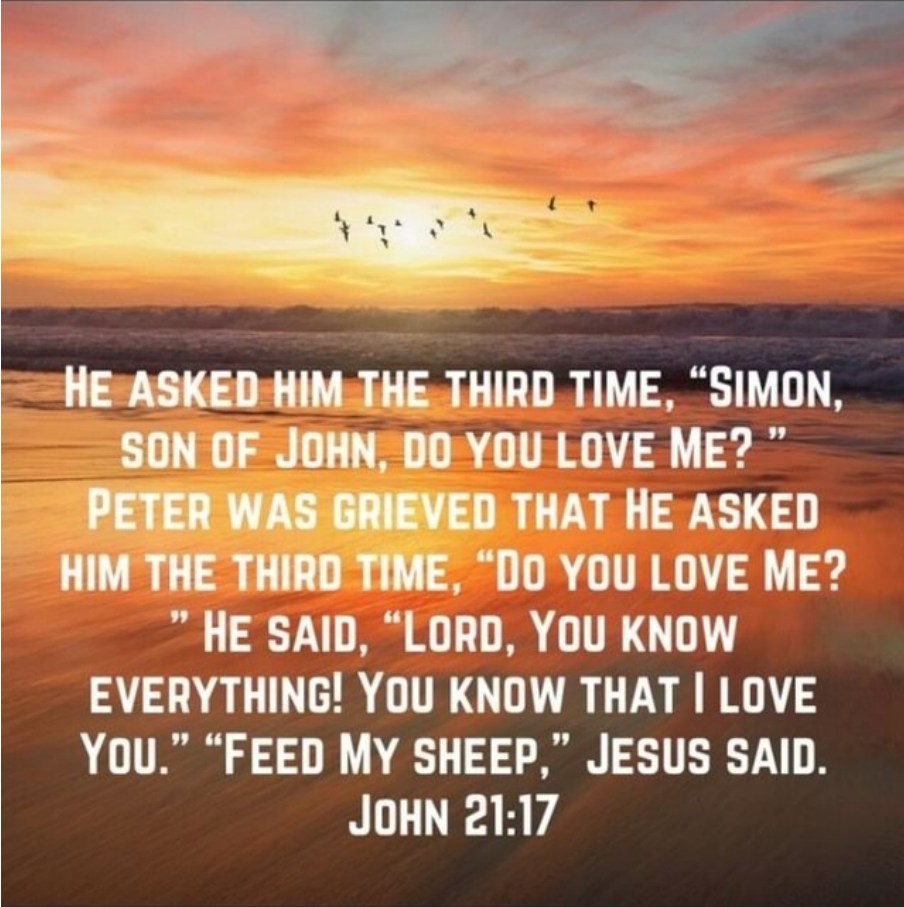
**P: Each one of us is unique, with
differing gifts and talents.**

L: Yet each talent represented here
is valuable in God's realm.

**P: Lord, help us find ways in
which to use our talents for
healing and hope.**

L: Come, let us praise the Lord who
has called us here.

**P: Let us open our hearts and
spirits to God's word for us.
AMEN.**



HE ASKED HIM THE THIRD TIME, "SIMON,
SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME? "
PETER WAS GRIEVED THAT HE ASKED
HIM THE THIRD TIME, "DO YOU LOVE ME?
" HE SAID, "LORD, YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING! YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE
YOU." "FEED MY SHEEP," JESUS SAID.
JOHN 21:17



Scriptures for next week:

Mark 5:1-8,18-19

Psalms 119:169-176

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

September Mission Giving

Our mission focus for September will be UMCOR, to support the many ways that they come alongside communities when disaster strikes.

If you are giving by check, please note "UMCOR" in the memo please.



MISSION



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).

Soon, the Bochmans will be headed south for the winter. We really need at least one more volunteer to help us with this ministry. Please join me in prayer for someone to feel called to serve in this valuable part of both worship and outreach for our church.

--Pastor Jen

We hope to see you in worship on **September 14th** when the Adult & Teen Challenge group will be in church with us to share songs and testimony.

We will be having a potluck lunch after this service, sign-up to bring a dish to pass if you can.



Adult & Teen Challenge
Minnesota



Note from the Trustees/Peggy Johnson

It has been nearly two years since Larry passed away. At that time, many of you-his Grace family-gave generous memorials. That money has been designated to the memorial fund since that time. In cooperation with the Trustees and the Memorial committee, a gazebo was assembled on the cement pad near the garage, in memory of him.

BY your memorial contributions and FOR your use and enjoyment, hopefully for many years to come.

Thank you all so much from me and my family.
Peggy Johnson, Laurie & Jeff and their families.

On Sunday September 7th, we will dedicate this structure in memory of Larry Johnson. We invite you to stay after worship to join in this time of prayer and celebration.

Red Cross blood drive

Thursday, Sept. 11, from noon - 6 p.m. at
Crosslake Lutheran Church

Visit Red CrossBlood.org or call 1-800-
RED CROSS to schedule



Sunday, **September 7th**, we will be having a church picnic after worship. At 10am we will be dedicating the new gazebo, and we will fire up the grill after that. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex; it looks like we mainly need hands to help set-up and clean-up. We will also be recognizing the completion of Pastor Jen's coursework for ministry at this picnic.

On the **14th**, we will also be eating together! There will be an old-fashioned potluck after worship that day. We welcome the MN Teen/Adult Challenge Choir to our service that day. Invite a friend for this special service! There is also a sign-up for this in the fellowship hall.

The Handbell choir will be starting again very soon. We look forward to having them play during worship in the coming months. If you are interested in joining this group, please speak with Ardie Morris.



Community Outreach and sharing our space!

In the coming weeks, we will be opening some of our classrooms to be used by Pequot Lakes Community Education, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. During these times we will close the Ed wing doors so that they will not be disturbed.

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. 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) 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.

If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during 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.

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!



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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