



## **Order of Worship: January 25th, 2026**

**Prelude/Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs:** *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*  
*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

**Scripture:**

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 140:6-13  
Matthew 5:1-12

**Unison Prayer**

**Song:** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

**Message:** "Grounded in Wesleyan Theology:  
The Great Requirement"

**Song:** *"We Are Called"*

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

**Blessing**

## **The Week at Grace:**

**Tuesday:**

Bible Study

9am

Handbell Practice

1030am

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study 4pm

**Thursday:**

Men's study 930am  
(offsite)

**If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, please 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**

Tuesday

9 a.m. to noon

Wednesday

10-noon

**Worship**

Online--available at

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

In-Person Worship

Sunday--9am



### Unison Prayer

Loving God,  
we come this morning seeking to abide  
in your presence.  
Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,  
that we may know how to live as your  
people.  
Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,  
that we may love all your people with a  
love that speaks of justice, kindness, and  
radical grace.  
May our worship be authentic and  
pleasing to you.  
Amen.

### Call to Worship

L: With what shall we come before the  
Lord?  
**P: What shall we bring into the  
presence of our God, as an expression  
of our worship and praise?**  
L: Shall we bring him all that we own our  
finest possessions, our life savings, our  
investments and property?  
**P: Would God be satisfied if we  
brought everything we possess?**  
L: No, that's not what God is looking for.  
God has told you what is good, and what  
he expects of you:  
**P: To do justice. To love mercy.  
To walk humbly before him.**  
**All: And now, let us come!**

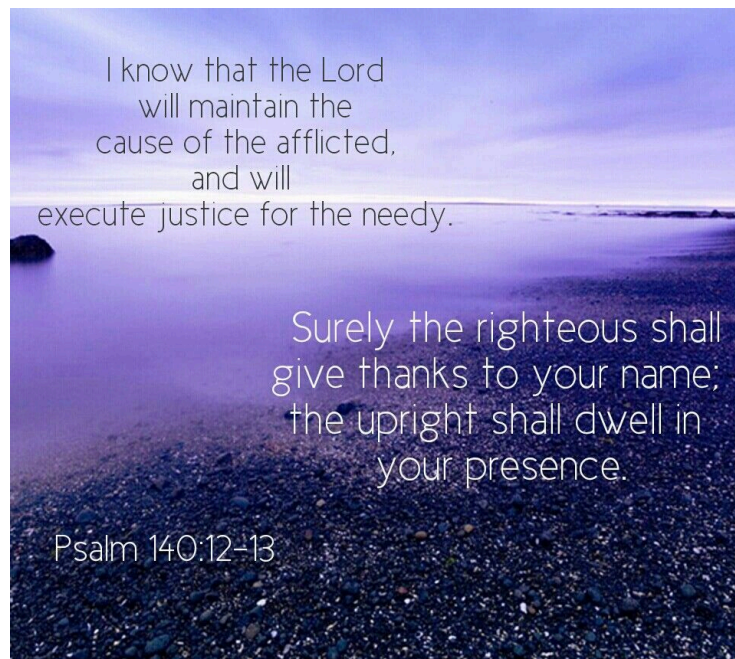


### Scriptures for next week:

Matthew 28:19-20  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

For January our monthly missional giving will be designated to "My Neighbor to Love". Help end homelessness. *Our Neighbor to Love Coalition* provides homes and a supportive environment for those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. There are numerous volunteer opportunities if interested in volunteering. Visit [MNTLC.ORG](http://MNTLC.ORG) to learn more. Please note on your gift this designation.

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#### INVITATION

On **Saturday, February 7th**, Rev. Erica Koser will be leading an event at Wesley UMC-**Hibbing** sponsored by Iron Range UMC Clergy. Rev. Koser is the Director of Strategy and Innovation for the Minnesota Annual Conference, and she will share with us ideas to help us

renew our local churches, especially those in out -state Minnesota.

We will begin the day with coffee and rolls at 9:30 followed by worship at 10:00. At 10:30, Rev. Koser will share strategies to help our churches remain vibrant and strong. Lunch will be served at noon. **This event is being held on a Saturday with the hope that pastors will invite members of their congregations to attend.**

Everyone is invited to this event. If interested, please speak with Pastor Jen, if there is interest, we could ride together. She will be attending.

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#### Update

I am at the halfway mark for the program that I have been working on at Dakota Wesleyan University. I appreciate the support and prayers as I look ahead to the completion of my project and work. I can honestly say that this program has been more work than I expected, but I am doing well. Thank you for your continued grace as I balance my time and our needs.

--Pastor Jen





**You** those who are persecuted because of righteousness the pure in heart for they will see God  
 those who hunger and thirst for righteousness poor in spirit  
**Matthew 5:1-16** peacemakers  
 Rejoice and be glad those who mourn for they will be comforted  
 great is your reward in heaven  
**Blessed are**  
 the meek  
 those persecuted because of righteousness the merciful for they will be shown mercy  
 the merciful those who mourn the meek for they will inherit the earth  
 you when people insult you persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me  
 the peacemakers for they will be called children of God  
 pure in heart  
 the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled

As noted in this week's Pine and Lakes Echo Journal, Congratulations to Avery Amsden on being named as a Triple A award winner through the MN State High League. [Avery-Triple A](#) click to read post.



## "Grounded in Wesleyan Theology – The Great Requirement" Pastor Jen Matthees



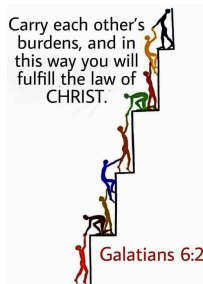
Over the next four Sundays, Pastor Jen will be working through a sermon series based on our *Guiding Values* as described to help us live out our mission and vision within the Minnesota Annual Conference and the world.

- 1/18--Rooted in Jesus-The Great Commandment
- 1/25--Grounded in Wesleyan Theology-The Great Requirement
- 2/1--Inclusive of All Persons-The Great Commission
- 2/8--Engaged in the Work of Justice and Redemption-The Great Proclamation



**Rooted in Wesleyan Theology**  
Wesleyan Theology is the tradition in which United Methodism is formed.

It emphasizes personal piety (God's connecting and society-transforming love). God's grace journeys with us throughout our lives and calls us to fulfill The Great Requirement (Micah 6:8) to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.



### **Calling all Prayer Warriors!**

Our Grace UMC family has a large number of people in need of prayer right now. The world is also quite heavy in this season, and many are feeling that weight. Paul says that we are to pray without ceasing in his letter to the Thessalonian church. I believe that we can do that by making prayer our immediate response before worry, gossip, or complaint. We may not know all of the battles that our friends and family are facing, so we struggle to know how to help them carry those burdens. We are always able to pray! Make no doubt, God hears us, and they matter!

*"If you are in need of pastoral care, please do not assume that I as your pastor are aware of that need. If you, or a family member does not call or message me, I have no way of knowing. The church does not add people to the prayer chain without making sure that you want your information shared."* Pastor Jen

The church office is open **Tuesday from 9am until noon. It is also open on Wednesdays from 10-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](mailto:graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com)**

- Pastor Jen Matthees – **[jenmatt20@gmail.com](mailto:jenmatt20@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.

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 regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-12) and Thursday (10-1) 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** (unless it is an emergency, Monday calls will be returned on Tuesday).

--Pastor Jen.

Did you know the church calendar is available on our website?  
**graceumcpequotlakes.org**  
There is a tab near the top right side that 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  
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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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