



## **Order of Worship: February 8th, 2026**

**Prelude/Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*  
*"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

**Scripture:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 9:1-10

Luke 4:16-21

**Unison Prayer**

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

**Message:** *"The Great Proclamation"*

**Special Music:** *"Here I Am Lord"*

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** *"Great is the Lord"*

**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 9-12

Wednesday 10-12

**Worship**

Online--available at

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

In-Person Worship Sunday-  
-9am

Luke 4:18

## *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*

*because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives & recovering of  
sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed*

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### Unison Prayer

Lord, open our hearts to receive Your healing love more fully.  
Soften our hearts, forgive our unbelief, and release us from hurts and judgments that block Your presence.  
Help us to see ourselves as You see us – worthy and beloved.  
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we can embody Your love in our daily lives.  
Make us vessels of Your grace, patient, kind, and forgiving, just as You are.  
Help us to love our neighbor, even the unlovable, and to serve others with a heart transformed by Your truth.  
Let Your love be so compelling that it quiets our souls and empowers us to share Your light with the world, bringing glory to Your holy name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Call to Worship

L: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us and we proclaim:

**P: Surely God is in this place!**

L: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love and we say:

**P: Surely God is in this place!**

L: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives and we cry:

**P: Surely God is in this place!**

L: We come to see God in community both far and near, and we hold fast to the promise:

**P: Surely God is in this place!**

L: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God and we exclaim:

**P: Surely God is in this place! Come, let us worship!**

**All: We give thanks for his Holy Presence Here!**



### Scriptures for next week:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

Matthew 17:1-9



# Mission Of The Month



**UMCOR**

United Methodist Committee on Relief

When a community is impacted by a natural or civil disaster, The United Methodist Church is there to alleviate suffering and offer critical support through UMCOR,

the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This vital work extends beyond immediate relief, helping communities rebuild their lives and recover over the long term. Through annual conferences, episcopal areas, Disaster Management Offices (DMOs) and ecumenical organizations, we partner with people around the world to help communities carry out their own disaster response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

In February, our monthly mission is UMCOR, please designate this on your gift, or use the envelopes provided.

After Ash Wednesday, 2/22, we will begin collecting food and monetary gifts for the Lakes Area Food Shelf.

We have been challenged by Our Saviors Lutheran Church once again to see who can collect the most this year! Let's go!

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Whoever dwells in the shelter  
of the Most High will rest  
in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say of the Lord,

*"He is my refuge  
& my fortress, my God,  
in whom I trust."*

PSALMS 91:1-2

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Thank you for all your prayers and expressions of sympathy to us for the loss of our daughter Kim Brennecke. Kim was a remarkable lady and we miss her terribly.

Doris and John Longnecker



**There is no timeline for grief, please continue to keep these Grace families in your prayers.**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Al's funeral such a beautiful tribute. From the service and music to the help in the kitchen, the bars that were made and the cleaning afterward – every act of kindness meant so much. Everything came together so wonderfully and we are deeply grateful!

Also, we want to thank the many people within the church that extended their words of sympathy with me and my family. Your kindness, support and care were deeply appreciated and meant more to us than we can express.

Sincerely,

Millie Amundson, Amanda Cook and Shawn Amundson

## **“Engaged in the Work of Justice and Redemption – The Great Proclamation”**

*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**





## Engaged in the Work of Justice and Redemption

We are a Church created to participate in God's redemptive work in this world. We hold unwavering commitment to the hard work of advocacy, justice, redemption, and liberation. Our work is shaped by The Great Proclamation (Luke 4:16-21), preaching good news to the poor and setting the oppressed free.

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### Grace UMC Updated 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report, December 2025

#### REVENUE

	2025	Annual Budget
General Fund	\$150,734	\$165,000
God Faith	25,000	30,000
Loose Change	3,650	3,000
Rental Fees	300	500
Interest Earned	3,461	3,050
Rummage Sale	7,870	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,015</b>	<b>\$207,550</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Adm Council	\$ 30,247	\$28,720
Programs	3,526	6,450
Trustees	45,595	63,400
SPR	101,002	113,041
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,370</b>	<b>\$211,611</b>
<b>Revenue Over</b>	<b>10,645</b>	<b>(4,061)</b>
<b>(Under)Expenses</b>		

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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)

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#### ***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](http://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  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472**

Visit our website

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

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of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy  
Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and  
**lead courageously** in local communities  
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