



## **Order of Worship: March 15th, 2026**

**Prelude/Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Lenten Food Drive** (Bill Tollefson)

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Song:** *"Lift High the Cross"*  
*"Hallelujah! What a Savior"*

**Scripture:**

Luke 23:26-31  
Psalm 13  
Romans 8:18-28

**Unison Prayer**

**Song:** *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

**Message:** *"An Unlikely Companionship"*

**Special Music** (Casey Derksen):  
*"Is He Worthy?"*

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

**Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** *"Victory in Jesus"*

**Blessing**

## **The Week at Grace:**

**Tuesday:**

Bible Study

9a

Handbell Practice

10:30a

**Wednesday:**

Personal Devices and

Senior Citizen Safety

1-3p

Pine River UMC

**Thursday:**

Men's study (offsite)

9:30a

**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.**

**Office Phone:**

**218-568-5755**

**Grace Office Hours**

Monday-10:30a-1:30p

Tuesday-8:30-11:30a

Wednesday-1:30-4:30pm

Thursday-10:30a-1:30p

**Worship**

Online--available at

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

In-Person Sundays at 9a

## Unison Prayer

“Jesus, we worship You, the Lamb who was slain for our redemption.

You are worthy of all honor, glory, and blessing.

We bow before You with grateful hearts, celebrating Your victory over sin and death.

Let our worship today proclaim Your worthiness and lift high Your name. May every heart here rejoice in Your salvation.

In Your precious name, Amen.”

## Call to Worship

*L: We continue on a road that will take us to the cross.*

**P: It is a journey we take together, and a journey each makes alone.**

*L: We are invited to notice things on the way*

**P: To notice the sharp stones, the uneven ground, the mercy of shade, the faithfulness of those who walk with us.**

*L: We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:*

**P: Hope, trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, and sorrow.**

*L: On this walk, though we may long for rest, still we sing and we pray and we listen.*

**ALL: Now may this be a time of pure worship to our God.**

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## Scriptures for next week:

Matthew 27:55-56

Mark 15:40-41

Luke 23:48-49

John 19:25-27

Psalm 16

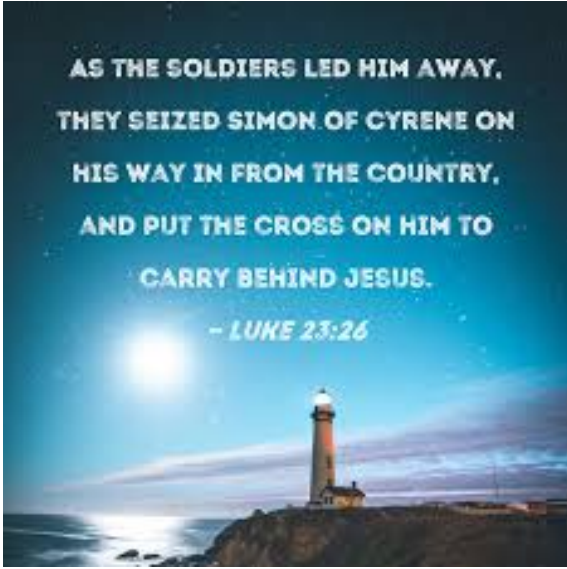
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## Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday- Worship & Bell Choir performance at 9am  
Holy Thursday- Service w/Communion at 6pm  
Good Friday Tenebrae- Service of Descending Darkness 6pm  
Easter Sunday- Celebrate our Risen Lord at 9am





On Ash Wednesday, 2/22, we began collecting food and monetary gifts for the Lakes Area Food Shelf. This will be our mission focus throughout the month of March. We have been challenged by Our Savior's Lutheran Church once again to see who can collect the most this year! Let's go!

Article in Echo Lakes Journal about the food drive and local needs. [Food Shelves](#)

We have chosen specific foods to be brought in each week.

2/22--Peanut Butter and Jelly

3/1--Cereal and Protein Bars

3/8--Canned Proteins (tuna, chicken, SPAM, beans)

**3/15--Soups and Stews**

3/22--Personal Care Items (especially pads and incontinence supplies)

3/29--Leftovers! (Please check best by dates if you are pulling from your cupboards!)

As always, the food shelf is able to stretch our dollars farther than we can, so monetary gifts are welcome anytime!



If you have friends at OSL, please feel free to engage them with some good-natured ribbing! For your friends who worship in other spaces, ask them how their church is participating. For friends or family that are not connected to a faith community, encourage them to bring their donations to us or to give directly to the food shelf. The goal is to help feed our neighbors!

May we live out our faith by blessing others.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9

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### **Old Age is NOT for Sissies 6.0 Get Prepared for Senior Series**

**Personal Devices and Senior Citizen Safety 3/18 @1-3p**

By Parker Deutz, Doctor of Physical Therapy for Essentia

**Big Harvests in Small Spaces-Growing Veggies & Herbs in Pots 4/15 @1-3p**

By Shelly Boser-Bartel of Landsburg Nursery

**Exploring Naturopathic Medicine & DIY Herbal Remedy 5/20 @1-3p**

By Dr. Sophia Fox of Fox Naturopathic Medicine

Pine River United Methodist Church  
348 Barclay Ave, Pine River  
Dining Hall- Lower Level

**Zero Charge!  
Refreshments Provided!**



## SPR MEETING



Date : 30 March, 2026  
Time : 5:00pm



GRACE UMC

The church office has some new open hours.

Monday: 10:30a-130p

Tuesday: 8:30-1130a

Wednesday: 1:30-4:30p

Thursday: 10:30a-1:30p

Ring the doorbell on the south door to be admitted.

--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)

Office  
Hours



### **Communication Reminder.....**

Please schedule **ALL** events, meetings, and building use by emailing the office. If your building use is not added to the master calendar, we may run into scheduling conflicts, and we may not be able to accommodate heating/cooling needs in the affected area.

Please submit any newsletter additions or changes to the office by email or phone by **Wednesday at 4:30p**.

If you wish to connect with Pastor Jen directly and it is not an emergency, please know that she will respond as needed during regular office hours. She is generally in the church on Tuesday (830-12) and Thursday (10-1) call the office to be sure, as her weeks vary. You may find her here at other times too! She checks her emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact her. **Friday is her day off** as needs allow, and **Monday is a full school day** (unless it is an emergency, Monday calls will be returned on Tuesday).

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!

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