



- ✦ Sharing God's Grace
- ✦ Living His Word
- ✦ Making Disciples

Sunday School – 9:10 am
Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am

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For the Week Beginning February 2, 2025

Communion: We celebrate Holy Communion today. Please read carefully the statement concerning Holy Communion provided in the worship folder. In faithfulness to God's Word, we practice close communion. It is our privilege and responsibility to prepare for this sacred meal. You are encouraged to use pages 329-330 in the Lutheran Service Book to aid in your preparation for this sacred meal. *Common Cup and Individual Cup are offered this morning as well as gluten-free wafers.*

TODAY is the deadline to give your Life Center Contribution. Please place your contributions in the large baby bottle on the table in the Entryway. "God's Gift is Life from Womb to Tomb" ECP will join us this week as the children watch the collection grow, day by day!

Pastor Ramey's new Bible class is entitled *The Way of the Kingdom*, a study of Matthew 5-7 known as Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." The class will run January-February 2025 on Sunday mornings (9:15 – 10:15 am). Booklets will be made available.

Voters Assembly Meeting: Is today following the Divine Service. All voting members are reminded of their privilege and responsibility. Lunch will be served.

Financial Support for So. Cal. Fire Victims: There are organizations listed everywhere you look who are accepting donations for these victims. Some good, some not so good. If you'd like to donate, here are some verified organizations where all donations will go directly to those in need.

LCMS Disaster Response
www.lcms.org/givenow/wildfire

LCMS Pacific SW District
www.psd-lcms.org/donate

Your donation of any size will be greatly appreciated by those affected by this disaster.

Bibleville: "A Confident Confession" was the title of today's lesson. Jesus asks His disciples two very direct questions: "Who do people say I am?" and "Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:13, 15). Peter's bold confession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16), prompts Jesus to commend his words and proclaim this truth as the rock upon which the Church will be built. When Jesus foretells His death and resurrection, Peter objects and becomes a hindrance to Jesus' mission. Jesus rebukes Peter and keeps His focus on the cross.

Father-Daughter Dance: "Sock Hop" is the theme for this year's dance! It's this Friday, February 7th 6:00 – 7:30. **TODAY** is the last day to sign up on the **PINK SHEET** so the Family Life Team can get an accurate count.



Mission Agape Servants: We serve this Tuesday, 2:30 – 3:30pm.

Midweek Meals: The February 5th meal is *Hamburger Steak, Salad, & Desserts*. Please fill out the **PINK SHEET** and let us know how many meals will be needed for your family. Your free-will offering to help offset expenses is greatly appreciated.

This Week's Bible Verse



Donuts: Are you willing to pick up donuts for a month? It's super easy! You go to the drive-up window, say "Grace Lutheran" and they'll give you 3-4 bags. That's It! They need to be at the church no later than 8:45 each Sunday. Pick up at T & T Donuts at Wadley and Garfield. Please see Margie Norton if you have questions. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you can help out on one of the available months.

Listening Posts Began Yesterday:

Listening Posts are opportunities for Grace members to share their "stories" about their membership at Grace Lutheran Church. There will be a few "probing" questions offered prior to the Posts (in the February newsletter) to help everyone think about what they want to share. The Posts will be held at various times on various days of the week. Each group will be limited to no more than 10 participants and will last for 60-90 minutes. **Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming dates. Sign-up sheets & Prompting Questions are on a table near the Community Room next to the 2025 contribution envelopes.** The inserts are also in your Sunday bulletin. The goal of this exercise is to gather as much information on the "what was" (i.e., history) of the Grace congregation to help us understand the "what is" (current situation) of our church. Further events will help us determine the "what will be" (future) of our mutual mission and ministry. We need at least 65% of the current worship attendance (about 78 participants) to get a good reading on the congregation.

KFC Valentine Service Project: is next Sunday, 2/9 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will make Valentine Goodie Boxes for children in the Pediatric Ward at Midland Memorial Hospital, eat Pizza and play games!

VBS Team: The VBS team needs a few more willing servants. We have leaders for Snack, Science, Mission, Registration and Craft, but still need leaders for Decorations and Games!

Decorations – Sanctuary, Main Hallway, Fellowship Hall, Bible Story Room and Entryway. Workshops can be scheduled to help with cutting out or whatever needs to be done with decorations. We can decorate the week before VBS.

Games – Three Days of Games / Activities for (30 min.) outdoors or in the gym that go along with the day's Bible Story or VBS Theme. (Age-appropriate) Make a list of any supplies that will be needed.

Grace Quilters: The Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays (excluding holidays) from **1 – 3pm** in the Community Room. Contact Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 or Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 with any questions. Come join us!

Pillow Pal Party: Our **FIRST** Pillow Pal Party for 2025 will be Sunday, February 16th following the divine service in the Community Room. There is always a need for our pillows, as more diagnoses are happening. No experience is needed. If you can tie a knot, write out one of the prayer cards that are attached to each pillow, or pray over a pillow, you're in! We are blessed to assist the Breast Cancer of Midland.

Women of Grace: This casual, yet meaningful gathering encourages the women of Grace to bring a lunch or snack. Whether you have a little lunch break, are in between appointments or simply want to come and enjoy each other's company, please join us on **Thursdays from 1 – 2pm in the Parlor**. For more information, please contact Gwen McWhorter (903) 641-1966 or Rachel Schimank (979) 595-3095.

2025 Flower Chart: is up and on the wall across from the Community Room. Please help keep expenses down for our Altar Guild by signing up today for your special dates. Each vase is \$50. Complete an envelope next to the flower chart and **make sure to include your dedication**. Also, let us know if you want to keep your flowers or not by checking "yes" or "no" at the bottom the envelope. Flowers need to be picked up by Tuesday morning. **Make your checks payable to Grace Altar Guild.**

Living in the Light of the Lord: "[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.'" Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

Life Quotes: "All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: 'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well' (Psalm 139:14)." *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Do the Things That Make for Unity" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest. (*John 4:9*)

Family Shield Ministries: "Topic: Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry – Part Three" Guest: Mark Kiessling. Guest Host: Rev. Mark Femmel. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

2025 Tellers Needed: Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. So, please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** where the open months are listed.

Last Week at Grace

Sunday Divine Service (01/26).....	135
Sunday School Attendance (01/26).....	71
Adults	42
Bibleville.....	20
Youth.....	9
First Fruit Giving (01/26).....	\$7,312.00

Sunday Morning Sunday School

Adult	Fellowship Hall
.....	<i>Pastor Mike Ramey</i>
Adult	Parlor
<i>Bible Stories</i>	<i>Josh/Kelli Jones</i>
Grades 7-8	Youth Room
.....	<i>Ryan & Tiffani Hamilton</i>
Grades 9-12	Youth Room
.....	<i>Chad & Lisa Dalager</i>
Adventure Zones in Bibleville
.....	<i>Ages 3 years – 6th Grade</i>

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	02.02.25
Deadline for Life Center Donations	
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
.....	AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion
11:45.....	Voters' Assembly Mtg.
2:00	LP #2
Monday	
6:30	LP #3
Tuesday	
10:00	LP #4
Wednesday	
10:00.....	Puppet Chapel
5:00.....	Meal – Hamburger Steak
6:00.....	Joyful Chorus
6:00.....	Midweek Ministry
Thursday	
10:00.....	Puppet Chapel
1:00.....	Quilters
Friday	
6:00.....	Father/Daughter Sock Hop
Saturday	
10:00	Listening Post #4
Next Sunday	02.09.25
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
.....	AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	Elder's Meeting
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service
11:30.....	KFC Valentine Service Project
12:00	Listening Post #5

ECP 2024-2025: Continue to GROW
Widow's Mite
God loves a cheerful giver.
1 Corinthians 9:7
GROW & GIVE!