



- ✝ 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 March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent: We are all so blessed you've joined us today to hear about "The Power of God's Holy Word." We look forward to seeing everyone at each Sunday and Midweek service as we continue our Lenten Journey. Midweek services are at noon and 7:00pm.

Interested in membership at Grace? Pr. Ramey invites any of our guests who are interested in joining the congregation to a brief reception following the worship service on Sunday, March 16th. We will meet in the Community Room for a casual discussion on what membership at Grace means and how to become part of our community of faith. We invite all interested guests to join us after church next Sunday!

Bibleville: This week, we studied "The Passion Prediction." In the week before His crucifixion, Jesus goes to dinner in Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had just raised from the dead. Martha serves as Jesus and Lazarus recline at table. Meanwhile, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive ointment while wiping them with her hair, preparing Him for burial. When Judas voices his objections, Jesus tells him to leave her alone and points to His upcoming death.



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

No Midweek Meal or Activities: See you next week on 3/19.

Midweek Change in Time: During the Lenten Season, the meal continues from 5:00 – 6:00, but the classes will meet from 6:00 – 6:50, except during Spring Break.

New Bible Study begins on March 16: Church and Ministry. Pr. Ramey will begin a new study on the relationship between congregations and their pastor based on C.F.W. Walther's, *Church and Ministry*. With a new start in a new land, the forefathers of the LCMS were immediately faced with the challenge of defining what their church and its ministry were going to look like. Walther, a young pastor who was given the role of leader, had to define what church and ministry need to be in accordance to Scripture and the Confessions. His *Church and Ministry* was adopted as one of the only two *doctrinal statements* that define the LCMS's theology and practice. It is the basis for forming congregations as spiritual communities and is instructive for Grace congregation as it begins looking to its future mission and ministry. Join us at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week's Bible Verse



Pastor Ramey will present his "Reflections" on what was heard and learned through the "listening posts" recently held. By hearing about the "what was" of Grace, we can come to understand the "what is" and what we need to do as we prepare for the "what will be" God has in store for our congregation. The comments will be compiled and general themes identified, which will give us cause to analyze and plan the next steps to be taken during the transition period. **At Noon**, following our worship service on **Sunday, March 23**. We will head to the Fellowship Hall where Pastor will share his presentation and take questions from everyone. *Please plan now to stay after worship for this important meeting!* **Finger Foods will be served so please sign up on the PINK SHEET letting us know how many in your family will attend.** A written report and suggestions for moving forward will be shared at the next Voters' Assembly, scheduled for May 4, 2025.

EASTER EGGS: It's that time again for collecting FILLED Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place your filled eggs in the box outside the Bibleville doors. You may purchase plastic eggs and candy and then fill them yourself, or you can purchase candy-filled or toy-filled eggs from Amazon. We would like at least 300-400 eggs. Contact Ms. Carol at 432-638-4153 with any questions. The Children will hunt for Easter eggs on Easter Sunday during the Sunday School hour. The deadline is April 13th.

Easter Lily(ies): Would you like to provide a lovely lily or two for our Easter Sunday Divine Service? Make sure to fill out your envelope with your dedication. **Cost is \$20 each.** Last day to order is **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.** Envelopes are on the ushers' stand.

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 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.

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!

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: Luke 4:8 – "And Jesus answered him, 'It is written ...'" Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

Life Quotes: "Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz](#). Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o'beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (*John 12:24*)

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's Attendance at Grace

Sunday Divine Service (03/02).....	112
Sunday School Attendance (03/02)	51
Adults	34
Bibleville	13
Youth.....	4

Contributions as of 02/23/2025		
Weekly:	Need	\$19,598
	Received	\$18,396
	Balance	(\$ 1,202)
YTD:	Need	\$176,382
	Received	\$ 93,610
	Balance	(\$ 65,904)

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	1st Sunday of Lent	03.09.25
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i>	KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM	
8:00.....	Elders' Meeting	
9:15.....	Sunday School	
10:30.....	Divine Service	

Wednesday	
Noon.....	Lenten Service
7:00.....	Lenten Service

Thursday	
1:00.....	Quilters

Next Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent	03.16.25
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i>	KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM	
8:00.....	Elder's Board Meeting	
9:15.....	Sunday School	
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion	

*ECP 2024-2025: Continue to GROW
Keep our ECP Staff & Students
In your prayers
During this week of Spring Break*