

- ✝ 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 16, 2025

2nd 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.

Holy 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.**

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 **TODAY**. 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!

New Bible Study began TODAY: Church and Ministry.

Pr. Ramey began 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.

Bibleville: "The King Arrives" served as the theme for this week's lesson. Following Jesus' unusual directions, two disciples bring a donkey and her young colt to transport Jesus into Jerusalem. Throwing their cloaks upon the colt, they proceed into the city. There, the crowds spread their cloaks on the road and cut palm branches to line the way as they shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9).

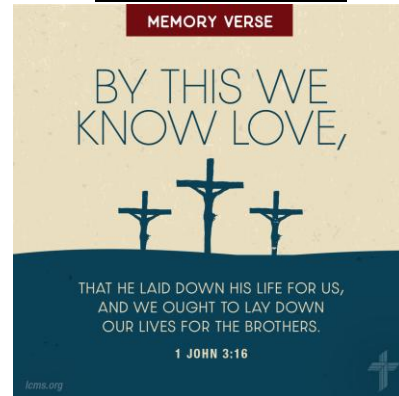


Mission Agape Servants: We serve this Tuesday, 2:30– 3:30pm.

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.

Midweek Meals: The March 19th meal is *Enchilada Casserole, 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



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.

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 APRIL SERVANT NEEDED!**

SWAT Service Project: We will make LOTION for our homebound members! March 23rd from 4 – 6pm at Grace.

JH & HS Focal Point: Painting Party on March 23rd from 4-6pm at Kidd's & Canvas, 3211 W. Wadley, Suite #5.

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: Philippians 3:19 – "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

Our Next Blood Drive: The March newsletter indicated we would have a blood drive on April 2nd. Schedules have changed. Our next blood drive date will be July 30th. Details will be in the July newsletter and in GIA as we get closer to that date. Then you can get signed up at your preferred time. Thanks for your understanding.

Life Quotes: On St. Joseph: "Though Mary's husband did not beget Jesus from his own body, he did father him in the fashion of a foster, adoptive, or step-parent. For this reason, he has received the title of Guardian of Our Lord. His service to God and family not only figures prominently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also exemplifies the holy vocation of fatherhood and testifies to the sanctity of marriage, parenting, adoption, and every human life." *Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Light of the World" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Jesus is the Light of the World. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but changes what we see. (*John 8:12*)

Last Week's Attendance at Grace

Ash Wednesday Noon Service (03/05).....	16
Ash Wednesday 7pm Service (03/05)	102
Sunday Divine Service (03/09).....	101
Sunday School Attendance (03/09)	52
Adults	31
Bibleville	15
Youth.....	6

Contributions as of 03/09/2025

Weekly:	Need	\$19,598
	Received	\$24,997
	Balance	\$ 5,399
YTD:	Need	\$195,980
	Received	\$118,607
	Balance	(\$ 77,373)

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	2nd Sunday of Lent	03.16.25
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM	.....
.....	.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School	.....
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion	.....
Tuesday		
2:30.....	Mission Agape	.....
Wednesday		
Noon.....	Lenten Service	.....
5:00.....	Meal – Enchilada Casserole	.....
6:00.....	Joyful Chorus	.....
6:00.....	Midweek Ministry	.....
7:00.....	Lenten Service	.....
Thursday		
1:00.....	Quilters	.....
Next Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent	03.23.25
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM	.....
.....	.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School	.....
10:30.....	Divine Service w/Communion	.....
12:00.....	LP Reflections	.....
4:00.....	SWAT Focal Point	.....
4:00.....	JH & HS Painting Party	.....

ECP 2024-2025: Continue to GROW

Parable of the Mustard Seed

Trust in him at all times...

Psalm 62:8

GROW in faith!