



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

Sunday School – 9:15 am
Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am

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For the Week Beginning March 22, 2025

3rd 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.

Portals of Prayer: The new edition is laid out on the ushers stand in the back of the nave. Take a couple (or more!), for yourself and give away as a witness to your Lord.

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 last Sunday: 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.

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

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

Bibleville: This week's Bible lesson was "A Trusting Widow." Jesus sits in the temple, observing people depositing money into the offering box. But one offering stands out: a widow brings two small copper coins. Jesus commends this offering to His disciples because He knows her offering is everything she has to live on.

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.

Midweek Meals: The March 19th meal is *Chicken & Stuffing 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



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!

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. The deadline is April 13th. Contact Ms. Carol at 432-638-4153 with any questions.

EASTER EGG HUNT: All Children (ages 1 yr - 6th Grade) are welcome to join the hunt for Easter eggs on Easter Sunday about 9:45.)

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.

Looking for people good with Social Media! Been to our Web Site or Facebook lately? If you have, you may have noticed that they're not what we'd really like them to be! **Sunday, April 6, following the worship service,** Pr. Ramey invites anyone (and everyone) who is interested in forming a "Social Media" outreach team to meet with him in the Community Room. At this meeting, our major objective is to lay the groundwork for what we want to see happening with our Website and Facebook page as well as consider other alternatives to developing our online presence.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Midweek Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30am!

Pr. Ramey will begin a Wednesday morning Bible study series on **April 23 in the Community Room.** We will begin an in-depth study of the Gospel of St. John. Our first session will also include planning on whether or not we continue through the summer months, occasional "other" events, and whether we go for an hour or an hour-plus.

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 of 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 13:3 – “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

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 sign up for your preferred time. Thanks for your understanding.

Life Quotes: “Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother.”
Thomas P. Nass, CELC President – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Lutheran Hour: "Even Me, Even You" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Jason Broge](#). Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (*John 10:1-21*)

Last Week’s Attendance at Grace

Wednesday Noon Service (03/12).....	21
Wednesday 7pm Service (03/12).....	29
Sunday Divine Service (03/16).....	124
Sunday School Attendance (03/16).....	63
Adults	41
Bibleville.....	16
Youth.....	6

Contributions as of 03/09/2025

Weekly:	Need	\$19,598
	Received	\$44,296
	Balance	\$24,698
YTD:	Need	\$215,578
	Received	\$162,903
	Balance	(\$ 52,675)

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	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
4:00.....	.....	SWAT Focal Point
4:00.....	.....	JH & HS Painting Party

Wednesday

Noon.....	.....	Lenten Service
5:00.....	.....	Meal – Chicken & Stuffing Casserole
6:00.....	Joyful Chorus
6:00.....	Midweek Ministry
7:00.....	Lenten Service

Thursday

1:00.....	Quilters
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Next Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent

03.30.25

7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i>	KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	.....	Divine Service

ECP 2024-2025: Continue to GROW
Mary & Martha
Only one thing is needed – the Word
Luke 10:42
GROW while listening!