

✝ 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 April 27, 2025

Thank You For the Beautiful Easter Lilies! The chancel looked and smelled like the victory that is ours in our risen and living Lord!

Pastor Ramey's Bible Study: James – Pr. Ramey began a study today on the Epistle of James in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am. It's not too late to join us as we study Luther's "least favorite" book of the Bible.

Today is the Last Day: to complete and turn in the "Worship Services Survey." The results will be published next week. There is a box on the table in the entryway for you to place them.

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

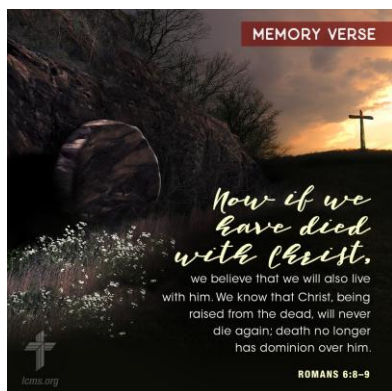
Bibleville: This week, we studied "The Proof Room." With the words "Peace be with you" (John 20:19), the risen Lord appears among His disciples gathered in hiding from the Jews. Thomas, who is not among the disciples that evening, doubts their report of Jesus' resurrection. Eight days later, while Thomas and the disciples gather in the locked room, Jesus appears among them once again. Thomas witnesses the physical truth of the resurrection as he touches Christ's wounds. Jesus concludes by telling Thomas and us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (v. 29).

Victoria Still Needs Your Help! All members and visitors (with contact information) please remember to sign the attendance sheets for each Grace worship service that you attend. Don't forget to include your children. It's very important to have accurate information to send reports to the District Office.

*Midweek Bible Study
Wednesday at 10:30am!*

We are studying the Gospel of St. John each week in the Community Room; please join us. Bring your own Bible and (perhaps) a pad for notes!

This Week's Bible Verse



Midweek Meals: The April 30th meal is **Mississippi Pot Roast, 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 helps to offset expenses and is greatly appreciated.

New Sermon Series: Next Sunday, Pastor Ramey will begin a sermon series on the Book of Acts entitled, "Be the Church!" This series will run through the end of July. From God's Word, we see how the early Christian Church began and how it was led by the Holy Spirit to live out its faith before others.

Spiritual DNA Workshop (Part 2) will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, from 9:00 am – Noon in the Fellowship Hall. In Part 2, we will develop our Vision for Grace as well as define its Values and their priorities for our work. The Mission + Vision + Values = the "Why" of our congregation and guiding us to define the "What" of our mission and ministry. The Spiritual DNA will help us determine what type of pastoral leadership we require moving forward.

Voters' Assembly Meeting: Is May 4th following the Divine Service. All voting members are reminded of their privilege and responsibility. Lunch will be served. Babysitting will also be available. Our High School & College graduates will be honored at this meeting.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Our ECP will celebrate our wonderful teachers on May 5th – May 9th. Make sure to thank a teacher for all of their hard work and dedication.

2025 Tellers Needed: A servant is needed for May and other months to assist in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. Check the **PINK SHEET** and sign up for the month you are available.

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! New quilts will be on display May 11th – 25th. Prices are \$65 for full quilts & \$45 for lap quilts. Make sure to tag your choice(s) quickly. The disappear FAST!

ECP Spring Praise Chapel: Grace’s ECP will be presenting our children in this Chapel event on May 14th & 15th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and join us for this unique performance if you are able. I know the children would love to see our smiling faces in the pews.

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. There are still a few dates open. 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.**

Did you read about this in the newsletter? The Women of Grace will be having a conference on May 16th & 17th. It will be based on the Chosen Bible Study of Esther by Donna Snow. Games, giveaways, fellowship, and much more. See page 9 of the April newsletter and contact Gwen McWhorter for more information. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you would like to attend.

Our Next Blood Drive: Our next date will be July 30th. Details are in the May newsletter. Location will be announced as we get closer to that date. Then you can sign up for your preferred time. Thanks for your understanding.

Life Quotes: “Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior’s love in helping others. ‘Carry each other’s burdens’ (Galatians 6:2).” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Through Locked Doors" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When Jesus shows up, it’s no longer “us vs. them,” because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (*John 20:19*)

Last Week’s Attendance at Grace

Holy Thursday Service (04/17)	65
Good Friday Service (04/18)	102
SONrise Service (04/20)	51
Sunday Divine Service (04/20)	170
Sunday School Attendance (04/20)	44
Adults	13
Bibleville	22
Youth	9

Contributions as of 04/20/2025		
Weekly:	Need	\$19,598
	Received	\$25,636
	Balance	\$ 6,038
YTD:	Need	\$313,568
	Received	\$239,327
	Balance	(\$ 74,241)

Sunday Morning Sunday School

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

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	04.27.25
7:30	The Lutheran Hour KWEL AM
	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Divine Service
Wednesday	
10:30	Pastor’s Bible Study
5:00	Meal – Mississippi Pot Roast
6:00	Joyful Chorus
6:00	Midweek Ministry
Thursday	
1:00	Quilters
7:00	Elders’ Mtg.
Saturday	
9:00	Spiritual DNA Worship Pt. 2
Next Sunday	05.04.25
7:30	The Lutheran Hour KWEL AM
	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Divine Service w/Communion
11:45	Voters’ Assembly

ECP 2024-2025: *Continue to GROW*
Road to Emmaus
Continue in what you have learned.
2 Timothy 3:14
Continue OGROWING!