



✝ Sharing God's Grace

✝ Living His Word

✝ Making Disciples

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

Grace in Action

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For the Week Beginning May 4, 2025

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.*

New Sermon Series: Starts TODAY, 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.

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.

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.

Dead Sea Scrolls at Midland Bible Church: *Treasures from the Hall of Faith* will be at Midland Bible Church May 8 – June 30. This exhibition includes various fragments of early Christian writings. Call 432.684.0722 for information.

Bibleville: "A Welcome Truth." Jesus and His disciples visit the home of sisters Mary and Martha. Mary sits at the Lord's feet to hear His words. Martha, busy with meal preparations, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help. Instead, Jesus gently tells Martha that Mary has chosen the more important thing.

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 Wednesdays 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 **No Graphic Available**

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion
to those who fear Him.
Psalms 103:13

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



Midweek Meals: The May 7th meal is *Taco 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.

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.



Grace Lutheran Church is excited to partner with ROPE Youth for the third year in a row for a service project **June 2nd – 6th**. This collaboration gives our church the opportunity to serve food-insecure families during the summer months—a time when many children lose access to regular school meals. Throughout the week, volunteers will be working at various locations, preparing, cooking, and handing out meals to families in need. We need 5-6 volunteers each night. **SIGN UP ON THE PINK SHEET!**

VBS: is July 21, 22, 23 from 9:00 – 12:00. Use the QR Code below to register your child BY June 15. Children 3 yrs (and potty trained) through going into 6th grade are welcome! Invite your friends to join you In an Epic Australian Adventure!



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.**

Read All About It In the May 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: 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: “By the washing of water, John made God’s divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen.” *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "An Old Place, A New Beginning" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, “I knew I would find you here. (*John 21:1-19*)

Last Week’s Attendance at Grace

Sunday Divine Service (04/27)	107
Sunday School Attendance (04/20)	54
Adults	31
Bibleville	14
Youth	9

Contributions as of 04/27/2025

Weekly:	Need	\$19,598
	Received	\$ 5,380
	Balance	(\$14,218)
YTD:	Need	\$333,166
	Received	\$244,707
	Balance	(\$ 88,459)

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	05.04.25
7:30	The Lutheran Hour KWEL AM
	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Divine Service w/Communion
11:00	SWAT & Youth to Rockhounds
11:45	Voter’s Assembly
Tuesday	
2:30	Mission Agape
Wednesday	
6:45	Men’s Breakfast Connection
10:00	Puppet Chapel
10:30	Pastor’s Bible Study
5:00	Meal – Taco Salad
6:00	Joyful Chorus
6:00	Midweek Ministry
Thursday	
10:00	Puppet Chapel
1:00	Quilters
6:00	Bus. Admin. Mtg.
Next Sunday	05.11.25
7:30	The Lutheran Hour KWEL AM
	1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Divine Service

ECP 2024-2025: *Continue to GROW*
Ascension
You will be My witnesses.
Acts 1:8
GROW as a witness!