



## Order of Worship: March 16th, 2025

**Prelude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Songs:**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**Scripture Readings:**

Luke 5:1-11  
Psalm 23  
John 21:15-19

**Unison Prayer**

**Song:** *"O How He Loves You and Me"*

**Message:** "Simon Peter"

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** *"Jesus Paid it All"*

**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** *"It is Well with My Soul"*

**Blessing**

**Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

## This Week at Grace

**Tuesday:**

Bible Study 9am  
Bell Practice 130pm

**Wednesday:**

Senior Series-Funeral  
Planning @ Pine River  
UMC 1-3

Confirmation 6-715pm

**If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.**

**Office Phone:**  
**218-568-5755**

**Grace Office Hours**  
Monday - Wednesday  
9 a.m. to noon

**Worship**  
Online--available at  
[www.graceumcpequotlakes.org](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)

In-Person Worship  
Sunday--9am

## Unison Prayer

God of victory over death,  
your Son revealed himself again and  
again and convinced his followers of  
his glorious resurrection.

Grant that we may know his risen  
presence,  
in love obediently feed his sheep,  
and care for the lambs of his flock,  
until we join the hosts of heaven in  
worshiping you and praising him  
who is worthy of blessing and honor,  
glory and power, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Call to Worship

L: Christ asked Peter if he loved  
him.

**P: Peter affirmed three times his  
love of the Lord.**

L: Christ asks us if we love him.

**P: We affirm our love of the Lord  
in our worship.**


L: Christ calls us to demonstrate our  
love in service.

**P: Lord, help us to witness to  
your love in the ways in which we  
care for others. AMEN.**



Scriptures for next week:

John 11:8-10,16  
Psalm 73:2,21-28  
John 20:24-29, 30-31



The Lord is my  
Shepherd.  
I have everything  
I need.

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## Mission Giving for March

As is tradition, we will be designating mission gifts in March to the Lakes Area Food Shelf. Pastor Jen has also

reached out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church to challenge them for most pounds of food collected during this time. We will be kicking this off at worship with more details about which weeks we will be focusing on which food to bring in.

We will begin with peanut butter though for sure! Bring your cereal this week.

Generally, throughout the year, when in doubt, the food shelf needs peanut butter!

Week 3 is shelf-stable proteins-tuna, chicken, Spam, beans.

If you are giving monetary donations towards this mission, please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the sanctuary or make a note on your check with "March Missions".

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Pastor Jen has created a short devotional for Lent loosely based on a book by Elizabeth Caldwell that uses the Psalms as a starting point for prayer during Lent. There are copies available at church if you would like one; they can also be mailed or emailed if needed by contacting the office.

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Grace Family,  
Candy making time is almost here! The Grace Women in Faith May basket Mission Project of filling handmade baskets with candy is soon to begin. Please sign up to make candy on the sheet posted on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Your help is so appreciated!







Note to self...  
Today I will not worry about anything. I will pray about everything. I will tell God my needs and trust He will provide. I will thank Him for the answers that are on the way

@Note to self-Daily Reminders For The Broken Hearted



**Wednesday, Mar. 19 1:00 – 3:00 p.m** Senior Series  
Unique Funeral Practices and Funeral Pre-Planning  
– Brenny Kline Funeral Home presenting at the Pine River UMC

## *What's Happening*

Congratulations to Sonja Palmer on making the Fall 24 Dean's list at the U of M in the Twin Cities!

Mason Lundgren scored 24 points in the quarterfinal's basketball game on Saturday [ML](#) (click ML for link) Woot!

Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter Violet, born on February 12th to Jay and Jacki Kline.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Wednesday April 30th @10am



If you have a young adult who is graduating this year from high school, college, or trade school, could you please let the office know? We struggle to stay up to date with the big life events of many because schedules make church attendance difficult. We understand the demands that life brings and also ask for your grace if we miss something! We look forward to recognizing the achievements of those within our faith community.

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## The 23rd Psalm

**The Lord is my Shepherd - *That's Relationship!***  
**I shall not want - *That's Supply!***  
**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - *That's Rest!***  
**He leadeth me beside the still waters - *That's Refreshment!***  
**He restoreth my soul - *That's Healing!***  
**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - *That's Guidance!***  
**For His name sake - *That's Purpose!***  
**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - *That's Testing!***  
**I will fear no evil - *That's Protection!***  
**For Thou art with me - *That's Faithfulness!***  
**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - *That's Discipline!***  
**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - *That's Hope!***  
**Thou annointest my head with oil - *That's Consecration!***  
**My cup runneth over - *That's Abundance!***  
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - *That's Blessing!***  
**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - *That's Security!***  
**Forever- *That's Eternity!***





The "Bells of Grace" choir is ringing together every Tuesday at 1:30 in the Bell room at Grace. The choir plays during one worship service per month.

Anyone interested in joining the handbell ministry is welcome to join, and Ardie Morris is offering "one on one" classes if you need a refresher or even to start from scratch! Contact Ardie at 218-330-8565 if interested.

The mission statement of this choir follows.

"The purpose of Grace handbell ministry is to enhance worship for the congregation and players by lifting up the Lord through music, and to bring about fellowship and joy among players."

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9am until noon. Ring the doorbell and we will come to open the south door!



--Church office phone: 218-568-5755

--Church office (for all general inquiries and administrative/clerical duties)

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### ***Communication Reminder.....***

The church office email (**[graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com](mailto:graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com)**) should be used to inform the office about ALL events, meetings, or use of the building you would like to schedule so they can be added to the master calendar. This enables us to avoid scheduling conflicts and make sure the areas of the building are cooled/heated as needed. The official church calendar is maintained by volunteers.

Additionally, did you know the church calendar is available on our website (**[graceumcpequotlakes.org](http://graceumcpequotlakes.org)**)? There is a tab near the top, right side you can click to see the calendar!

Our Congregational Care Assistant, Ann Hutchings, is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00-noon. Her role is to follow-up with our church family, through telephone calls, notes and email, as well as greet and welcome those who visit our church and assist with any needs. Ann's email (**[graceumccare@gmail.com](mailto:graceumccare@gmail.com)**) should be used for "congregational care" needs only.

If you have something that should be added to this newsletter from your group or mission, please speak with Pastor Jen or email the details to her at **[jenmatt20@gmail.com](mailto:jenmatt20@gmail.com)**. The E-Grace is generally completed by noon on Thursdays, so articles need to be received by Thursday 10am at the very latest.



If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during pretty regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-1030) and Thursday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks vary. You may find me here at other times too! I check my emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact me. **Friday is my day off** as needs allow, Pastor Jen.

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### Important note

If you are mailing something to the church, ***you must use our P.O. Box for the address.*** We do not receive mail at the church, and if you use the physical church address it will get returned and could delay your notices to us or offerings.

**P.O. Box 276  
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[Visit our website](#)

On our website you can find links to past services, a spot to watch this week's service, an online link to giving, and much more!

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