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Dose of Grace #45

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

If you think about it, it's one of the strangest things about Christianity—at least, to an outsider. Peter says it: "Though you have not seen Him [Jesus,] you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

Because on a merely human level, how odd is it that millions, even billions of people should love Jesus—should follow Him and listen to His words and trust in what He says, even to the point of dying for Him, in some cases—and yet, they have never seen Him? We know Him, but not exactly in the same way that we know other people. Because our lives are 2,000 years later than His in history, and in a completely different part of the world. How weird is that?

But in another way, it doesn't feel weird at all. Because we do know Him—first, from the Bible, from the stories that are in the Gospels and really, throughout the whole collection of God's Word. We see the kind of Person He is—interested in us, concerned for our welfare, willing to take all the time and effort necessary to bring us close to Him in love and trust. We see Him going to unbelievable lengths to rescue us from sin and evil—laying down His life for us on the cross, dying in pain and shame—and then rising again from the dead, so that we, too, will live forever. None of this is stuff He had to do—it's all stuff He did because He likes us, even loves us, and wants us to be with Him forever. That's His master plan: that we should live together with Him in joy and happiness in a new heaven and new earth which He will create, where there will be no more dying or sadness or evil or shame. The universe will be the way He intended it to be—and we will be there, at His side, enjoying every moment of it. That's how much He wants you.

WE PRAY: Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for choosing me and making me Your own. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo. <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/20260408/>

Sunday, April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday after Easter

Comm. Prep: Jensen
Comm. Help: Henning
Glasheen
Flowers: Bern Anniversary
Ushers: Paschke
Meyer
Stadler
Delgado



9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

Monday April 13, 2026

Tuesday April 14, 2026 -- Mary & Martha – 10:00AM

Wednesday April 15, 2026 -- Chapel
-- Girls of Grace with Mrs. A.

Thursday April 16, 2026

Friday April 17, 2026 -- Men's Retreat through the 19th

Saturday April 18, 2026

Sunday April 19, 2026 -- Second Sunday of Easter

Flowers:
Ushers: Paschke
Meyer
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Delgado

9:30AM Worship Service

Prayer Cards

If you are looking for the prayer cards, they are on the table when you come into the Narthex.

Christian Growth

Sunday School Lesson Plan

April 5th – No Sunday School – Easter Sunday

April 12th – No Sunday School

April 19th – No Sunday School

April 26th -- The parable of the Farmer and the Seed

May 3rd -- Jesus Calms the Storm

May 10th – No Sunday School – Mother's Day

May 17th -- Raising Jairus' daughter

May 24th -- The parable of the Lost Son

May 31st -- Jesus Washes the Disciple's Feet

Break for Summer (Resume with the Beginning of the School year)

Adult Bible Study

I encourage everyone to participate in bible studies and bible discussions at Grace. Come and listen to grow in your knowledge and wisdom of God's Word with us. Come and share your experiences as a Christian to be a blessing to your fellow Christian families at Grace. We have two opportunities currently for you to talk with the pastor and your fellow Christians every Sunday:

A. 8:15-9:15 before worship: To be announced at a later date

B. 10:50-11:45 after worship: To be announced at a later date

What's Happening @ Grace



Mowing & Church Grounds

Please consider signing up and helping with lawn care to make the Lord's house grounds look the best possible.

Contact Juan Garcia to coordinate and for instructions.

Church Weekly Cleaning!

The church building needs to be cleaned each week and we could use your help! THANK YOU to those who have been so faithful in cleaning the Lord's house and making it ready for worship! You are doing a wonderful job!

Contact Susan Garcia to coordinate and for instructions.



Altar Flowers

Please let me be your guide for all things



FLOWER CHART

Found in the fellowship hall, signing up for flowers not only decorates our altar, but also allows your fellow members to participate in the special occasions you are remembering. Potted tulips, mums, etc. can be used as well as cut flowers. Call, email, or catch me before Sunday school for a personal tour of the vases we make available in the church kitchen. If you would prefer, I would gladly arrange the flowers you bring. Or select your budget and flower preferences and let me do the shopping and arranging. Thank you for your participation! Susan Lewallen. 503-758-2685. susan@studiomcl.com

Usher Sign-Ups

Please consider signing up to be an Usher. Sign up sheets are located by the fellowship hall and entryway door. Currently we have availability through the rest of the year. If you have any questions please contact one of the Elders.



Fellowship Hosting Sign Up

Please sign up to bring goodies in for fellowship. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Lutheran Bible Camp

Lutheran Bible Camp is from **June 28-July 3** at lovely Camp Canyonview in Silverton, OR. This camp is a great way for children 4th - 12th grade to make Christian friends, grow in their faith, and enjoy the outdoors technology free. This year's theme, God Intended It for Good will encourage them to trust the Lord even in difficult times. Camp Canyonview provides lodging, professionally prepared food, life guards, and a zipline. Because they offer so much, they have been forced to raise the rates. The cost this year will be \$450 dollars. We hope no kid will be unable to attend due to cost. If you don't have a camper, but would like to support this work, please consider giving a donation for scholarship to your congregation. When registration goes live, an option to donate toward a scholarship will also be available there. For more information, some meet the counselor and other videos and past pictures, like and follow Lutheran Bible Camp-Oregon on Facebook.

Feel free to speak with Pastor Tembreull at pastor@corvallislutherans.org or 541-231-6189 with any questions.

Upcoming Important Events

April 17-19 – Men's Retreat

April 25 -- Piano Recital – 3:00PM at Grace Church

Board of Education Updates

Our school secretary, Lynn Kraklow, has announced her intention to retire at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. With considerable input from her and thoughtful discussion about the ministry's needs, Grace Lutheran Church and School leadership prepared a job description for the position. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please reach out to the Board of Education Chairman - Josh Luplow (boe@grace-wels.net) or our principal, John Henning (jhenning@grace-wels.net) for more information.

Important Dates Coming Up

- **April**
 - **27- May 1: MAP Testing**

Women's Ministry - Under Construction

Women's Bible Study

Next meeting – April 18th at 9:30AM

Location - Grace Lutheran School

For more information contact: Penny Hung 971-272-1964 / penny.hung1@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship will be held on Sunday, April 12th at 1:30pm. Tammy Godish's home. Includes small devotion and please bring a plate or appetizer to share.

Mary and Martha

Tuesday, April 14 at 10 AM

Church Fellowship

For more information contact: Linda Bern 503-459-7630 / bernfamily@msn.com

We are so excited for the opportunities we already have to grow together in our faith in Jesus and in our friendships as Christian sisters here at Grace. Stay tuned as we work to grow and serve Jesus even better in the future.



The Eagle Message
 Grace Lutheran School
CALLED AND CHOSEN
 1 Peter 2:9

April 7, 2026

Chapel Service at 8:30

We will have our weekly school-wide **Chapel Service**, on Wednesday mornings at **8:30**. Pastor Bourman will lead our worship this week. An envelope is attached for your child's offering. We will support Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Bend, Oregon, *Pastor Bitter's new congregation*, <https://mounthopebend.com/> in the Second Semester. Offerings total \$286.09.

Precious Lambs Preschool NOW ENROLLING

Our Preschool is now accepting students for the 2026-2027 school year in the 3 day, 4 day, and 5 day sessions. Please contact the Preschool Director, Mrs. Tammy Godish, at tgodish@grace-wels.net or 503-312-4230 for more information or to register.

Recess Supervisors needed for April

We are in need of lunchtime Recess Supervisors, from 11:45 to 1:00, **especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please contact the school office if you have questions or if you are able to help our school, students and staff in this way, 503-777-8628, call or text, or sign up on the calendar in the entryway. Thank you.

New secretary for next year

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Report Cards

Third Quarter **Report Cards** are being sent home with the students today.

Early Release THIS FRIDAY April 10th

Kindergarten through 8th grade students are released at **11:45 this Friday, April 10**. Please pick up your children promptly at 11:45.

ENROLL NOW!

In order to plan ahead for the next school year, we are asking all current GLS families to let us know if they will *or will not* be re-enrolling their children.

All families have received a message from Brightwheel with a direct link to re-enroll for next year. Please re-enroll *on your Brightwheel account*.

The Tuition information for 2026-2027 is available on Brightwheel also. Financial Aid information will be sent out soon. *The SALT volunteer program will not start until the 2026-2027 school year.*

Follow these steps in order to complete your re-enrollment and solidify a spot for next year:

- Please re-enroll *on your Brightwheel account*.
- Pay the \$150 registration fee (*on Brightwheel or in the office*)
- Financial Aid will be determined **ONLY after you re-enroll and your registration fee is paid.**

NEW students may also now enroll on our website at: <https://www.gracepdx.com/admissions>

School Survey

As the end of the 2025-2026 school year quickly approaches, we are beginning to plan for 2026-2027. Your feedback is incredibly important to us.

Whether your family is returning or exploring other options, we would truly appreciate you taking a few minutes to **complete this survey**.

<https://forms.gle/Tu2LV3TCfjw5jed99>

Your responses help us plan thoughtfully and continue strengthening our school community. Your responses are confidential. *We are grateful for the parents who have already filled out this survey.*

Please complete this survey as soon as possible. If you need a **paper copy** of this survey, please contact Mrs. Kraklow (lkraklow@grace-wels.net) or Mr. Henning (jhenning@grace-wels.net)

Dear Grace Families,

This year has brought many new faces and blessings to our classrooms. Thank you for the patience, support, and trust you continue to show our school — it means more than you know.

At Grace, our mission remains constant: to provide a quality education, to proclaim the good news of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and to partner with you in the Christian training of your child. While our mission does not change, some of the ways we carry it out may look a little different next year.

Our 1st and 2nd Grade teacher, Miss Lillian Shambeau, has accepted a call to serve at Neenah Lutheran School in Neenah, Wisconsin beginning next school year. We are grateful for her faithful service and pray for God's blessings as she begins this new chapter.

Although we will not be bringing in a new teacher immediately, we are committed to ensuring that every classroom remains well-supported and that students continue to receive excellent instruction. Our faculty and staff, together with the Board of Education and the Church Council, are thoughtfully developing a plan to restructure responsibilities in a way that maintains stability, strengthens our program, and keeps our mission at the center of all we do.

We will keep you informed each step of the way. In the coming weeks, you will receive additional details as well as an invitation to a parent meeting where you will have the opportunity to hear more, ask questions, and share your thoughts. We value your partnership and want you to feel confident and supported throughout this transition.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns at jhenning@grace-wels.net.

God's blessings,

Grace Lutheran School