

The Means of Grace

April 13, 2025



And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:33-34a)

I wonder what they were thinking, the people who heard Jesus say this. Did they think He was out of His mind? It would be no surprise if He were. After all, He had just been flogged almost to death, and then nailed up to a cross. And you would almost have to be crazy to forgive your enemies for killing you.

At least, that's what the world would say. But we who belong to Jesus know better. Because we've watched Him do this sort of thing again and again. He washed the feet of Judas, His betrayer. He healed the ear of a man who came to arrest Him. He treated Pontius Pilate with courtesy and respect. After all that, it's no surprise to find Him forgiving the men who nailed Him to the cross.

And that's a good thing, because it means that He will forgive *us*—every human being who has ever rebelled against God and made it necessary for Jesus to rescue us in this loving and self-sacrificing way. Even now, His concern is for other people—not for Himself. His death is for us, His resurrection will be for us, and when He returns to heaven, He will plead for us before God the Father. With such a loving Savior, how could we not be forgiven?

Sunday April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Flowers:
Ushers: Hafner
Gillespie
Luplow
Ware
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
11:00 AM Choir Practice



Monday April 14, 2025

Tuesday April 15, 2025

Wednesday April 16, 2025 -- Chapel

-- Grace Girls

Thursday April 17, 2025 -- Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00PM

Friday April 18, 2025 -- No School

-- Good Friday Service – 7:00PM

Saturday April 19, 2025 -- Board of Education – 12:00PM

Sunday April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

Flowers:
Ushers: Hafner
Gillespie
Luplow
Ware
7:00AM Easter Sunrise Service
8:15AM Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM Easter Service

PRAYERS

For the Bloom family, friends of the Luplows, for their missing daughter in law and granddaughter. They've been missing since March 24th. May they be found and brought home safely soon.

For the Luplow family, following the loss of Herb (Josh's grandfather). May they find peace and comfort for their Earthly loss, while rejoicing in knowing he is in his eternal home in Heaven.

What's Happening @ Grace



Mowing & Church Property

THANK YOU to **Roger Schrab** for faithfully maintaining the grounds at Grace Church and making it beautiful! Please consider signing up and helping him with lawn care.

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!

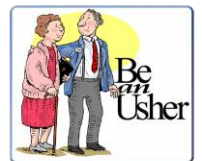


Altar Flowers

Please consider signing up for bringing altar flowers for our Sunday Worship. We need flowers every week! Signup sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall on the north facing wall.

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.



Fellowship Hosting Sign Up

Cathie and Virginia have been outstanding doing our fellowship goodies. It is time we, as a congregation, start taking on some of this work so they can have a break. They will continue doing goodies on the first week of the month. Please sign up to take over a week of fellowship goodies! Sign up with a friend or two! Help will be available in the kitchen if you'd like it. There will be a sign up sheet on the board located by the fellowship hall and entryway door. It has been suggested that we do a potluck once a month to help getting more people involved.



Important Events Coming Up In Our District

Sunday April 13 1:00-3:00 - Open House/4:00 Dedication service of the new worship facility for Trinity Lutheran Church, 1310 Echo Hollow Rd. Eugene, Oregon

Sunday April 27 4:00 - Installation of Pastor Chris Goelzer at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont St. Portland, Oregon

Saturday May 31 10:00 - 3:00 - LWMS Rally at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2038 NE Alcock Dr. Hillsboro, Oregon

Sunday June 29 - Friday noon July 4 - Lutheran Bible Camp

Sunday September 15 (tentative) - 50th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran School, 2252 SE 92nd Ave. Portland, Oregon

NEW ENTRANCE AND SANCTUARY DOORS PROTOCOL

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Beginning this Sunday, January 12, and continuing until further notice, we will be locking the front and side doors as the chimes signal the start of our worship service. Once the doors are closed, our ushers will be ready to welcome latecomers inside. This measure is being taken to prevent potential risks.

Furthermore, we will be closing the doors leading from the narthex to the sanctuary at the start of the Bible readings. This will minimize distractions, allowing us to fully immerse ourselves in and appreciate God's word together. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Host Families Needed:

The Evergreen Lutheran High School choir will be visiting some of the Oregon churches and schools in late April. We are scheduled to have the Evergreen Lutheran High School choir perform at school on Monday, April 28. All members and school families are welcome to attend this event at our school!

Evergreen is asking if we could host the choir members on Sunday, April 27. Students would be picked up at Grace Lutheran School around 8:00 PM on Sunday, They would then need to be dropped back off at Grace Lutheran School on Monday around 8:00 AM for their performance. If you are willing and able to house the students, please speak to Mr. Eternick! Thank you for your consideration and help!

Potluck Dinner!

To welcome our new pastor, we are planning a potluck dinner following his installation on April 27th. There is a sign up sheet aside of the Easter ones requesting your favorite PASTA casserole to feed 8-10 persons. Please have them to church prior to the service so they can bake/warm during the service.

Hiker's Group!

Our next hike will be held Saturday, April 26th at 9 am at Lacamas Park. We will hike out to see the Camas lily fields.

We will meet at the main parking lot:
3344 NE Everett St, Camas, WA



The Eagle Message
Grace Lutheran School
Shining Together Matthew 5:16

April 8, 2025

Chapel Service at 8:30

We will have our weekly school-wide Chapel Service on Wednesday mornings at **8:30**. Pastor Janisch will lead our worship this week. An offering envelope is **attached** for your child's mission offering. We will be supporting Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Hillsboro in the **Second Semester**. We have gathered \$638.03 so far.

We need your photos for the yearbook

If you have any Basketball Tournament/sports photos, Christmas related photos, Field trip photos, Class art project photos, or Spring Break fun photos, please text or email them to our school photographer, Melissa Williams, at mwphotos@gmail.com or 503-914-9520. Thanks!

Looking ahead:

- Palm Sunday April 13** - K-8th grade students sing at Grace Lutheran Church
- Friday April 18** - **NO SCHOOL** Easter Break
- Sunday April 20** - Easter
- Monday April 21** - **NO SCHOOL** Easter Break
- Saturday April 26** - Grade School Olympics
- Monday April 28** - Evergreen LHS Choir concert
- Saturday May 3** - Piano Recital

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 an email from Brightwheel with a direct link to re-enroll for next year. Follow these steps in order, to complete your re-enrollment and solidify a spot for next year:

1. Please re-enroll on your Brightwheel account.
2. Pay the \$150 registration fee
3. If needed, apply for Financial Aid with the **attached** form.
Financial Aid will be determined ONLY after you re-enroll and your registration fee is paid.

We do not need any more cardboard - thanks.

We had a very successful **Book Fair** last week. Special thanks go to **Mrs. Tanner** for coordinating this big project for our school.

Running Group starts TOMORROW April 9

A running group for 3rd-8th graders will start on **Wednesday April 9**, from 3:15-4:15. This group will be led by Grace Church members Laura & Dan Paschke. See the **attached** letter for more details.

Early Release THIS FRIDAY April 11th

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



Palm Sunday April 13

K-8th grade students invited to sing

The Kindergarten through 8th grade students are *invited* to sing on **Palm Sunday, April 13th** for the 9:30 service at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont St.

Grade School Olympics

The TELSS **Olympics** will be held on **Saturday April 26** at Franklin Pierce High School - 11002 18th Ave E, Tacoma, WA 98445. Students in **grades 3-8** can participate but will need a ride to this event. **Mr. Eternick** will get them signed up for the events that they would like to participate in during the next week.

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



Grace Lutheran Church and School Running Group

When: Wednesdays from 3:15pm-4:15pm

First practice will be on April 9th

What: A Christ-centered running group led by Grace Lutheran Church members: Dan and Laura Paschke

Where: Grace Lutheran School, practice will begin in Mrs. A's room

Who: 3rd-8th graders at Grace Lutheran School and Church who are interested in running

Bring: Please have comfortable running shoes, appropriate attire to run outdoors, and a water bottle.

There is no cost to participate

This spring we will focus on learning the basics of running and building up endurance with the option to train for a local 5k fun run/walk! We will continue to meet throughout the summer if there is interest.

We plan to have a Cross Country team this coming fall (4th-8th graders) and participate in meets.

Please contact Coach Laura or Coach Dan with any questions or if you would like to volunteer:

Dan # 608-698-5394 / Laura # 920-210-7570



Joanna Haffner: Call received letter

Dear Members of St. John Lutheran Church and School,

God's blessings to you this Holy Lenten season. I am writing to acknowledge the Divine Call your congregation extended to me on Monday, April 7th to serve as 1st and 2nd grade teacher at St. John Lutheran School. I am humbled to receive your Call to serve your congregation and the children and families of St. John.

I look forward to learning more about the ministry in Manitowoc and how I might serve God alongside you at St. John.

Please keep me and my family in your prayers, as well as my current congregation, Grace Lutheran Church in Portland Oregon, as I deliberate my Call here at Grace and the Call to St. John. My prayers are with you as well.

In Christ,
Joanna Hafner

Grace Lutheran Church – Portland, OR

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE - JOHN 3:16

MILITARY SUPPORT & RESOURCES

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US



GLC Website - <http://www.grace-wels.net/>

GLC Facebook Website - <https://www.facebook.com/GraceWELS/>

Bible Gateway Website: <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

WELS Synod resources for US Military members - <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries/military-services/>

Dear Sons, Daughters, and Friends of Grace Lutheran Church in Portland Oregon,

Your church wants you to know how much we love you and appreciate the Service that you give to our loving and merciful gracious savior Jesus Christ and our nation. Our salvation was paid for by Jesus, our freedom is allowed by God, it takes servants of all our U.S. Military branch members to ensure our way of life of freedom. Thanks be to God for each and every one of you!

We would like to be of service to you. Listed above is weblinks to attend GLC worship service both live. The Facebook link will allow you to see our archived services if time doesn't allow for you to join us live. Need access to a bible? See the link to Bible Gateway, we recommend the EHV and NIV versions.



Supporting Our Neighborhood Foodbank – March 2025

Mainspring Food Pantry appreciates your commitment to their mission of providing basic needs to our neighbors. The food pantry thanks you for your Jan./Feb. donation of 72 pounds of food.

For **March** please continue to donate basic food items focusing on:

- **Peanut butter & jelly**
- **Canned protein** (tuna, chicken, & beef)

If you are doing any Spring Cleaning this month, please consider donating your clean, gently used clothing to Mainspring.

You may bring your donations anytime. Mary & Martha will then deliver the donated items by March 31st. There are baskets in the fellowship hall to place your food donations as well as clothing items. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Leann Breza, (360) 921-6673.

Mainspring Foodbank most-needed foods: (please **no expired items or opened packages**):

- Canned proteins like tuna, chili, salmon, ham
 - Soup
 - Rice
 - Cooking oil
 - Peanut butter
 - Cup of noodles
 - Canned vegetables
 - Canned stew
 - Canned fish
 - Canned beans
 - Pasta (all varieties)
 - Pasta sauce
 - Instant oatmeal
 - Instant potatoes
 - Shelf stable milk
 - Juice
 - Condiments
 - Fruit snacks
 - Crackers
 - Sugar free snacks
 - Snacks for highschoolers
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February & March Items:

- Coats, all sizes in good condition
- Men's clothing
- Blankets in good condition
- Sleeping bags

BOARDS & COMMITTEES AT GRACE

Church Council

Juan Garcia – President
Josh Luplow – 1 VP & BOE Chair
Jon Cohrs - 2 VP & Secretary
Larry Glasheen – Ministry CFO
Dan Paschke – GLS Finance
Justin Eternick – Principal



Board of Education

Josh Luplow – Chair
Dave House
Dan Paschke
Tamm Godish - Preschool
Justin Eternick – Principal



Board of Elders

Craig Baker – Head Elder
Len Stadler
Josh Luplow
Jacob Meyer



Worship Committee

Marilyn Baer
Sue Hartwig
Melissa Baker
Olivia Baker
Jacob Meyer



Mary & Martha

Sara Hehr – President
Elke Werner – Vice President
Linda Bern – Secretary
Cathie Gillespie - Treasure
Leann Breza – LWMS



Trustees

Ed Gillespie
Matt Ginnow
Kyle Leitzke
Tyler Hafner – GLS Custodian

