

The Means of Grace

April 27, 2025



That very day two [believers] were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem ... Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth" (Luke 24:13, 15b-19a)

Picture these two believers, so earnestly explaining all about Jesus' suffering and death, to Jesus Himself, not recognizing Him at all. How did they miss the nail holes in His hands?

And what of Jesus? Why does He let the confusion go on for hours until He breaks the bread for dinner—and vanishes, as they finally know Him?

I think it was joy. I think it was love and happiness and a sense of humor, as Jesus enjoys an afternoon relaxing with two people He loves, who are stubbornly refusing to believe He's alive again. They won't trust the women's testimony. And so Jesus gets to exercise His sense of humor, hiding His identity, teaching them what the Bible says about Him—and waiting for the truth to dawn.

This is the kind of God we have, One who loves us so dearly that He dies and rises again for us—all so He can enjoy, not just an afternoon, but all eternity with us, His people. And it starts today—now—for all of us who trust in Him.

Sunday April 27, 2025 – Easter 2

Flowers:

Comm. Prep: Bern

Ushers: Hafner
Gillespie
Luplow
Ware

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
11:00AM Sunday School and Bible Study
4:00PM Pastor Goelzer Installation Service & Dinner



Monday April 28, 2025 – ELHS Choir at School
-- Grades 3-8 Testing – all week

Tuesday April 29, 2025

Wednesday April 30, 2025 -- Chapel
-- Grace Girls

Thursday May 1, 2025

Friday May 2, 2025

Saturday May 3, 2025 -- Piano Recital – 3:00PM

Sunday May 4, 2025 – Easter 3

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Ushers: Williams
Hafner
Meyer
Elsasser

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PRAYERS

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!

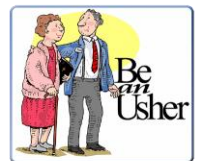


Altar Flowers

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 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.

Mainspring Food Bank Update

This past week I was able to deliver your donations to Mainspring Food Pantry. For March and part of April, you donated 41 pounds of clothing and 23 pounds of food. Please continue to bring your donations of food and clothing to church..... your gifts are very much appreciated.

LWMS Rally

Please see the attached flier. All are invited to attend the Spring Rally on May 31st. Our former pastor, Pastor Thad Bitter, will be our featured speaker. Pastor Bitter will be sharing about the Bend OR mission. If you would like more information about LWMS (Lutheran Women's Mission Society) and/or the mission rally, please call or text Leann Breza at (360) 921-6673.



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

April 22, 2025

Chapel Service at 8:30

We will have our weekly school-wide Chapel Service on Wednesday mornings at **8:30**. Mr. Eternick 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 \$787.85 so far.

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.

NO Running Group TOMORROW

The running group for 3rd-8th graders will meet again **next week Wednesday April 30**, from 3:15-4:15. Runners have an opportunity for a 5K run on Saturday, May 31st. Please complete and return the form (**attached**) that was handed out last week.

Grade School Olympics THIS SATURDAY

The TELSS **Olympics** will be held THIS **Saturday April 26** at Franklin Pierce High School - 11002 18th Ave E, Tacoma, WA 98445, starting at 10:00 AM. Students in **grades 3-8** can participate but will need a ride to this event. Remember to dress for the weather - layers are a good idea. Wear your **GLS shirt** if you have one. The forecast calls for partly sunny with a high of 61°. **DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN AND A WATER BOTTLE.** Bring your own lunch and drinks as concessions will not be provided! See the **attachments** for the schedule of events and parent letter.

Host Families Needed!!

The **Evergreen Lutheran High School choir** will perform at school on **Monday, April 28** at 8:45 AM. All school families are welcome to attend this event.

We still need hosts for 4 more choir members overnight on Sunday, April 27. They would be picked up at Grace Lutheran School around 8:00 PM on Sunday night, They would then need to be dropped off at Grace Lutheran School on Monday morning around 8:00 AM for their performance. **If you are able to host any of these high school students on Sunday night, please contact Mr. Eternick jeternick@grace-wels.net or 503-777-8628.** Thank you for your help!

A note from Mrs. Joanna Hafner:

"God's blessings to you this Holy Lenten season. I am writing to acknowledge the Divine Call to teach 1st and 2nd grade at St. John Lutheran School in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, extended to me on Monday, April 7th. 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."

Looking ahead:

Friday April 25 - Early Release 11:45
Saturday April 26 - Grade School Olympics
Sunday April 27 - Installation Service for the new pastor at Grace Lutheran Church 4:00 PM
Monday April 28 - Evergreen LHS Choir concert 8:45 AM
Saturday May 3 - Piano Recital 3:00 PM
Sunday May 4 - Confirmation Service 9:30 AM

Early Release THIS FRIDAY April 25th
 Kindergarten through 8th grade students are released at **11:45 this Friday, April 25**. Please pick up your children promptly at 11:45.

5k Fun Run/Walk

We would love to give the kids participating in the Grace Run Club an opportunity to participate in a race! It will be a timed event, but there is *no time limit*.

Location: Mary S. Young Park, 19900 Willamette Drive, West Linn, OR 97068

Date/Time: Saturday, May 31st. Arrive at Mary S. Young Park by 8:30 am (race begins at 9:00 am). We will meet as a group to warm up and match each participant with an adult for the race.

Event Website: <https://www.parkrun.us/marysyounng/> You must register your child on this website before the event in order for them to receive a time for the race. Bring the scannable barcode that is emailed to you on the day of the race as this is what is used to record their time. If you do not register your child, they may still participate but their name will not be listed among the results.

It's free! There is no cost to participate. Medals will be given to each child (Grades 3-8) participating from Grace Lutheran Church and School.

Volunteers: We need high school aged kids and older, as well as adults to volunteer to run/walk with the kids during the race. We would like to have 1 adult paired up with 1-2 kids during the race. Please contact Laura or Dan if you are willing to volunteer for the race.

Carpooling/Transportation: Please consider carpooling to the race. If you need transportation to the race, please notify Laura or Dan and we will help coordinate a ride for your child.

Laura (920) 210-7570, Dan (608) 698-5394

Please return the below RSVP slip to the Coaches or Lynn in the school office on or before May 7th.

Name of child/children:

Will your child be attending the 5k Fun Run on Saturday, May 31st?

Yes, my child would like to participate in the fun run.

No, my child is unable to or does not want to participate in the fun run.

Spring Rally

“Following God’s Blueprint”

Mission Outreach in Bend OR

Exodus 25:8-9

Presented by Pastor Thad Bitter

Saturday, May 31, 2025

10:00-3:00PM - Doors open at 9:30AM

Beautiful Savior, 2038 NE Aloclek Dr. Hillsboro, OR

Activities-Devotions-Fellowship-Music-Lunch-Door Prizes



Presented By: The Cascade Circuit

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Early Registration: May 1-16- \$355

Registration: May 17-June 23- \$365

Registration includes three professionally prepared meals a day, room and board, life guards, and camp facilities.

Drop off will be on June 29, from 4:00-5:00PM
Closing Service and pick up July 4: 11:00 AM

Registration is online. You may use the QR code to find the registration website: lutheran-bible-camp-498592.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2907580. Please like and follow our Facebook page for information and updates.

Questions:

Pastor Luke Tembreull: 5412316189
pastor@corvallislutherans.org
Pastor Mark Swanson: 9206096204
mdws89@gmail.com



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- Our goal is to encourage young people in their faith, build Christian character, and make Christian friends in a safe environment, while having as much fun as we can manage.
- This camp is overseen by WELS pastors and supervised by pastors, teachers, and members of the Wisconsin Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Oregon and SW Washington.
- All meals are professionally prepared and served buffet or family style so that everyone gets enough to eat. (Special diets will be accommodated with advanced notice.)
- We sleep in cabins divided by age and gender. You will bring your own bedding (sleeping bag/pillow) Bathrooms and showers are near all cabins.
- Our primary activity each day will be Bible Study and open discussion. We will also enjoy various crafts and activities. In the afternoon we play sports, swim, and explore the creek. After dinner, the whole camp joins in activities, and the evening ends with a devotion and campfire songs. (Campfire dependent on fire danger.)

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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: April-May 2025

Due to construction and roadwork next to Mainspring Food Pantry, I was unable to deliver our March donation. I plan to try to deliver our donations in the next few weeks. Please continue to bring your donations of food and clothing to church..... your gifts are very much appreciated.

For **April/May** 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 and/or **shoes** to Mainspring. You may bring your donations anytime. Mary & Martha will then deliver the donated items by May 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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April - May Items:

- Coats, all sizes in good condition
- Men's clothing
- Shoes in good condition
- New socks – all sizes

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

