



## April 5, 2026

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## Dose of Grace #44

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Are you often weary and oppressed by life's changes and challenges? You're not alone! Everything in this world around us reflects the reality that we are fallen creatures. That's no accident.

God subjected the entire creation to frustration (Romans 8:18f) when humans sinned. God knew how hard it would be for proud fallen creatures like us to recognize that we cannot undo the damage our sin caused. Subjecting everything to frustration means that everything, along with us, is subject to struggle and decay on its way to its inevitable end. In this way everything in creation serves as a call to repentance.

This frustration leads us to ache for an answer that must come from beyond us and beyond everything of this life.

Which is precisely what we find in our Lord Jesus!

He left heaven to enter our fallen world. In his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus provided the only answer for all life's changes and challenges – and yes, for all our human sin.

Jesus has opened for us the only way back to our heavenly Father. Jesus has opened the gate to the new heaven and new earth that will be the perfect eternal home for all who find in him the answer to this world's changes and challenges.

As our Easter gift to you, please enjoy this video of our College Choir reading a portion of Revelation 21 and then singing "Jerusalem the Golden." Here they offer us "the sight [that] refreshes the weary and oppressed."

A blessed Easter to all of you in Jesus, "the Lamb forever blessed"!

In Him,

President Rich Gurgel

Please enjoy this video of [Jerusalem the Golden](#) performed by the Martin Luther College choir.



## Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

Comm. Prep: Baer  
Comm. Help: Henning  
Glasheen  
Flowers: Thank you all who donated!  
Ushers: Paschke  
Meyer  
Stadler  
Delgado



7:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion  
8:00AM Easter Breakfast  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
11:00AM Egg Hunt

**Monday April 6, 2026** -- No School – Easter Break  
**Tuesday April 7, 2026**  
**Wednesday April 8, 2026** -- Chapel  
-- Girls of Grace with Mrs. Delgado and Ms. Stevie  
**Thursday April 9, 2026**  
**Friday April 10, 2026** -- Early Release – 11:45AM  
-- Staff Meeting – 12:30PM  
**Saturday April 11, 2026**

## **Sunday April 12, 2026 -- Second Sunday of Easter**

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

9:30AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

## **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 5<sup>th</sup>** – No Sunday School – Easter Sunday

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – No Sunday School

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – No Sunday School

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** -- The parable of the Farmer and the Seed

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** -- Jesus Calms the Storm

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – No Sunday School – Mother's Day

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** -- Raising Jairus' daughter

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** -- The parable of the Lost Son

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** -- 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](mailto: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.

## **Choir Practice**

Enjoy singing? Come join the Grace Lutheran Church choir! We would love to have voices of all ranges join. We practice at 8:15AM in the balcony.

## **Lutheran Bible Camp**

**June 28-July 3.** Mark your calendars today as you make your summer plans. Lutheran Bible Camp is a great opportunity for your child to turn off all screens to connect with other Christian children, enjoy many outdoor activities, and learn from God's Word. Camp is open to all children going into grades 4-12. Feel free to speak with Pastor Tembreull at [pastor@corvallislutherans.org](mailto:pastor@corvallislutherans.org) or 541-231-6189 with any questions.

## **Upcoming Important Events**

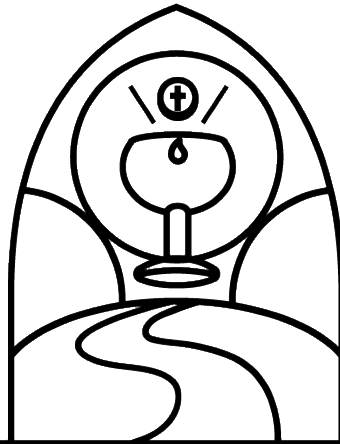
- April 5** -- Easter Services
- April 17-19** -- Men's Retreat
- April 25** -- Piano Recital – 3:00PM at Grace Church

**March 29**



**PALM  
SUNDAY**

**April 2**



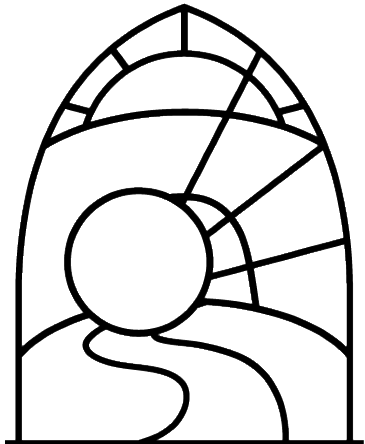
**HOLY  
THURSDAY**

**April 3**



**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

**April 5**



**EASTER  
SUNDAY**

**930am  
Worship  
1030am  
New  
Member  
Fellowship**

**630pm  
Worship  
Lord's  
Supper**

**630pm  
Tenebrae  
Worship**

**7am  
Worship  
8am  
Breakfast  
930am  
Worship  
1030am  
Egg Hunt**

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# **HOLY WEEK**

**LOOK UP**

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To register, please visit:

<https://hopeintigard.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3386076>

## **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](mailto:boe@grace-wels.net)) or our principal, John Henning ([jhenning@grace-wels.net](mailto:jhenning@grace-wels.net)) for more information.

## **Important Dates Coming Up**

### **• April**

- **5:** Easter Sunday
- **6:** Easter Monday (No School)
- **27- May 1:** MAP Testing

## **Women's Ministry - Under Construction**

### **Women's Bible Study**

**Next meeting** – April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM

Location - Grace Lutheran School

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

**March 31, 2026**

**Chapel Service at 8:30**

We will have our weekly school-wide **Chapel Service**, on Wednesday mornings at **8:30**. Pastor Goelzer 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 \$219.51.

**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](mailto: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.

**Title 1A survey**

The information gathered from this survey will help determine your student's eligibility for participation in Title I-A services for extra academic support for the upcoming school year. *The information requested is confidential. Please do not include student or family names.* Please complete and return this survey (attached) to the school office **by Thursday April 2**. *Thank you for participating and supporting our school.*

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**Thank you to all the parents who brought their children to sing praises to their Lord and Savior at Grace Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday.**

Phone/Text: 503-777-8628 Fax / Second line: 503-230-1354  
[glsoffice@grace-wels.net](mailto:glsoffice@grace-wels.net) [www.gracepdx.com](http://www.gracepdx.com)

**Easter Vacation**

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> through Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

In remembrance and celebration of the events leading up to and including the resurrection of Jesus on Easter we will have **NO CLASSES** on **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>** for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> graders.  
*God bless us as we Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, His death for our sins on Good Friday, and His rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.*

**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/Tu2LV3TCfw5jed99>

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](mailto:lkraklow@grace-wels.net)) or Mr. Henning ([jhenning@grace-wels.net](mailto:jhenning@grace-wels.net))

**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.*

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

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](mailto:jhenning@grace-wels.net).

God's blessings,

Grace Lutheran School



# EVERGREEN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Happy April,

How many of you were fooled on April 1st? Did someone play a prank on you or trick you into believing something? As I grew up, April 1st was always a day to try to prank my mom. I remember one Sunday morning when my dad had tied a rubber band around the kitchen sink spray hose—let's just say it didn't end well, and a change of clothes was needed before church. Maybe you have a similar story, but it's a reminder that not all pranks are harmless. The devil works daily to prank us, whispering lies that pull us away from Christ and His truth. Yet we know the Easter message, the good news that through Jesus' death and resurrection, we are redeemed—so stay strong in your faith, talk to your Savior daily, and don't be pranked by the devil's schemes. You are saved!

Here is a look at the things happening around Evergreen.

- Area Lutheran High School Conference (ALHS) was attended by Evan Kolander, Ryan Schmeling, Brandon Vukelich (Board Chairman), and Seth Habeck (former chairman-sitting on the conference board). This annual conference with all the other Area Lutheran High Schools is a great opportunity for our administration to seek thoughts on current areas of focus and to build relationships with others throughout our school system in similar roles. While there we also had the opportunity to see former teachers, students, and parents living in the area.
- Junior Eagle Classic is our annual grade school basketball tournament held at Evergreen. While weather wanted to throw a wrinkle into our plans (heavy snow on opening day) we were able to rearrange the schedule to make everything fit. Thank you to all the schools for their flexibility and making this event another big success.
- Knowledge Bowl went off to state and took 2nd place AGAIN this year. Their 3rd 2nd place finish in 4 years. What another great opportunity for our students to use their gifts and show their Savior at their meets.
- Call Season is wrapping up on April 15th, however, we have two teachers currently holding calls. Chris Denney is currently holding a call for 5/6th grade to Port St. Lucie, Florida. Joe Schmudlach our Spanish teacher is holding a call to Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School to

teach Religion and Spanish. Please keep them and Evergreen in your prayers as they consider their calls.

- Baseball/Track Season is in full swing. Make sure to check the calendar on [www.elhs.org](http://www.elhs.org) for a day that works for you to come and cheer your Eagles on.
- Auction is quickly coming on April 18th. Make sure to get your tickets and come and support your school. We are raising funds to finish the technological upgrades for touch screens in the remaining seven classrooms and to fund financial aid for our students. If you are unable to attend, consider sending a gift to support the cause. Looking forward to seeing you all there for a fun night together.
- Evergreen Choir Tour is heading east this year on April 24-27th. They will be traveling to Southridge Church in Kennewick, The Vine in Coeur d'Alene, and St. Matthews in Spokane. We are excited for these students to go out and use their gifts to share the love of their Savior with our congregations out east.

Financially, this year we have focused on wanting to support families through financial aid while also coming off an expensive last year in building improvements. Your gifts help us continue our ministry now and in the future. As you think about giving to Evergreen now, we also ask that you consider Evergreen in your will as well to ensure the future of Evergreen. As always, I would love to talk with you more and answer any questions. We are so grateful for your support for Christian Education and the ministry here at Evergreen.

In Christ,

Ryan Schmeling

Director of Mission Advancement

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