



## March 8, 2026

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## Dose of Grace #40 "Does this mean the End?"

**Titus 2:11-14 (EHV)**

**11For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. 12It trains us to reject ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, 13while we wait for the blessed hope, that is, the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 14He gave himself for us, to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people who are his own chosen people, eager to do good works.**



*"Pastor, does the war in the middle east mean judgement day is coming now? Does this mean we can rebuild the Temple? Is the end close now?"* This past week I have received questions like that from people across the country, family and friends.

God's Word is not meant to hide information from his people. Nor did the Lord speak to us in order to confuse us. God reveals to us the truth about our salvation. Not all the truth about everything and especially not every thought and reason or rationale he has for his decisions.

As God's children we focus on what he has given to us and what he has revealed to us. The Lord has spoken clearly to us about Judgement Day. Even in Old Testament times, Job spoke about the last day when he talked about our Redeemer:

**Job 19:25 (EHV)**

**25As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.**

Jesus spoke clearly about His return for Judgment, the last day of the old world and the first day of the new world for His people. Jesus himself said that even he did not know what day would be the end, Judgement Day. But the Father does know. God the Father is not still trying to figure out the best time to end this world and start a new home for his people. He has set a day. No friend or foe can do anything about that day.

Matthew 24 is filled with Jesus' clear words. Take a few minutes and read it through again. It set my heart at ease as I read it through again this week. One section stood out to me as a reminder that the Day of Judgment, the last Day will not be a slow build up.

### **Matthew 24:25–27 (EHV)**

**25“See, I have told you in advance. 26So if they tell you, ‘Look! There he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out there, or ‘Look! Here he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. 27Just as the lightning flashes from the east and shines as far as the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes.**

Judgement Day, Our Savior’s return will happen in a flash, like lightning across the sky. It will happen and catch many people unaware. On that day every eye will see him. Those who are eagerly expecting him and those who want nothing to do with him, both will see him instantly on that day.

When we hear of wars we are reminded of Jesus' words to us that it is a sign that Judgment Day is close at hand. Jesus told us in Matthew 24 that there are signs that point to the day of Judgment getting closer: earthquakes, famines, wars, rumors of wars, persecution of His followers. Even inside God’s family of believers he said that there is a sign: false teachers, mass falling away from the gospel along with a rise in power and influence of the Antichrist, who sets himself up in the place of Jesus Christ, in the place of God. Every time one of these signs are seen it snaps us back to reality. Jesus Christ is coming soon.

There is the old saying I heard as a child from my grandparents, “In one ear, out the other.” As Christians we hear Jesus' words about the coming last day of this world, Judgment Day. What do we do? React with faith based decisions. Remember your Savior and what he did for you. Remember your family and friends and work to prepare them to meet their Savior Jesus. Now is the time to put our faith in Christ first.

Do you have a family member that has fallen away from the gospel... from Jesus? Now is the time to reach out to them. Do you have a friend or co-worker you have been meaning to talk to about Jesus Christ? Now is the time.

### **2 Corinthians 6:1–2 (EHV)**

**As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. 2For he says:**

**At a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.**

**Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation!**

## Sunday, March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday in Lent

Flowers:

Comm. Prep: Bern

Comm. Help: Paschke  
Meyer

Ushers: Gillespie  
Williams  
Acosta-Ware  
Luplow, J.



8:10 AM Bible Study – Famous Chapters

8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00AM Bible Study 101 and Sunday School

Voter's Meeting: Topic – 1 & 2 Grade Call

Church Center Application Presentation

**Monday March 9, 2026**

**Tuesday March 10, 2026** -- Mary and Martha Meeting – 10:00AM

**Wednesday March 11, 2026** -- Chapel

-- Girls of Grace with Mrs. Stephanie, Ms. Stevie, and Mrs. Henning

**Thursday March 12, 2026** -- Eagle Classic @ ELHS

**Friday March 13, 2026** -- Eagle Classic @ ELHS

**Saturday March 14, 2026** -- Eagle Classic @ ELHS

**Sunday March 15, 2026** -- **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Flowers:

Ushers: Gillespie  
Williams  
Acosta—Ware  
Luplow, J.

8:10 AM Bible Study 201 -- Famous Chapters

8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Bible Study 101 and Sunday School

## 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

~~February 8<sup>th</sup> - Winter #2 - Gen 43-44 - Joseph's Kindness To His brothers~~

~~February 15<sup>th</sup> - Winter #3 - Gen 44-45 - Joseph Forgives His brothers~~

~~February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Winter #10 - Luke 2:41-52 - The 12 Year Old Jesus~~

~~March 1<sup>st</sup> - Winter #11 - Luke 3 - Jesus' Baptism~~

~~March 8<sup>th</sup> - Winter #12 - Luke 4 - Jesus' Temptation~~

~~March 15<sup>th</sup> - Winter #13 - John 2 - Jesus Turns Water into Wine~~

## 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: Living in the Light of God's Love - 1 John (202)**

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Lesson One—You Are Living in the Light of a Glorious Savior

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Lesson Two—You Are Walking in the Light of Love

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lesson Three—You Are Maturing in the Light of God's Love

### **B. 10:50-11:45 after worship: Basic Christianity Class (101)**

~~February 1<sup>st</sup> - Honoring God - 1st-2nd Commandments~~

~~February 8<sup>th</sup> - Worshipping God - 3rd Commandment~~

~~February 15<sup>th</sup> - Honoring My Neighbors - 4th & 5th Commandments~~

~~February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Honoring the Gift of Marriage/Family - 6th Commandment~~

~~March 1<sup>st</sup> - Honoring God's Gifts to Others - 7th & 8th Commandments~~

~~March 8<sup>th</sup> - Source of Evil - 9th & 10th Commandments~~

~~March 15<sup>th</sup> - Grow in Grace - Membership @ Grace~~

# 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.

## **Easter Clean Up!**

March 21. Save the date for Spring Cleanup at church. Let's get our church and church grounds ready for Easter! There will be inside projects and yard work. Let Ed Gillespie know if you have any questions.

## **Upcoming Important Events**

- March 8** -- Church Center Application Presentation – after worship  
-- Voter's Meeting – Topic: 1 & 2 Grade Call
- March 11** -- Mid-Week Lenten Service – 6:30PM – Soup Supper -- 5:15PM
- March 18** -- Mid-Week Lenten Service – 6:30PM – Soup Supper -- 5:15PM
- March 21** -- Easter Grounds and Building Clean Up!
- March 25** -- Mid-Week Lenten Service – 6:30PM – Soup Supper -- 5:15PM
- April 2** -- Maundy Thursday Service
- April 3** -- Good Friday Service
- April 5** -- Easter Service(s)
- April 17-19** -- Men's Retreat

# Lenten Midweek Services

WELS Oregon Circuit  
Congregations



**Soup supper 515-615pm**

**630pm Lenten worship**

Feb 25 – Pastor Phil Janisch – Peace, Vancouver

March 4 – Pastor Mark Swanson – Trinity, Eugene

**March 11 – Pastor Luke Tembreull – Beautiful Savior, Corvallis**

March 18 – Pastor Matt Swanson – Immanuel, Salem

March 25 – Pastor Scott Mews – Beautiful Savior, Hillsboro

**Please see the notice board in the fellowship hall to  
sign up to bring a soup or side, or volunteer to host!**



To register, please visit:

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

### **Church Center Application Presentation**

As we look on the map at the locations of our little flock across the greater Portland area, we notice that Grace Member families are spread across a wide radius. As far west as Hillsboro, as far east as Hood River, as far north as Longview, and as far south as Wilsonville. Couple that with sporadic worship attendance and an even lower overall bible class attendance, and the average family of Grace has difficulty feeling connected to the ministry of Grace. We have already approved in our budget the use of the Planning Center application for keeping our member data and improving communication and connection to Grace Ministry. **Sunday March 8th after worship there will be a presentation on the Church Center Application.** It will be done by Melissa and Olivia Baker with Pastor assisting. If you want to get a head start on signing up here's the link:

[ChurchCenter Application](#)

### **Southridge Church**

Kennewick, WA is excited to share with you that Pastor Dominic Olson will be installed as our pastor on Sunday, March 15.

We invite you to join us for worship at 4:00PM and a meal to follow. All of this will take place in our Worship and Gathering Centers, at 3315 S. Sherman Street, Kennewick. No need to RSVP.

## **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**

### **• March**

- **12-14:** Junior Eagle Classic
- **18:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **19-20:** Spring Teacher's Conference
- **23-27:** No School - Spring Break
- **29:** Palm Sunday - Students Sing (plan being made)
- **30:** 4th Quarter Begins

### **• April**

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

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

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

**Next meeting** – March 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

New information to come at a later date

### **Mary and Martha**

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Eagle Message

### 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 \$108.27.

### Recess Supervisors needed for March

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.

Thank you to everyone who came to **Parent Appreciation Night** on Friday. More than 40 parents enjoyed free childcare, excellent International food, good visits with other parents & a fun faculty game.

### Scholastic Book Fair this week March 2-6

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held here at school from **March 2-6**. A percentage of all purchases will be given to our school. Join the team of volunteers to help students and parents select and purchase books. Contact the school office if you can help, 503-777-8628. **Books can be purchased before school - 7:45 to 8:15 or after school - 2:45 to 3:15.**

### Kinderkonzert for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

The next Kinderkonzert, presented by members of the Oregon Symphony, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4. The featured instruments will be Brass!

Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour.

### Hot Lunch TOMORROW Wednesday March 4

Our next Hot Lunch will be served **TOMORROW Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>**. The meal will include Orange Chicken, Rice, Salad, Fruit, Drinks and Dessert. Cost is \$5 per person. Pay with cash, or checks made out to **Working Eagles**.

## 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.

## School Spirit Week March 9-13

We are going to have some **School Spirit Days** in March to have some fun and support our Eagle players going to the Basketball Tournament.

**Monday, March 9 - Famous Person Day** - Dress like a famous athlete, singer, actor, president, or anyone else who is famous.

**Tuesday, March 10 - Teacher Day** - wear clothes that would make you look like your teacher, and teachers will wear clothes to look like their students.

**Wednesday March 11 - Crazy Clothes & Hats Day** - wear mismatched/crazy/inside out socks, shoes, shirts, pants, hats, etc.

**Thursday March 12 Pajama Day** - wear your comfy pajamas, slippers and robes.

**Friday March 13 - Blue & Gold Day** - when all of us wear our school colors.

*Students are not required to dress up on these Fun Days. Our school dress code will still need to be followed on these special days.*



# EVERGREEN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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## Wings & Wins - 2026 ELHS Annual Auction

An evening out can make a lasting impact. At our Wings & Wins Auction on April 18, your ticket helps fuel student programs and open doors through financial aid. This annual event is more than a fundraiser—it's a celebration of our students, supporters, and the future we're building together.

Early bird pricing available through March 31:

\$35 individual | \$245 table of 8

Join us for a night of purpose, generosity, and big wins for our students.

Can't Attend? Consider a Donation!

Donations to Wings & Wins support student programs and financial aid—helping students rise higher every day.

Your gift keeps their wings strong and their future bright.

Items Donation Ideas:

- Are you a season ticket holder?
- Do you own a boat and would enjoy taking a group out for fishing or tour?
- Do you have a rental/vacation home?
- Do you and your friends have a favorite local spot? Organize a group donation to purchase gift cards to popular restaurants or destinations around town.

Be creative! Your donation of an item, “experience,” or service would be a fantastic addition to our auction. Donate [Online](#), or through your church contact.



LAUNCHING PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 29

*Come Celebrate With Us!*

**NEW CHURCH IN BEND**

GET DIRECTIONS & PLAN YOUR VISIT

[MOUNTHOPEBEND.COM](http://MOUNTHOPEBEND.COM)

**EXPECT HOPE AHEAD**

**March 29 at 9:30 a.m**

**2863 NW Crossing Drive #100  
Bend, OR 97703**

Join us for worship as we celebrate the opening of our new church in Bend. Palm Sunday is about anticipation: Jesus tells us that we can expect *hope* ahead.



# EVERGREEN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

ELHS Lent/Easter Concert -April 1st at 7PM

## EVERGREEN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 2026 LENT / EASTER CONCERT

Join us for an evening of reflection and hope at our Lent/Easter Concert on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM.

Featuring the ELHS Band, Freshman Choir, and Concert Choir, this special night of music will prepare our hearts for Easter and celebrate Christ's victory.

Come be blessed through song and fellowship!

*the Via Dolorosa*

T H E W A Y O F S U F F E R I N G

WED APR 1, 2026 AT 7PM

7306 WALLER RD E TACOMA  
WWW.ELHS.ORG