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## Dose of Grace #45

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Matthew 25:19–23 (EHV)

19“After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He said, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’

21“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’

22“The servant who received the two talents came and said, ‘Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.’

23“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’



“It’s that time of the year!” When you hear that, what comes to mind? Spring flowers blooming? Allergy season? Graduation season? Ministry Planning season? Probably not that one.

It is the time of the year for dreaming and planning the great Kingdom Work we are going to accomplish for our Savior Jesus and His Mission! When you hear the parable of Talents, most people think it is about money, finances. Yet God doesn't need paper or shiny rocks from his people. He doesn't need anything from us. He actually has given to us a gift called ministry. Not only has our Creator become our Savior with his life and death and resurrection for us; He has given us the chance to be a blessing to other sinners like us! We can be a part of bringing forgiveness of sins and salvation to sinners! What an honor! What a joy to serve!

Ministry is a fancy church word that simply means - serving. The Lord has given to each of us a set amount of resources (bag of talents). Together as a church we set a ministry plan for using those resources (bags of talents). We invest those resources into Kingdom Work - think planting the Word of God in the hearts and minds of sinners like us. But not just pastors and teachers...

There are many different opportunities to be a part of the Grace Ministry Plan. Greeters, Ushers, Safety Team serving to make everyone comfortable, Musicians, Keyboardists, Singers serving to make our worship beautiful and edifying. Lawn Care and Landscape maintenance, Cleaning Facilities, Flowers and Altar Team serving to honor the Lord with our best... Then there are managerial positions like School Board, Church Council, Trustees, Elders that serve by being responsible.

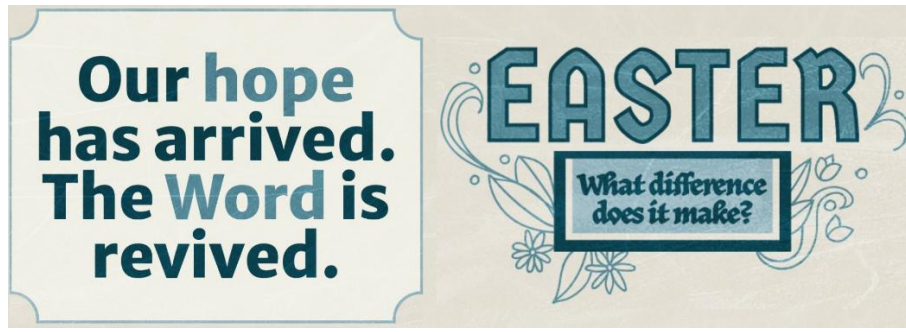
And how can I forget the actual sharing of God's Word to the people in our community, family and friends, young and old: Cradle Roll, Sunday School, Teen Ministry, Men's and Women's Bible Study, Retreats and Fellowship Events serving the Law and Gospel to save souls for eternity!

And that is mainly all at the Church Campus! Think of the opportunities for ministry at our School Campus as well: Principal and Teachers of God's Word on a daily basis, School buildings and grounds, school events, called worker support, greeters ushers and safety team as well -the opportunities are tremendous!

Invest your resources (bags of talents) in the Grace Ministry Plan! Let the Grace Leaders know what your passion is, what your abilities are, where you want to invest your time, talents and treasures for the Grace Ministry! I'm excited to see how the Lord uses us for His Kingdom in the 2026-2027 Grace Ministry year! I'm looking forward to serving alongside you as we invest our bags of talents together for His Kingdom Work!



## Worship Notes



### THIS WEEK'S THEME

#### **HE LIVES TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN**

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have to choose my own direction in life. I would be terrible at it, because, like a sheep, I can generally see only what's in front of me at the moment, and I get myself into trouble. It is especially difficult for me to look far into my future as planned by Jesus. If he had not risen from the dead, I would be on my own.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. I have the reliable direction of the Good Shepherd. He feeds us with his Word. He protects us from the roaring lion, Satan. He is leading us into the green pastures of eternal life. For centuries, the Church has observed this Fourth Sunday of Easter to celebrate that Jesus lives to be our Good Shepherd.

### NEXT WEEK'S THEME

#### **HE LIVES TO CALL ME TO LIVE FOR HIM**

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would be tempted to live only for myself. After all, I have to be in good shape before I can be of help to anyone else, right? I think I know what's right for me, and I can identify when other people are standing in the way of my self-improvement. If Jesus is dead, I don't have to worry about what he said or what he thinks.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. He takes care of my basic needs. He promises to do more for me than I can imagine. He puts people into my life so I can help them. Now I live for him.

# Christian Growth

## Sunday School Lesson Plan

**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 (202):**

- Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> -- **1 John 2:28-3:10** - Live in Righteousness
- Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day – No Bible Study or Sunday School
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> -- **1 John 3:11-24**- Live in Love
- Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> -- **1 John 4:1-12** - Testing the Spirits
- Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> -- **1 John 4:13-21** - God Gives perfect love

### **B. 10:50-11:45 after worship (202):**

- Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> -- What is... Justification
- Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> -- Mother’s Day – No Sunday School or Bible Study
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> -- What is... Conversion
- Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> -- What is... Predestination
- Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> -- What is... Preservation

Month of May

# 1 John (202)

Bible Discussion

- Open to All
- Sundays  
8:15-9:15 AM
- Free Coffee
- Free Bible



• **SUNDAY MORNING (202) 10:45-11:45 AM**

• **May 3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st**

• **JUSTIFICATION, CONVERSION,**  
**PREDESTINATION, PRESERVATION?**

• **ONE WORD EACH CLASS!**

• **INVITE FRAN!**



**WHAT IS...**

# 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

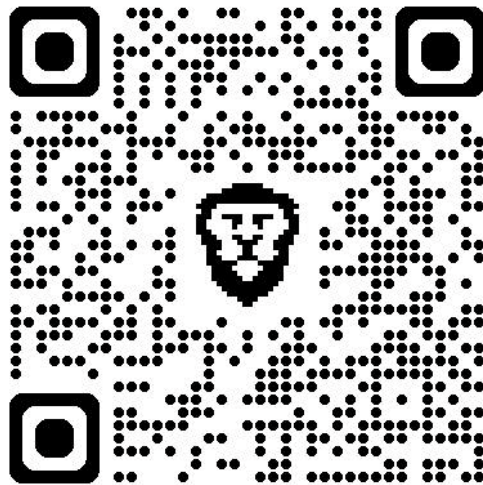
Please sign up to bring goodies in for fellowship. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

## **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](mailto:pastor@corvallislutherans.org) or 541-231-6189 with any questions.

Scan the QR code to register your camper!



## **Upcoming Important Events**

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

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

**Next meeting** – May 16<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**

To be determined

### **Mary and Martha**

Tuesday, May 12 at 10 AM

Church Fellowship

For more information contact: Linda Bern 503-459-7630 / [berfamily@msn.com](mailto:berfamily@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 NEWS

## 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. See the bulletin board next to Mr. Jo's room for more information. Offerings total \$407.16.

## 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 Mrs. Tammy Godish, at [tgodish@grace-wels.net](mailto:tgodish@grace-wels.net) or 503-312-4230 for more information or to register.

## Applications being accepted for a new secretary

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 position, 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, or Lynn Kraklow ([lkraklow@grace-wels.net](mailto:lkraklow@grace-wels.net)) with questions about the job.

The **May calendar** is **attached**. Please make note of the end of the year activities this month.

See the **attached** letter regarding a **Parent Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

## Mini Olympics Day Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>

We are planning a **Mini Olympics Day** for grades 3-8 on **Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>** at Grace Lutheran School! We have invited Immanuel Lutheran School in Salem to join us for the day. ALL GLS students in grades 3-8 are welcome to participate, Parents are welcome to join us to watch the students compete in track and field events. **We are also looking for volunteers to help with timing or measuring some of the events.** If you are willing to help or have any questions, please contact Mr. Harry Jo at [hjo@grace-wels.net](mailto:hjo@grace-wels.net).

## April Hot Lunch TOMORROW Wednesday April 29

This month's Hot Lunch will be served **TOMORROW Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. The meal will include Pizza, Carrots & Ranch dressing, Fruit, Drinks, and Dessert. Cost is \$5 per person. *Payment can be made with Cash, or Check made out to Working Eagles or VenMo.*

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 Deadline to re-enroll is June 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you are having issues with this process, please contact Mr. Henning [jhenning@grace-wels.net](mailto:jhenning@grace-wels.net)

The **Tuition** information for 2026-2027 is available on Brightwheel. **Financial Aid** information is on Brightwheel and the GLS website [www.gracepdx.com/admissions](http://www.gracepdx.com/admissions). **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>

## Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8

God has blessed us with amazing teachers at Grace Lutheran School and Precious Lambs Preschool. Please take some time to tell them how much you appreciate them. See the **attachment** for a schedule and suggestions. We will also have a **Taco Bar Hot Lunch** on **Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## We need your photos for the yearbook by MAY 1ST

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](mailto:mwphotos@gmail.com) or 503-914-9520.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**TUESDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11:45 AM – 1:00 P.M.**



Supervise a classroom  
while kids eat lunch.



Supervise them outside  
for recess.



*So our teachers can enjoy a lunch together!*



If you are available please reach out  
to Lily Henning at  
**989-545-9642.**





# Grace Lutheran School May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <b>HOT LUNCH</b>	6 Chapel 8:30 Henning <i>Piano Lessons</i> Grace Girls	7	8 <b>Early Release</b> <b>11:45 dismissal</b> Staff Meeting 12:30	9 3rd—8th grade Mini Olympics at GLS 9:00—1:30
<b>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</b>						
10 	11	12	13 Chapel 8:30 Mr. Jo <i>Piano Lessons</i> Grace Girls	14 K-5th Kickball tournament at School 6th—8th grades Softball tournament in Vancouver, WA	15	16
17	18	19	20 Chapel 8:30 Pastor Bourman <b>Parent Meeting</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	21 <b>Preschool</b> <b>Graduation 6:30</b> <b>At Grace CHURCH</b>	22 <b>Early Release</b> <b>11:45 dismissal</b> Staff Meeting 12:30 Grace Girls	23
24	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Memorial Day 	26	27 Grace Girls	28 Chapel 10:30 Goelzer <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> <b>PICNIC 12:00</b> 8th grade Graduation at Grace CHURCH 6:30PM	29 <b>SUMMER</b> <b>VACATION</b> <b>BEGINS</b> 	30
31		<b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> <b>June 28-July 3 Bible Camp</b> for students <i>going into</i> grades 4—12				



Dear Grace Families,

Over the past several months, our faculty, school leadership, and Board of Education have been prayerfully evaluating how we can best continue to serve our students while strengthening Grace Lutheran School for the future. Throughout this process, our greatest concern has been the well-being of our students and the trust you place in us as partners in their Christian education.

At Grace, our mission remains unchanged: to provide a quality education, to proclaim the good news of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and to partner with families in the Christian training of each child. While our mission stays the same, some of the ways we carry it out will look different next school year.

After careful planning, we will be adjusting our classroom structure for the coming school year. Our teaching assignments will be as follows:

- **Mrs. Leitzke — Kindergarten and 1st Grade**
- **Mr. Henning — 2nd and 3rd Grade**
- **Mrs. Acosta-Ware — 4th and 5th Grade**
- **Mr. Jo — 6th through 8th Grade**

This restructuring has been thoughtfully considered with both families and students at the center of every conversation. Our goal is to create a classroom model that supports strong academics, meaningful relationships, and long-term stability for our school while continuing to meet the individual needs of our learners.

We understand that any change in classroom structure naturally brings questions, and we want families to feel informed and supported throughout this process.

To provide an opportunity for further information and conversation, we will be holding a **Parent Information Meeting with a Question & Answer session on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 PM.** During this meeting, we will walk through the restructuring plan in greater detail, share the reasoning behind these decisions, and answer any questions you may have.

Your partnership and trust are deeply valued, and we want you to feel confident in the thoughtful steps being taken for the future of Grace Lutheran School.

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

*Happy Birthdays,*



# AMERICA

## BAND CONCERT

**MAY 8, 2026 @ 7PM**

FEATURING THE ELHS BAND AND TELSS BAND FROM  
BETHANY, CHRIST THE KING, FAITH, HOLY TRINITY, AND PARKLAND



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# JUNIOR EAGLE



## 2026 SUMMER CAMPS



### VOLLEYBALL

June 29- July 2nd  
Entering Grades 3-9



### CHEER

July 20-22  
Entering Grades 1-9



### BASKETBALL

July 27-30  
Entering Grades 3-9



### FLAG FOOTBALL

July 20-22  
Entering Grades 5-9



### DRAMA

August 3-7  
Entering Grades 6-9



### SCIENCE

August 3-6  
Entering Grades 6-9