

# Grace's Mountain View

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## Grace Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship @ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School @ 10:00 A.M.  
Sept. through May

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays.....9:30 A.M.  
Lenten Services.....Wednesday....6:30 P.M.  
Grace Café.....Wednesday.....11:00-1:00  
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
Church Council.....2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday...10:25 A.M



## PALM SUNDAY—March 29, 2026

Pancake breakfast will be served by the Confirmation students. Free Will offering.  
*Proceeds going to Confirmation retreats*



## MAUNDY THURSDAY---April 2, 2026

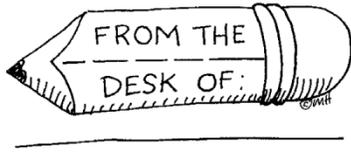
6:30 P.M.

*First communion for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders*



## GOOD FRIDAY---April 3, 2026

6:30 P.M.



## Synod Authorized Minister(SAM)

*Brent Seewald-Marquardt*

March is full of hints of spring. St. Patrick's Day, on March 17th, fills our schools and community with the green of its clovers. In the early hours of March 20th, spring begins on our calendar. For Christians on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday's celebration rings through the churches and streets as we enter Holy Week and a journey from the winter of death and the cross to renewal and the spring of the resurrection.

There is something about March that feels like standing on a threshold. The world is not fully awake, yet it is no longer asleep. Snowbanks shrink, birds test their voices again, and the sun lingers just a little longer each evening. We find ourselves watching for signs. Some small, ordinary, hopeful signs that the world is thawing and something new is beginning.

Scripture speaks this same language of holy anticipation. In Isaiah 43:19, God declares, *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* It is a verse that feels tailor-made for this season. Even before the flowers bloom or the grass turns green, God invites us to look closely, to notice the quiet beginnings of renewal, and to trust that new life is already stirring beneath the surface.

St. Patrick understood this kind of watching and waiting. Legend tells us he used the three leaves of the shamrock to teach the mystery of the Trinity. The simple green sign of God's presence in the everyday world. Today, the clover still reminds us that God often speaks through the small and the ordinary: a leaf, a breeze, a lengthening day, a whisper of hope. And in the rare four-leaf clover, many Christians see a symbol of faith, hope, love, and grace. God's gifts that carry us through every season.

As Palm Sunday approaches, we feel the shift from winter's barrenness toward the promise of resurrection. Holy Week invites us to walk with Jesus through the shadows, through betrayal, suffering, and the cross and not to dwell in darkness, but to witness how God transforms even the coldest places of our lives. The journey from Good Friday to Easter morning mirrors the journey from winter to spring: what seemed dead begins to rise; what felt lost is restored; what looked final becomes the doorway to something new.

March teaches us patience. Holy Week teaches us trust. And Easter teaches us that God's renewal is not only seasonal, but also personal. The same God who brings life out of frozen ground brings life out of weary hearts. The same God who turns winter into spring turns sorrow into hope.

So, as the world begins to green again, may we open our eyes to the new things God is doing among us. May we notice the small signs of grace. And may we walk toward Easter with hearts ready to be renewed.

With many thanks for you and the love of Christ,

*Minister Brent*

# SAVE THE DATE!

Grace Lutheran Church Presents:

## PULL-IN & PIG-OUT

DRIVE-THRU

### PULLED PORK DINNER



FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH 4 - 7 PM

**\$10 PER MEAL**

**MENU INCLUDES:**

- ★ Pulled Pork
- ★ Frog Eyed Salad
- ★ Chips
- ★ Pickles
- ★ Dixie Cup Ice Cream

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213 ROOSEVELT AVE • DETROIT LAKES, MN

**PULL UP TO RECEIVE YOUR MEALS TO GO!**

*A special thank you to Chad & Maggie Schmit, who have graciously donated the funds needed for this event. Thanks to Jeff Leitheiser who prepares the pulled pork. Thanks to all the volunteers who help to make this a successful event.*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- First Communion classes will be held on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> following the worship service.
- \* Sunday School students will be singing on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.
- \* First Communion ceremony will be held during Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 2, 2026
- \* NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.
- \* Last Day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 17, 2026.
- \* Honor graduates on Sunday, May 17, 2026

## CONFIRMATION

- \* Students are to attend Wednesday Lenten Worship services in place of classes.
- \* Remember to sign up to usher, lector or greet. Also, be working on your memory work.
- \* Confirmation Students and Parents will be holding a Palm Sunday Breakfast to be held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> following worship service. Please plan your participation with Minister Brent or Becky Esser. Profits will be going to the Christian Education Fund.



## CHURCH MEETINGS

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.  
Jason Bristlin has devotions and helping with communion.

### CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

Christian Education will meet Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

# **MARCH USHERS, GREETERS, LECTORS -- 9:30 A.M.**

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
March 1, 2026	Lani Olson	Michelle Pary Sonia Anderson	Lani Olson
March 8, 2026	Ryker Badar	Kevin & Kathy Erickson	
March 15, 2026	Sonia Anderson	Blair & Kelly Westrum	Sonia Anderson
March 22, 2026			Tom Lormis
March 29, 2026	Ryker Badar		

# **LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES 6:30 P.M.**

DATE	GREETER	USHERS	LECTOR	WORK GROUP SERVING SUPPER
March 4, 2026				Group 2
March 11, 2026	Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Gale LaFerriere	Group 1
March 18, 2026	Megan, Greg & Carter Schwoboda	Kevin & Kathy Erickson	Kelly Carrier	Group 3
March 25, 2026	Megan, Greg & Carter Schwoboda	Kelly & Kaitlyn Carrier	Kaitlyn Carrier	Group 2

# **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH**

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
March 1, 2026	Psalm 121	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5. 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 8, 2026	Psalm 95	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11	John 5:1-11
March 15, 2026	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 22, 2026	Psalm 130	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
March 29, 2026 PALM SUNDAY	Psalm 31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66

**IT'S A GRACE THING!**



**PLEASE, PLEASE,** sign up to help with serving coffee fellowship on Sundays. If we don't fill the slots, there will not be any coffee/fellowship time. We don't want this to happen!! Thank you for your help

<b>MARCH</b>	<b><u>Coffee/Fellowship</u></b>
<b>March 1</b>	Rita Hendrickson Glennis Olson
<b>March 8</b>	Gale LaFerriere
<b>March 15</b>	Lois Flatau Karen Bunnis
<b>March 22</b>	Anita Hill Kathryn Erickson
<b>March 29</b>	Pancake Breakfast served by Confirmation students & Parents

### **VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROVIDE DESSERTS FOR GRACE CAFÉ!**

There will be a sign-up sheet being passed around during the annual meeting to sign up. There will be a change to accommodate the larger numbers being served on Wednesdays. We will need **2 people** to provide the desserts each Wednesday. This will help alleviate having 1 person having to provide the desserts. Please consider signing up or even volunteer to help out in whatever way you can. Thanks!

<b>GRACE CAFÉ</b>	<b>DESSERT PROVIDERS</b>
March 4	
March 11	Kathryn Erickson Anita Hill
March 18	Lois Flatau Karen Bunnis
March 25	Glennis Olson Gale Laferriere

<p><b>PLEASE BRING ENOUGH DESSERT FOR ABOUT 80 PEOPLE.</b></p>
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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

## March 6

Kraig Erickson

## March 7

Joyce Hanson

## March 16

Kaycee Brogren, Jr

## March 25

Dan Lane

## March 26

Robbie Bennett

## March 31

Geri Ann McDermond

# MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this month.

God Bless You  
On your  
Anniversary

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.



### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

*Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.*

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave

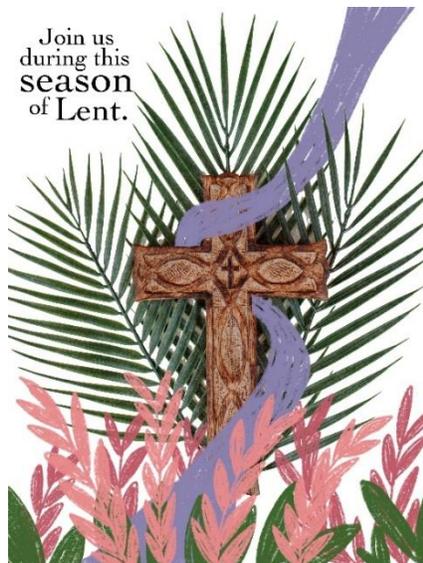
**Clarice Anderson**

Oak Crossing 1040 Lincoln Ave

**Jeri Ann McDermond**

## **MARCH EVENTS**

March 1, 2026	9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. <u>Coffee/Fellowship</u>
March 4, 2026	11:00-1:00 Grace Café 5:30 P.M. Lenten Meal with Group 2 serving 6:30 P.M. <u>Lenten Worship Service</u>
March 8, 2026	9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion & Noisy Offering 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 A.M. <u>Church Council meeting</u>
March 11, 2026	11:00-1:00 Grace Café 5:30 P.M. Lenten Meal with Group 1 serving 6:30 P.M. <u>Lenten Worship Service</u>
March 15, 2026	9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. <u>Coffee/Fellowship</u>
March 18, 2026	11:00-1:00 Grace Café 5:30 P.M. Lenten Meal with Group 3 serving 6:30 P.M. <u>Lenten Worship Service</u>
March 21, 2026	<u>Great NWMN Synod Get Together @ Bemidji, MN</u>
March 22, 2026	9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion & Noisy Offering 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship 10:15 A.M. <u>First Communion class</u>
March 25, 2026	11:00-1:00 Grace Café 5:30 P.M. Lenten Meal with Group 2 serving 6:30 P.M. <u>Lenten Worship Service</u>
March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)	9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion & Noisy Offering 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 A.M. Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Confirmation class



# Inspirational March Quotes: Words of Wisdom to Motivate and Inspire

1. "March on. Do not tarry. To go forward is to move toward perfection."
2. "In the garden of life, March is the time to sow seeds of hope, courage, and perseverance."
3. "As March unfolds its wings, let your dreams take flight and soar to new heights."
4. March reminds us that even the longest journey begins with a single step. Keep moving forward."
5. "With the arrival of March comes the promise of renewal, growth, and endless possibilities."
6. "Let March be the month where you choose to bloom, grow, and thrive in the face of challenges."
7. March whispers the promise of new beginnings, fresh starts, and the courage to chase your dreams."
8. "Embrace the winds of change that March brings, for they carry the seeds of your future success."
9. "As the earth awakens from its slumber, let March awaken your spirit to the infinite possibilities that lie ahead."
10. "March is a reminder that with patience, perseverance, and a positive mindset, anything is possible."
11. "March is like a box of chocolates... you never know what weather you're gonna get."
12. "In March, we do a little dance called 'putting on a coat in the morning and regretting it by noon.'"
13. As March begins, let's welcome the possibilities that lie ahead with open hearts and minds."
14. On this first day of March, let's plant the seeds of kindness, compassion, and positivity that will blossom throughout the month."



# Spring forward in faith!

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and *join us on time for worship.*

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**



As you do your spring cleaning, please consider giving any unwanted items to Grace Lutheran for the Spring Rummage Sale. Clean, next to new clothes of all sizes are needed.

We need crafts and other items also.

We will have a bake sale also. So be thinking of items you would like to bake and donate to the bake sale.

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## Rummage Sale



*Some of the proceeds  
will be given to a local  
charity.*

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

**4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

**8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

### Many quality items for everyone!

*BBQ's & Chips served  
Friday night.*



*Cinnamon & caramel  
rolls served on Saturday  
morning!*



*BBQ's meal served also.*

### Next to New Shoppe!!



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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213 Roosevelt Avenue  
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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 A.M.  
Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round  
Office Hours 9:00 till Noon M – F

*“Come and join us in growing into God’s  
amazing Grace.”*

**EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE**

*Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong*

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

March 2026

Vision Statement--Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

**Address Service Requested**

**LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE**

**LENTEN SERVICES**--- March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25

Lenten meal beginning at 5:30 P.M. and worship service at 6:30 P.M.

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP** on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School children will be singing. A breakfast will be served by the Confirmation students following the worship service.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** Thurs, April 2 @ 6:30 P.M.

First Communion for the current 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** on Friday, April 3 @ 6:30 P.M.

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, April 5 @ 9:30 A.M.

Rolls will be served prior to and following worship service.

*SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED*