

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

In his first letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul addressed concerns and confusion in regards to the resurrection of Christ. Understandably so, this was not a common experience and so people were likely to have questions. He wrestles with the difficult topic of life and death, and how Jesus' resurrection changes everything they once knew about the cycle of life. Aside from a few rare miracles, death had been rather permanent both physically and spiritually. My favorite part of Paul's explanation comes at 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, "When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'" I think that phrase is spoken differently for each of us depending on what season of life we are in. For some it might be a loud, boisterous yell, like a triumphant warrior. For others it might be an exhausted cry, emanating from what remains after a difficult season. For me, it's a point of hope, a reminder that in my darkest moments, that victory has already been won! It's like watching your favorite show or movie, and knowing the ending provides comfort in facing the conflict. This is different from when Lazarus or the little girl were brought back to life. While those are powerful, they are not permanent. Jesus is STILL alive and resurrected to this day.

In a few weeks we will gather together for worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will remember Jesus washing the disciples' feet, breaking bread, and surrendering himself to death on the cross. But on Easter Sunday we celebrate that the tomb is still empty, Christ is still risen, and the grave is still defeated. I want to encourage you to invite others in your life to come join us for these wonderful opportunities to experience Christ's victory once again. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 13th:	4:45 pm Soup Supper
	6:00 pm Lent Worship Service
	6:00 pm Youth Group
	6:30 pm <i>In Plain Sight</i> Book Study
	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, April 14th	6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 15th	6:00 pm Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 17th	10:00 am Worship Services



PRAYER LIST

CARE FACILITIES:

Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)
 Pat Walter (Villa Maria)
 Don Walter (Pioneer House)
 Jim Jameson (River Pointe)

AT HOME:

Carol Devine Luann Larson
 Del Larson Linda Beck

April Birthdays

3— E. Fangsrud
 9 - M. Hoganson
 11—S. Gedrose
 J. Burkhardt
 16 - M. Eisen
 17—M. Borgen
 23—E. Thiseth
 25—A. Severson
 30 - L. Possehl



Ministry TEAM Program. A Way of Being the Church at GUMC! The TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and readers to our congregation. TEAM #3 (Apr/Oct) TEAM coordinators are: T. & P. Newgard and

P. and K. Anderson
 218-299-2022—J. & L. Denny
 218-329-2837—J. & J. Eide,
 218-236-8820—B. & S. Frangsrud & Family
 218-236-7319—C. & R. Goldade
 218-233-1969—D. & J. Graning
 218-233-6411—B. & C. Krogen
 218-790-6829—B. Rowland
 —B. Wagner
 701-388-6690— R. Wagner
 218-287-4316—B. & S. Martin
 701-364-3950—P. & D. Walter
 763-438-6746— P. Welsh & Family

SPRING POTLUCK



The Women of Grace invite all women to the spring potluck. It will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm in the connection center. Please join us, bring a dish to share and your own tableware.”

BREAKFAST



A pancake breakfast will be served on Palm Sunday, April 10th after Worship Services. Please plan to stay and enjoy a stack of delicious pancakes.



APRIL Anniversaries

11—J. & B. Fraundorfer
 15—S. & N. Grow
 29—L. & S. Simmons
 30 - L. & J. Possehl

BY THE NUMBERS

Average Worship Attendance

	In-Person	Online	Total
March	68	42	110
YTD	50	46	96

Financials

17% of yearly budget funded as of March 28
 \$715.72 raised for UMCOR

LATTER RAIN MINISTRIES

Latter Rain Ministries is a Pentecostal Church that will be temporarily renting our facilities On Sunday's from 12:00 until 3:00 pm and Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30. They are in the process of finding a permanent Church.

WORSHIP AT GRACE - 10:00 A.M.

**WORSHIP LIVESTREAM ON: Facebook:
 Grace UM Church Moorhead page and ON THE
 WEBSITE: www.graceumcmoorhead.org**

FINANCIAL STATUS OF GRACE

After several years of pandemic disruption in our Church life, the leadership team would like to take this opportunity to inform the Congregation as to the state of our current fiscal health. Thanks to the dedicated giving of our members, the fundraising projects of the Women of Grace, strong returns on the investments in the Endowment Fund, and several substantial gifts of shares of stock, it is safe to say that Grace UMC is in a very strong financial position.

Here are several highlights (and there are many others):

3 large gifts of shares of stock totaling	\$165,000
Endowment Fund Income and Return on Investments	\$ 43,000
Women of Grace donations (Donuts, Fall Festival, etc.)	\$ 20,600
Paid off the construction loan	
Paid all current Special Assessments on Church and Parsonage	
Paid for concrete and asphalt project in parking lot	
We are current on all bills	

Current and Upcoming Projects: approved and/or under discussion

- Major landscaping around building
- Concrete leveling at several entryways
- New soundboard in sanctuary
- Light diffusing film for Sanctuary windows (WOG)
- Solidify Wi-Fi accessibility throughout the building
- Security cameras in entryway and Narthex
- New monitor screens in Sanctuary
- Assessment of needs to complete repairs on the organ
- Repair / replace cabinets in Nursery
- Paint Youth Room (Youth Project)
- New privacy fence / gates at Parsonage

Going forward, the leadership team and Pastor Taylor will be asking several members to form a small task force to help envision how to utilize the funds that are currently available for general use, building maintenance, and other areas that need attention. And we would hope that the congregation would offer up any ideas on how we can truly make Grace UMC the “Church of the Neighborhood”.

We would also like members of the congregation to take a moment to give thanks to God for just how blessed we truly are by His grace.

Thank you from Operations and Resources:

P. Murray, D. Stead, T. Grow, A. Ybarra, D. Graning, J. Graning,
D. Larson, L. Burkhardt, S. Martin, P. Anderson, and Pastor Taylor Johnson

Grace United Methodist

April 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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3 9:00 am Lent Book Study 10:00 am Worship W/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 12:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	4 1:00 pm quilting	5	6 4:45 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lent Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	7 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	8	9
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Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Apr 1	am: 102, pm: 142, 143	Jer 20:7-11	1 Cor 10:14-17, 11:27-32	John 17
Apr 2	am: 95, 22, pm: 40, 54	Gen 22:1-14	1 Pet 1:10-20	John 13:36-38
Apr 3	am: 95, 88, pm 27	Job 19:21-27a	Heb 4:1-16	-
Apr 4	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 113, 114	Exod 12:1-14		John 1:1-18
Apr 5	am: 93, 98, pm: 66	Jon 2:1-9	Acts 2:14, 22-32	John 14:1-14
Apr 6	am: 103, pm: 111, 114	Isa 30:18-21	Acts 2:26-47	John 14:15-31
Apr 7	am: 97, 99, pm: 115	Mic 7:7-15a	Acts 3:1-10	John 15:1-11
Apr 8	am: 146, 147, pm: 148, 149	Eze 37:1-14	Acts 3:11-26	John 15:12-27
Apr 9	am: 136, pm: 118	Dan 12:1-4, 13	Acts 4:1-12	John 16:1-15
Apr 10	am: 145, pm: 104	Isa 25:1-9	Acts 4:13-31	John 16:16-33
Apr 11	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 43:8-13	1 Pet 2:2-10	John 14:1-7
Apr 12	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Dan 1:1-21	1 Jn 1:1-10	John 17:1-11
Apr 13	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Dan 2:1-16	1 Jn 2:1-11	John 17:12-19
Apr 14	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Dan 2:17-30	1 Jn 2:12-17	John 17:20-26
Apr 15	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Dan 2:31-49	1 Jn 2:18-29	Luke 3:1-14
Apr 16	am: 16, 17, pm: 134, 135	Dan 3:1-18	1 Jn 3:1-10	Luke 3:15-22
Apr 17	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	Dan 3:19-30	1 Jn 3:11-18	Luke 4:1-13
Apr 18	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Dan 4:1-18	1 Pet 4:7-11	John 21:15-25
Apr 19	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Dan 4:19-27	1 Jn 3:19-4:6	Luke 4:14-30
Apr 20	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Dan 4:28-37	1 Jn 4:7-21	Luke 4:31-37
Apr 21	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Dan 5:1-12	1 Jn 5:1-12	Luke 4:38-44
Apr 22	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Dan 5:13-21	1 Jn 5:13-21	Luke 5:1-11
Apr 23	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Dan 6:1-15	2 Jn 1-13	Luke 5:12-26
Apr 24	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Dan 6:16-28	3 Jn 1-15	Luke 5:27-39
Apr 25	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Josh 4:19-24, 5:1-9	1 Pet 5:1-11	Matt 7:15-29
Apr 26	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Josh 10:16-27	Col 1:1-14	Luke 6:1-11
Apr 27	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Josh 10:28-43	Col 1:15-23	Luke 6:12-26
Apr 28	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Josh 11:1-23	Col 1:24-2:7	Luke 6:27-38
Apr 29	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 114, 115	Josh 13:1-13	Col 2:8-23	Luke 6:39-49
Apr 30	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Josh 13:14-32	Col 3:1-11	Luke 7:1-17

SERMON SERIES

Series Title: **In Plain Sight**

April 3: "Oil" - Matthew 26:6-13
April 10: "Coats" - Genesis 37:1-11
(Palm Sunday) **Luke 19:29-40**
April 17: "Stones" - Luke 24:1-12
(Easter Sunday)

WOMEN OF GRACE

WOG will be updating their booklet to include a list of Grace women who want to attend WOG meetings and events regularly. If you would like to have your name and contact info included, please e-mail, call, or text P. Murray at murrayrap@aol.com or 701-361-2745 by April 15. You are always invited to attend even if your name is not in this booklet.

THE REAL MEANING OF THE CROSS



"At the cross we understand what God means when he talks of loving us, begin to take it in that there is nothing that he will not do, no sacrifice he will not make, no suffering that he will shirk, if only he can help us. 'He loved me,' said Paul, standing upon Calvary and gazing in a stunned way at the cross, 'I who was a persecutor, and a blasphemer, and injurious, and yet he loved me and he gave himself for me.' And with that [Paul's] heart broke, and the old life was gone."

Scottish preacher Arthur John Gossip,
In a 1926 sermon titled
"What Happens at Calvary"

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