

# Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM  
Children's Sunday School 10:15 AM

## GREETINGS:

In [Matthew 5:16](#), Jesus says, *“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

Being the light of Jesus Christ helps us share with others. People will recognize it as something beautiful and important. The light will guide them to learn more about Jesus' love so they can have that same positive feeling. That warm feeling, deep down inside when we are examples of Christ's love, is where the heated blood enlarges our heart and gives us that warm feeling from the Holy Spirit's flame. A symbol of “Great job, good and faithful servant!” It's what makes kids smile and giggle with joy when they are praised. Being called doesn't mean you have to be a minister. Share your love of God by reaching out to friends, and strangers in need. God is putting you in a place where you are needed.

Each of us is entrusted to be light-bearers. In other words, we do not produce the light within us, God does. Through our good works, people may glorify the One who gives that light. There will be challenges and disappointments in helping others. God will never leave you. He is building your strength and endurance. Don't let Satan try to keep you away by telling you they are bad people or worthless. Our Savior is reminding you that you are needed. Be like Christ!

First, you can spread the light by showing [compassion](#). Jesus didn't care about their past, kind of job, status, gender, or their beliefs. Look at the high priests, the men of God supposedly, who were responsible for the crucifixion. What were they thinking as Christ died, and the sky turned black, and the temple curtains were torn, and our Savior arose on the third day? They couldn't find a hole deep enough to hide from God. On the other side is the prostitute at the well, that the men wanted to stone?

Another way of letting our light shine before others is to practice [humility](#). We are called to [be humble](#) in all things, knowing that it is only through the grace of God that we “live and move, and have our being”. Humility also means the willingness to confess our sins before God and others. In doing so, we demonstrate our acceptance to correction and guidance.

[Generosity](#) is another means of letting our light shine before others. Christians are called to be generous with their money, time, resources, and love. Everything that we have belongs to God. We are who we are by the grace of God. So, we should share our God-given blessings with those in need, and give without expecting anything in return.

[Forgiveness](#), is knowing Jesus taught us we should forgive others as we have been forgiven. Thus, we should seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us—and with those whom we have wronged—to promote peace and unity.

There are many ways to let our light shine before others. We can volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter, donate money to a charity, or be kind and compassionate to someone in need. We can also lend an ear to a friend who is going through a tough time and offer words of encouragement. We can simply smile and say, “Hello,” to a friend or stranger on the street. We never know how our actions may help at that particular moment.

Perhaps the best way to let our light shine before others is to share the gospel, the “good news”, with others. For many that is hard to do. My mother was a devoted Christian that raised four Christian children. However, she could not speak up when others didn't respect the Bible and its teaching. We should not be afraid to share, for God will give us all the strength we need to do His work.

The ultimate purpose of letting our light shine before others is not to draw attention to ourselves, or to promote our own interests; rather, it is about living in such a way that others will glorify our Father in heaven. Of course, this is not an easy task. It can be difficult to maintain a spirit of compassion, humility, generosity, and forgiveness in a world that is often characterized by hatred, anger, and division. We may even be met with resistance and opposition. We are not alone. We have the Holy Spirit within us, and He empowers and guides us to reflect the glory of God. We need miracles. Be a miracle worker. Remember, if He brings you to it, He will get you through it! It's time to get started! Amen!

(With credit to [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org))

Del Larson, CLM



### PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

Pat Walter	(Elim)
Don Walter	(Pioneer House)
Jim Jameson	(River Pointe)
Will Wehrman	(Eventide—Fargo)
Shirley Mohr	(Serenity)

### PRAYER LIST hospitalized or home

Lynette Andel	Jean Graning
Luann Larson	Linda Gibson
Eddie Ybarra	Paul Kemper
Larry Possehl	Rick Abel



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 #4 (May/Nov.)  
 701-371-3536—G. & T. Anderson  
 701-429-4828—J. & L. Burkhardt  
 218-233-8038—G. Clifton  
 218-287-1969—B. and J. Fraundorfer  
 701-541-2490—S. & L. Gedrose  
 763-258-4967—B. & N. Herman  
 701-238-5025—L. Jensen  
 218-236-1747—C. Ladwig  
 408-660-5268—A. & H. Mauer  
 218-233-3917—C. & R. Miller  
 218-329-1835—J. Miller  
 218-329-8111—J. Miller  
 218-233-3888—E. Vollbrecht



### May Birthdays

- 1—B. Krogen
- 2—K. Anderson
- 3—A. Gumto
- 4—J. Miller
- 6—O. Larson
- 7—K. Jacobson
- 8—L. Dick  
C. Gedrose
- 14—J. Burkhardt  
W. Brown
- 19—E. Vollbrecht  
C. Boman
- 22—B. Hanna
- 24—L. Andel
- 25—T. Schindler
- 28—E. Beck
- 30—N. Grow



### DONUTS

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts are being made on May 1st, 15th & 29th for \$10.00 a dozen. To place an order for donuts call the office, 233-1857, use the sign up sheet on the table in the Connection Center, or the website: [www.graceumcmoorhead.org/donuts](http://www.graceumcmoorhead.org/donuts).

### #WOG SPRING POTLUCK



The Women of Grace annual spring potluck will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Tableware will be provided. All women are welcome to join in the Fellowship.

### COME, HOLY SPIRIT

As the blood of Christ is the fountain of all merit, so the Holy Spirit is the fountain of all spiritual life; and until he quickens us, imparts the principle of divine life to our souls, we can put forth no vital act of faith to lay hold upon Jesus Christ—Charles H. Brent



### May Anniversaries

- 22—B. & Z. Hanna
- 27—R. & C. Abel
- 31—B. & S. Fangsrud

Prayers for Pastor Taylor and D. Stead as they travel to Bloomington to attend the Annual Conference Convention, May 29th and 30th.

### WORSHIP AT GRACE 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES are livestreamed on Facebook and on the website: [graceumcmoorhead.org](http://graceumcmoorhead.org)

Offerings may be mailed to Grace UMC, 1120 17th Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560

Online giving available through Givelify! Go to [graceumcmoorhead.org/give](http://graceumcmoorhead.org/give) and click the button to make your one time or recurring gift.

## GRADUATION



Congratulations to all the students who are graduating . We wish all graduates much success on their future plans of furthering their education or beginning their working career.

### **M. BORGEN**, child of C. and D.

Borgen is graduating from Dilworth Glyndon Felton on Friday, May 24th. Everyone is invited to an open house held in honor of M. on Saturday, May 25th from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm at The Depot at Whistle Stop Park in Dilworth, 3 4th Street NE. M. has been involved with theater and plans to attend MState for auto mechanics.

**B. BECK**, daughter of L. and J. Beck will graduate from Moorhead High School, on May 24th, with honors, Magnum Cum Laude and will pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

**M. GROW**, son of S. Grow will graduate from Moorhead High School, on May 24th.

### **A. GORMAN**, Grandson of J.

Anderson will graduate from high school in May, 2024, his future plans are undecided.

**A. ROBERTS** will graduate from MSUM.

### **S. BOATENG**, friend of J. and

J. Eide will graduate from MSUM with a double major in computer science and cybersecurity.

## TONGUES OF FIRE



Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2, when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background—other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.

## INSIGHT ON CONFIRMATION

In May, many churches celebrate confirmation, a practice with biblical roots. For example, Peter and John are sent to “[lay] their hands on” new believers and “[pray] for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:15, 17, NRSV).

In the early church , new Christians, most of whom were adult converts, received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, the practice became for pastors and priests to baptize but for only bishops to “confirm” a baptism, or make it official, granting the baptized full membership in the church.

Later, confirmation became a rite by which adolescents, often following intensive Christian education, profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Some denominations prefer the term “affirmation of baptism.”

Confirmation serves as a milestone of faith, when young adults begin embracing a life of discipleship with a sense of purpose.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to J. Anhorn, son of O. and A. Anhorn and grandson of R. and P. Murray and C. Warriner, daughter of C. and L. Warriner. They will be confirmed on Sunday, May 5th.

## THANKS, MOM!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. “I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life,” he said. “She’s a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice.”

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. “It’s really hard to read my mom’s handwriting,” he said.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
May 1	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Exod 24:1-18	Col 2:8-23	Matt 4:12-17
May 2	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Exod 24:1-22	Col 3:1-17	Matt 4:18-25
May 3	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Exod 28:1-4, 30-38	1 John 2:18-29	Mark 6:30-44
May 4	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Exod 32:1-20	Col 3:18-4:18	Matt 5:1-10
May 5	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Exod 32:21-34	1 Thess 1:1-10	Matt 5:11-16
May 6	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Exod 33:1-23	1 Thess 2:1-12	Matt 5:17-20
May 7	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 114, 115	Exod 34:1-17	1 Thess 2:13-20	Matt 5:21-26
May 8	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Exod 34:18-35	1 Thess 3:1-13	Matt 5:27-37
May 9	am: 55, pm: 138	Exod 40:18-38	1 Thess 4:1-12	Matt 5:38-48
May 10	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Lev 8:1-13, 30-36	Heb 12:1-14	Luke 4:16-30
May 11	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Lev 16:1-19	1 Thess 4:13-18	Matt 6:1-15
May 12	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Lev 16:20-34	1 Thess 5:1-11	Matt 6:16-18
May 13	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Lev 19:1-8	1 Thess 5:12-28	Matt 6:19-24
May 14	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Lev 19:26-37	2 Thess 1:1-12	Matt 6:25-34
May 15	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Lev 23:1-22	2 Thess 2:1-17	Matt 7:1-12
May 16	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Lev 23:23-44	2 Thess 3:1-18	Matt 7:13-21
May 17	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Lev 25:1-17	James 1:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
May 18	am: 80, pm: 77, 79	Lev 25:35-55	James 1:12-18	Matt 13:1-16
May 19	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Lev 26:1-20	1 Tim 2:1-6	Matt 13:18-23
May 20	am: 119:97-120, pm: 68:1-20	Lev 26:27-42	Eph 1:1-10	Matt 22:41-46
May 21	am: 8, 47, pm: 24, 96	Dan 7:9-14	Heb 2:5-18	Matt 28:16-20
May 22	am: 85, 86, pm: 91, 92	1 Sam 2:1-10	Eph 2:1-10	Matt 7:22-27
May 23	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Num 11:16-17, 24-29	Eph 2:11-22	Matt 7:28-8:4
May 24	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Exod 3:1-12	Heb 12:18-29	Matt 10:17-24
May 25	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Josh 1:1-9	Eph 3:1-13	Matt 8:5-17
May 26	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	1 Sam 16:1-13	Eph 3:14-21	Matt 8:18-27
May 27	am: 101,109:1-30, pm: 119:121	Isa 4:2-6	Eph 4:1-16	Matt 8:28-34
May 28	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Zech 4:1-14	Eph 4:17-32	Matt 9:1-8
May 29	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Jere 31:27-34	Eph 5:1-20	Matt 9:9-17
May 30	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	Eze 36:22-27	Eph 6:10-24	Matt 9:18-26
May 31	am: 118, pm: 145	Deut 16:9-12	Acts 4:18-33	John 4:19-26



# Grace United Methodist

## May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6:00 am Donut Making 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2:00 pm Bridal Shower
<b>5</b> 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion and Confirmation 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 12:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>6</b> 1:00 pm Quilting	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm AA	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Graduation Party
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 12:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm Quilting	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm AA 6:30 pm WOG Potluck	<b>15</b> 6:00 am Donut Making 9:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 pm Latter Rain Dance Practice
<b>19</b> 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 12:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Leadership Team	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm AA	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Graduation Party
<b>26</b> 10:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	<b>27</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm AA	<b>29</b> 6:00 am Donut Making 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries  <b>Minnesota Annual Conference– May 29-30th Bloomington</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>31</b>	



## OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2024 Offutt Scholarship are now available.

These scholarships are available to members of Grace UMC and their families for post-secondary education for the coming academic year. Applications are due in the office by August 1, 2024. These funds are generated by a generous gift from the Ron and Lidia Offutt family to the Grace UMC Endowment Fund. The applications are available on the Church website: [www.graceumcmoorhead.org](http://www.graceumcmoorhead.org). Under forms. If you have any questions about the Scholarships or about the Grace UMC Endowment and its activities, please contact P. Anderson.



Memorial Day—May 27th, 2024



## UNANSWERED PRAYER

When prayers go unanswered, we may ask if God hears. Is he listening? Is he even there? If he hears, why is he silent? Does he really love me? Does he care?

We may ask such questions in moments of desperation and discouragement. But let us consider an alternative possibility, a truth supported throughout Scripture: No prayer goes unanswered.

As William Arthur said “To someone who prays in faith, unanswered prayers are simply the evidence that the answer is much closer.”

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