

Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool  
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## **Worship Services**

Sunday 10:30 am & Sunday School  
Bible Class 9am  
Contemporary 4:30

### The filter of God?

2 Corinthians 10:5b "... and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

I read something about how we filter our ideas and thoughts. It really hit home for me. I can think back over various days or times in my life, and in hindsight, identify different experiences, which impacted how I viewed things. Many years ago I had a very tough day. No matter what I tried to work on, it seemed that I made no progress at all. It was a couple of days after someone had gone through heart surgery. The surgery had gone well so I should have been very grateful. I was thankful that God had protected her, and that the doctor had found the problem before anything more serious happened. However, I still remained unsettled, as she was very upset over her hands being restrained and a tube remaining down her throat. Around that same time, there was a potential problem with our baby and we were waiting to find out if there was any reason to be concerned. I did not find myself obsessing over these situations, but when I tried to work, I felt like I was incapable.

I think the things going on in our lives affect all of us. Our past experiences and our worries about the future influence how we perceive our world today. I can think of friends where I noticed that one significant area of their life was influencing everything else. I realized that we all have our filters. Sometimes the filter is good, and sometimes it is not so good. When disease or illness strikes, we may see our world through the filter of pain and fear. A new job can bring a different filter. Initially, the transition may be very stressful. However, the filter may end up being great if we find a job that we love.

Each day we make choices that can influence how we filter. In turn, our filters can influence our future choices. By becoming aware of the filters we use, we can make better choices. Look at your own life. The things you spend time, energy and money on are the things that are most important to you. Think about whether these things are truly most important to you. If not, what is the first thing that needs to be removed from your daily routine? Spend time doing what is most important to you. If we always talk about quality time with family and friends, but never actually spend time with them, we are not living our values. If prayer and Bible study are important to us, we will spend time each day in these activities. By determining what we value, we will determine what we want to spend more time doing. Do not forget that our desires are not always God's desires.

Sometimes our sins can bring a filter that tries to hide the sin from us. We may get defensive about little things because of our guilt. We may become irritable or untrusting. Our best filter is the one we have through the cross of Jesus as forgiven children of God. Try to imagine what your life would be like if you saw everything through that filter. What if we started every day with the filter of Psalm 118:24? "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God can change the way we approach our day. Let God start today. I pray that the power of God's filter may change our lives today and into the future.

Pastor

"Procrastinate: something you do when you don't!"

## Yes, I can!

I cannot end poverty, but  
I can feed one hungry person.  
I cannot stop war, but  
I can offer peace to my neighbor.  
I cannot prevent death, but  
I can hold the hand of someone who is dying.

These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change.

Christ reminds us of their worth: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

## A Hymn Mix-Up With a Message

C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn’t have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled “Just As I Am, Without a Clue.”

Whether it’s “without a clue” or “without a plea,” the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

### What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



### What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5–6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David’s son, to head up the building program. Why wasn’t David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David’s attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: 1 Chronicles 28:3



Maundy Thursday—  
April 2 @ 7pm

Good Friday—  
April 3 @ 7pm

Easter Breakfast—  
April 5 @ 9am

Easter Worship Service—  
10:30am

Egg Hunt—11:30

Grace Budget Summary	2026 Actual Jan—Feb	2026 Budget
Income	65,155	42,941
Expenses	41,725	47,473
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	23,430	(4,532)

## Hello, Grace church!

We spent March learning about our community. We learned ways that we can be community helpers and we put some of these ideas into meaningful practice with our annual Trike-A-Thon, benefiting children receiving treatment at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. It's a fun way to practice bike safety as well!

In April we look forward to coming back together after spring break, celebrating the Easter season together and learning about spring! We will be getting ready for our big events and end of the year activities as well.

It's hard to believe that this year is nearing its close for these wonderful students! Some will return for their second year this fall, and some will be moving on up to kindergarten! We feel so privileged to walk with these little ones and bear witness to their growing minds, their capacity to love others and to love God. It's so neat to get to see when something really "clicks" for them!

A big thanks to our volunteers who come to prep projects and help with special events, and those who pray over our kiddos. We are so grateful for your support!

Servants	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
<b>ALTAR COMM.</b>	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann
<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b>	Joan Gregory	Sandie Miller	Caeden	Kristi Galbraith
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	All		Sandie Miller	
<b>PIANIST</b>	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
<b>USHERS</b>	Caeden	Dick Johnson	Jon Huffman	Bruce Shelton
<b>Flowers</b>	Easter			
<b>Slides</b>	Patty Berg	Caeden	Steve Galbraith	Steve Roe



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday 7pm	3 Good Friday 7pm	4
5 <b>Easter</b> 9:00 Breakfast 10:30 Worship w. Com. 11:30 Egg Hunt	6	7	8	9 Men's Bible Study 4:30	10	11 Audrey Brown Memorial 2pm
12 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Sunday School 4:30 Contemporary	13	14 Preschool Prep 2pm	15	16	17	18
19 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Com. & Sunday School 4:30 Contemporary <b>Family Dinner</b>	20 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	21	22	23 Men's Bible Study 4:30	24 Secretary on vacation	25
26 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Sunday School 4:30 Contemporary	27 Secretary on vacation	28	29	30		

**BIRTHDAYS**

29 Darwyn Dehnke

30 Margaret Prior

**ANNIVERSARIES**

11 Leonard & Marsha Wahl  
Jane & Howard Woods

13 Kirk & April Mouw

20 Dan & Cheryl Persse  
Steven & Rachel Hrutfiord  
Jean Cartwright & Al Mason

26 Bruce & Margaret Prior

7 Shannon Hrutfiord

9 Theresa (Holleman) Goninan  
Sandie Miller

10 Jan Mouw  
Bella Elizabeth Hrutfiord

13 Thomas Berndtson

16 Loran Goninan  
Anthony Persse

17 Rick Faulkner

18 Mitchell Liebert

20 Dwight Luce

Chloe Archer  
Rowena Dehnke

21 Klaus Dittman

22 Erika (Gervol) Creydt

23 Shauna Johnson  
Beth (Thompson) Stoll

24 Kirk Mouw

27 Dale VanderYacht  
Nichole Thompson