

March 15, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Holy Week & Easter Schedule:

Sunday, March 29

- ✦ 8:30AM: Palm Sunday Traditional Worship
- ✦ 9:30AM-11AM: Palm Sunday Breakfast
- ✦ 10:45AM: Palm Sunday Contemporary Worship

Wednesday, April 1

- ✦ No Open Door Meal, BLAST, or Confirmation

Thursday, April 2

- ✦ 6:30PM: Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3

- ✦ 12:00PM: Good Friday Community Service hosted at Grace
- ✦ 6:30PM: Good Friday Worship

Sunday April 5

- ✦ 8:15AM: Easter Burning of the Baggage Box
- ✦ 8:30AM: Easter Traditional Worship w/ Re-dressing of the Altar
- ✦ 10:45AM: Easter Contemporary Worship

**Please note there is no 7AM Sunrise Worship.*



Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday Youth Breakfast

Please join our Confirmation Youth, in a time of fellowship, as they host Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday March 29, 9:30AM - 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. Free will donation will help support our youth in upcoming mission trips!



Mission Phantom Tea

Please relax and have a cup of tea from the missions table in the sanctuary, while contemplating all the blessings God has bestowed on us! The Phantom Tea is an effort to communicate our annual budget and raise funds for projects locally and globally that our Mission Team from Grace supports. Phantom Tea envelopes are available on the Mission table. Thank you for your continued outreach support for others!

Readings for Sunday, March 15: First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14, Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41



Save the Date: Baccalaureate Sunday

High School Baccalaureate Sunday will be on Sunday, March 22nd at the 10:45am worship service. We look forward to celebrating with our seniors!

Hospitality Training on March 22

On Sunday, March 22, between the worship services, all current hospitality teams are invited to the Chapel for training. Nancy Backer will also be providing a refresher on AED and CPR. If you are interested in learning more about being an usher or greeter, please plan to attend as well.



The Season of Lent!

The season of Lent began on February 18 with Ash Wednesday. In the sanctuary, you will find a black box which is our Baggage Box. During this season, you are invited to write down any burden, sin, shame, or fear that is weighing you down and holding you back in your life and relationship with God and one another. On Easter morning, we will burn this box as a symbol of the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, lighting the Christ Candle from these flames. Confirmation students and their mentors are asked to worship together on Wednesdays in Lent as we sing *Unfailing Light* together with a time for discussion, ending at 7:15PM. We will also offer *Holden Evening Prayer* Wednesdays at noon in the chapel.



Easter Lily Order Form:

I would like to buy an Easter Lily:

IN MEMORY OF:



IN HONOR OF:

FROM:

Easter Lily: \$11 Quantity: _____

Please drop off order form and payment in church office.
Deadline for orders is March 19. Flowers may be picked up
anytime after the 10:45am Easter Service.

Sunday, March 15th

Ways of Grace Submission Deadline

- 8:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9:35AM Adult Ed. in the Lounge
- 10:45AM Contemporary Worship
- 11:45PM Council Meeting

- 12PM Holden Prayer Lenten Worship
- 4:30PM Open Door Community Meal
- 5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
- 5:30PM BLAST
- 6:30PM Unfailing Light Lenten Worship
- 6:30PM Confirmation
- 7:00PM High School Class

Monday, March 16th

- 9:00AM Staff Meeting
- 6:00PM Evening CBS

Thursday, March 19th

- 9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Tuesday, March 17th

- 9:00AM Sewing Circle
- 9:00AM Common Threads
- 1:00PM Prayer Meeting
- 1:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 2:00PM Worship Service Aired
- 4:30PM Women's Group

Friday, March 20th

Saturday, March 21st

Sunday, March 22nd

- 8:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9:35AM Adult Ed. in the Lounge
- 9:40AM Hospitality Training in the Chapel
- 10:45AM Contemporary Worship: Baptism, Baccalaureate Sunday

Wednesday, March 18th

- 9:00AM Women's CBS

PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan, Dawn Potthoff, Gladys, Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Steph Johnson, Karen Meier, Parker Lintelman, Kathleen Ferguson, MaryAnn Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, Nathan Marks, Karen, Delphine Hanson, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Elayne Hested, Loren Dunham, Leroy Sandberg, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Kaitlyn, Maynard Johnson, Sue Langford, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Susie Davis, Carolyn Bird.

Ongoing Concerns: For people to see Jesus in the face of their neighbor, those affected by the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land, for a revitalization of our faith community and re-connecting with one another as we enter into more familiar times, for our pastors and church staff that they may hear and bear witness to the Holy Spirit at work in our midst, for the Spirit's leading in our ministries within and outside the walls of the church, for continued generosity of people during these difficult economic times as prices of food and gas rise and cupboards are bare, for an end to racial injustice, for peace in our cities, and for our military and police officers who put their own lives on the line every day, and healing for our communities and world from the anger, division, and war that so many people are experiencing.



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:
 March 25: Baked Potato
 April 1: Holy Week - NO MEAL



OUTREACH

2026 Stewardship Stats	
\$526,496	2026 Annual Budget
\$98,609	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Mar 9
\$5,347	Collected March 3 - March 9
\$9,951	Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.



\$168,701 #48



\$118,000 on #15

Ministry Assistants for March- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, March 1	Sunday, March 8	Sunday, March 15	Sunday, March 22	Sunday, March 29
Communion Preparer	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler
Communion Server	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Marian Holland Mary Kotewa	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones	Kris Head Ben Jordan	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler
Lector	Scott Drever	DeeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang	Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher, Brian Huebert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Ministry Assistants for March- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, March 1	Sunday, March 8	Sunday, March 15	Sunday, March 22	Sunday, March 29
Communion Preparer	Becky & Dave Johnson	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Abby Ehlert Coleen Ehlert	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Brenda & Randy Lubenow
Communion Server	Connie Donnelly Joice Forster	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer
Lector	Brian Roggow	Debbie Morris	Abby Ehlert	Joice Forster	Carolyn Bird
Sound Tech	Louise Hendricks	Pam Krill	Amber Hansen	Amber Hansen	Blake Potthoff
Slide Tech	Amber Hansen	Corey Klanderud	Louise Hendricks	Justiss Hansen	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Brian Roggow Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Chris Nasby Tracy Bremer				

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