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Resurrection Appearances

Dear People of Grace;

“We look for the resurrection of the dead,” says the Nicene Creed. Many scripture texts in the season of Easter give us resurrection appearances of Christ. In Christ, we too have resurrection. We are raised to new life since we are buried with Christ in baptism. We are in the resurrection, which has begun and will continue past our death.

Could this short creedal statement be inviting us to imagine something beyond our own bodily resurrection? Our personal spirituality certainly celebrates this foundational promise about what God has in store for us after our earthly journey. Can we expand this “looking” as a way to engage in the world around us?

We have the advantage of experiencing the warming of the earth in the time of Easter (some other parts of the world, not so much). Fresh growth and carpets of flowers give silent witness to the promise of new life. Not resurrection *per se*, but life pushing forth life. Life stretching out and up to life. Creation declares the mighty works of God. Seeds break open, having been softened by water. Seedlings, nestled in beds of decay, are nourished for growth.

We look for the resurrection of the dead. What else can this mean for us? For what can we hope? What do we envision?

Mutually shared dignity between asylum-seekers and immigration officials...

The stopping of overconsumption at the expense of creation and neighbor...

Healing for those who live with deep wounds of grief...

The healing of divisions of hate and violence between nations, and for there to be mutual love...

A love for the common good, crossing political boundaries...

Reconciled relationships within families and neighborhoods...

To look for the resurrection of the dead is to be in the flow of hope and imagination. I believe, sometimes, envisioning is seeing. Resurrection from the dead can take many forms.

Easter blessings to you,
Pastor James Aalgaard

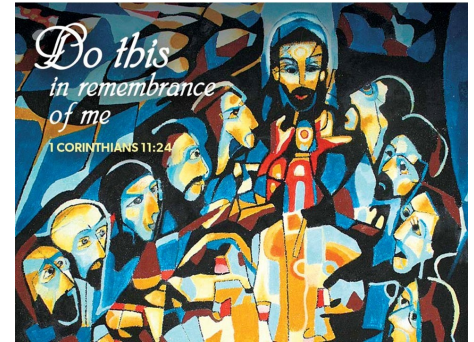
THE MISSION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission.



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2
Supper: 6:00 p.m.
Worship: 7:00 p.m.

We gather in the fellowship hall for supper at 6:00 pm, with a Holy Communion service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary including foot washing. The stripping of the altar after celebrating the Lord's Supper will be a poignant reminder of the final hours of Jesus' life. **The supper will be a coordinated meal.** Recipes will be provided ahead of time, and we hope you can bring your version of the dish to contribute to the meal. Recipes will be available in the fellowship hall, as well as a sign up for set up and clean up.



Good Friday
Friday, April 3
7:00 p.m.



We gather in the sanctuary for the beginning of the Good Friday worship, concluding with an opportunity to experience the stations of the cross with sketches by Frederick Franck. This centuries-old devotional practice draws on visual and scriptural images about the day of Jesus' crucifixion that emerged over generations. The stations will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary and the narthex.

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 4
8:00 p.m.

We gather in our Memorial Garden at 8:00 pm, where we light the first "Easter Fire," then move indoors to hear the story of God's saving acts throughout history, rejoice in the gift of Holy Baptism by reaffirming our baptismal covenant, sing the first "Alleluias" of Easter, and celebrate Holy Communion.





Easter Sunday Sunday, April 5

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

We gather for a potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. A drum circle in the narthex (with room for drop-in drummers) will provide a joyful accompaniment to our gathering from 8:45-9:15. Our festive Easter worship with Holy Communion begins at 10:30 am.

Come observe the Great Three Days to make your Easter celebration all the more glorious!

Easter Flowers

The worship team invites you to participate in Easter worship by bringing flowers to the church that can be added to the chancel and other areas of our worship space. We are asking for a variety of flowers, including single stem and potted flowers. We ask for a variety, as some people have strong allergic reactions to Easter lilies. Please bring the flowers to the church starting Maundy Thursday, April 2.



Pre-Assembly Cluster Meeting

All are invited to a meeting of our North Central WA Cluster of congregations, which will be held here at Grace **April 19, at 2:00 p.m.** We will catch up with one another about our ministries, learn about the upcoming business of the Assembly, and most importantly, elect a member of our cluster to serve on the Synod Consultation Committee. This is a meeting of rostered ministers, voting members to the Assembly, and any others who wish to attend.

Together at Grace Meal Returns April 15

We will be resuming our Wednesday "T@G" meals on April 15 at **5:15 p.m.** For our first time back, please bring a potluck dish to share. Invite your friends! These mealtimes are a good way to check in with one another and enjoy a time of fellowship and great food.



Lenten Soup Suppers resume with enthusiasm!

Internationally Renowned Pianist to Appear at Grace

“Adventurous and passionate” (*The New Yorker*) Ukrainian-born pianist Inna Faliks has established herself as one of the most communicative and poetic artists of her generation. She is renowned internationally for her commanding performances in standard piano repertoire, as well as genre bending projects, and work with contemporary composers.

Her distinguished career has brought thousands of concerts throughout the world, including major symphony orchestras. She also appears internationally on radio and television.

A past winner of many prestigious competitions, Inna Faliks is currently Professor of Piano and Head of Piano at UCLA, and a Yamaha Artist. www.innafaliks.com

Three Events in Our Weekend with Inna:

Friday, April 17, 10:40am

Faliks makes a presentation to more than 500 students and staff at Pioneer Middle School.

Friday, April 17 at 7:00pm, Ms. Faliks presents “Polonaise-Fantaisie, Story of a Pianist” as part of our Friday Night Out concert series at Grace.

This program is a fascinating, engaging autobiographical recital, which has been performed in New York’s Symphony Space, the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Italy and for her London debut at JW3 Arts Centre.

The concert is FREE; suggested donations at the door are \$20.00. All donations will go toward the efforts of *Building Better Tomorrows Foundation* (bbt.foundation) and regional Ukrainian immigrant legal fees.

Saturday, April 18, 10am-12pm

Four advanced piano students from Wenatchee Valley Music Teachers Association work with Ms. Faliks in a masterclass at Grace (for 1/2 hour each). Anyone is welcome to attend as an observer, with a requested donation of \$5.00 per person.

We are deeply grateful for the Zacher Fund, which underwrites this weekend with Inna.

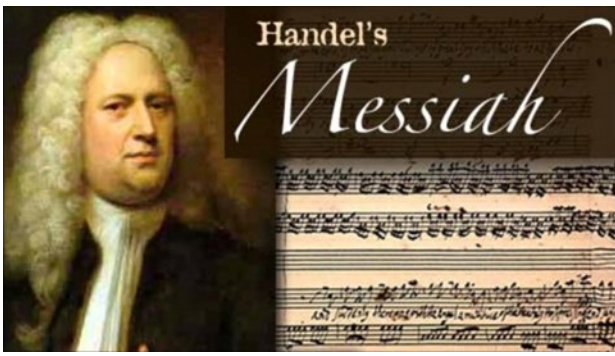
This is a spectacular “don’t miss” opportunity. Bring friends!



Guitar duo Neil and Tamara Caulkins present a Friday Night Out concert featuring newly-commissioned works from artists around the United States.



Grace’s recorder consort resumes rehearsals.



Wenatchee Sings Messiah Returns

Wenatchee Sings Messiah is more than a sing-along (of Parts I & II ... this 2026 production); it is a celebration of our community's spirit and love for the arts. It is a testament to our shared dedication to creating, performing, and experiencing music that brings us closer together. Whether you are a seasoned performer or a passionate listener, your FREE presence enriches this communal expression of faith, hope, and love. Donations will be accepted to support underprivileged music and arts students in the Valley.

Let us revel in the joy of making music together, cherishing the bonds we form through our shared love for art and regional connections. We look forward to a memorable evening filled with well-loved melodies and harmonies, fellowship, and the timeless beauty of Handel's *Messiah*.

-Dr. Marshall Thomas, Producer

Join guest conductors, musicians from the Wenatchee Symphony, and soloists from the Valley along with community members who form the choir.

Wenatchee Sings Messiah takes place on Friday, May 15 at 7:00pm here at Grace. The event is free, underwritten by Grace's Zacher Fund and Friday Night Out series. Donations at the door go entirely to the *Building Better Tomorrows Foundation*, assisting young music and arts students.

Reservations are strongly encouraged to ensure a seat. Call 509-663-2189 by May 8.

Those without reservations are seated first-come, first-served.

Bring your own score for Parts I and II, if you have them. (Limited scores available on loan.)

Children Leading Worship at Grace

Sunday, April 26 (rehearsals at 10:15 Sunday, April 19 in the Rehearsal Room and 10:10 April 26, near the grand piano in the front of the sanctuary)

Sunday, May 10 (in a Mother-and-Child choir: rehearsals at 10:15 Sunday, May 3 in the Rehearsal Room and 10:00 May 10, near the grand piano in the front of the sanctuary)

Offerings include opportunities to play instruments (rain sticks, chimes, drums) and sing. For details, contact Deacon Ruth. Come join the fun in praising God together and leading in worship!



Sound-reflective tiles are laid in the Rehearsal Room. .



Volunteers help put the Rehearsal Room back together.

Congregational Game Night


Date Changes in
April & May:
April 10
May 8

3RD FRIDAY MONTHLY

6:00-8:30 PM

All are invited to play board games, card games, dice games, dominoes, etc.

GLC Congregational Game Night is held in the Fellowship Hall.

-  Bring your favorite game or use one of ours.
-  Bring your family and friends.
-  Bring a snack to share.

Beverages are provided.

Young, old, and in between, **EVERYONE** is invited to an evening of fun and fellowship.



GAME NIGHT DATE CHANGES . . . Due to musical offerings at Grace in April and May, our regularly scheduled Game Night will be held on Fridays **April 10** and **May 8** in the Fellowship Hall. We will resume our regularly scheduled game nights in June.



Craft Night Friday, April 24 7:00 p.m.

Craft Night is back on! Let's get together the last Friday of the month at 7:00 pm to work on our projects together! Bring snacks to share if you want to, and we'll have a good time together.

New Member Classes

Are you interested in learning more about Grace Lutheran Church? Interested in membership? Just curious? Interested in getting to know other Grace folk? There will be three class sessions after worship, starting June 7, primarily led by Pastor James Aalgaard. Topics include: a brief overview of major theological themes for Lutherans, an overview of our congregation and ministry structure, and other topics such as our pattern for worship. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex hall that leads to the fellowship hall. We are looking forward to getting to know you better! Location TBD.

- June 7, after our 9:30 a.m. worship (includes brunch)**
- June 14, after our 9:30 a.m. worship**
- June 21, after our 9:30 a.m. worship**
- June 28, (during worship) – New Member Sunday**

Generations in Grace

All generations of Grace are invited to a time of food, learning through song, scripture and activity on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Come build relationships across the generations together! Our Generations in Grace gatherings are scheduled for the following Sundays at 9:30 a.m.: April 19. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars!

Young Adults of Grace

Young adults of Grace are invited to gather together to have a time of checking in with light snacks, prayer, and conversation. Pastor James will be the facilitator. Friends are welcome! We meet in the library at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We won't meet on Easter—please join us on April 19! Spread the word!

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Benevolence Highlight: Doris's Place

At their February meeting, the Social Concerns Team elected to have Doris's Place as a Benevolence for 2026. A quarterly donation of \$450 will be given to Doris's Place for scholarships. Doris's Place is operated out of the Seventh Day Adventist church on Fridays. As demand grows more days will be added.

Doris's Place is a Dementia Day Program and Family Caregiver Support. It is an affiliate of the Old Friends Club Network (www.olderfriendsclub.org). Doris's Place is a space of friendship and belonging for people living with Dementia as well as a social respite program that provides caregivers time for self-care. This drop-off activity program offers caregivers a break from the responsibilities of caring for someone else so they can nurture their own well-being. Caregivers also receive education, resources, and support.

Doris's Place provides a day activity program for people living with dementia. It promotes a fuller, more joyful life through the enjoyment of a conversation, a meal, music, art, cognitive stimulation, and exercise.

Doris's Place is currently open Fridays 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Membership fees are \$400 per month. Financial Assistance is available on request.

To reserve a spot for your loved one call (509) 670-6740 or email: tlcis4seniors@gmail.com.



Graceful Garden Raised Beds Available for Rent

The Garden Team plans to have the irrigation system running by early April. Each box is 4 feet by 8 feet and has its own drip system. The cost is \$15.00 for the season. If you would like to rent a bed to plant, maintain and harvest this year please speak with Linda Sinnett (509)699-8256.

Again, this year, the opportunity to rent beds will be extended to community residents, in addition to Grace members. If you are aware of friends or neighbors who might be interested, please share the above information with them.



Tami Woolsey teaches second-graders from Washington Elementary School how radishes grow.



The Graceful Garden Team helps 2nd-graders plant radish seeds. They'll be back to harvest soon!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brooke Palmer	4/1	Ben Kramer	4/12	Ryan Paiva	4/24
Michael Buehn	4/3	Rhonda Stradling Lara	4/12	Sloan Westerman	4/24
Melanie McQuaig	4/3	Candy Koch	4/15	Judy Pratt	4/27
Adelaide Didesch	4/4	Charlotte Turner	4/16	Faye DeJong	4/29
Mary Ann Arndt	4/7	Gavin Johnson	4/18	Patrick Dymond	4/29
Marcus Foster	4/7	Jim Caulkins	4/19	Ken Fulkerson	4/29
Shirley Wurl	4/8	Phil Gregg	4/19	Tracy Gausman	4/29
Jackie Jaspers	4/9	Josie Bruehl	4/20	Cheryl Hatch	4/29
Carolyn Bentsen	4/11	Alyse Goller	4/21	Cara Henson	4/30
Emily Boersma	4/11	Dennis Burgett	4/23	Melinda Johnson	4/30
Laura Olsen	4/11	Katie Stefanides	4/23		

PRAYERS OF GRACE

- ◆ *Mother of Monet Watson (family friend of The Gregg family)* - Monet was shot in a drive by shooting in California. Prayers for her recovery.
- ◆ *Tasha Valdez (friend of Hilary Polivka)* - Tasha is experiencing a high-risk pregnancy and requests prayers for her and her baby's health and safety.
- ◆ *Diane Senn and family* - God's comfort for Diane her and family as they mourn the death of her son Jared Joel Senn. Rest eternal grant him, Oh Lord, and may Light Perpetual shine upon him.
- ◆ *Colleen Huber (friend of Wanda Rivedal)* – prayers for healing as she is in treatment for lymphoma.
- ◆ *Dan Hutchison* - Dan has started a new medical treatment. Prayers for comfort for Dan and for a successful course of treatment. Also, emotional support for Joe Trowbridge as he navigates this time for Dan.
- ◆ *Kristi Mahre* – Kristi will have knee replacement surgery in March. Prayers for a successful surgery and smooth recovery.
- ◆ *Jenny Cooper and family (friends of Jen and Bill Gale)* – Jenny is continuing in the clinical trial for pancreatic cancer. Thank you for your prayers for Jenny, her family and her medical team as they hope for positive results.
- ◆ *Beth Smallbeck* – Beth had surgery to remove a benign tumor on her cochlear nerve on February 17. Prayers for her continued recovery.
- ◆ *David Thomas (Marshall Thomas' brother)* - prayers for healing as he faces serious health issues.
- ◆ *Elizabeth Revelise (Chris Prince's wife)* - for healing, strength and the rebuilding of immunity as she continues chemotherapy.
- ◆ *Paul Arndt* - pulmonary fibrosis which is untreatable.

To submit a prayer, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#). Please share with us details that are pertinent to the request. If you are asking us to pray for a person other than yourself, please seek that person's permission. Prayer requests are published for four weeks. You are welcome to resubmit your request if you would like it to remain on the list longer. Updates are welcome, also. We will do our best to help your request have a balance of privacy protection and sharing information. The ministry staff at Grace reserves the right to edit requests.

April Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Assisting Minister	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech	Communion Assistant
4/5				JuLee Fiebelkorn	Marlena La Paz	Karen Zanol Denise Miller
4/12			Joyce Owens		Phil Gregg	
4/19		Kristen Thorstenson		Denise Miller	Asher Campbell	
4/26			Dee Ann Gregg	Tami Woolsey	Adam Dunbar	

Seeking Worship Helpers

Volunteer helpers make our worship run smoothly. We would love to expand our volunteer pool. [Here is a link to a "google sheet"](#) where you can put your name on an open slot. If you are having a hard time navigating the google sheet, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#) and we can help.

Please note! The google sheet is a single document that can be changed (and added to) by anyone who has the link. You are very welcome to add your name to a slot that's empty, but please do not remove others' names or otherwise change the form.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, April 5 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 12 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 19 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 26 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace. If you have questions, feel free to contact [Linda Sinnett](#) or [Faye DeJong](#).

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

TREASURER TALK: 2/28/26 Results

Offerings & Misc. for the first 2 months were \$85,986 and Interest Earned was \$2,798 for a total of \$88,784.

Operating Expenses for the first 2 months were (\$83,532) for a Net Income of \$5,251.

Offerings & Misc. for the first 2 months were \$21,026 of Budget. Total Income was (\$14,157) versus the prior year.

Net Income for the Current Year is \$5,251 versus Budgeted Net Income of (\$25,072).

	Prior Year	Current Year	Budgeted	Variance
Offerings & Misc.	\$ 86,529	\$ 85,986	\$ 64,960	\$ 21,026
Interest	\$ 16,412	\$ 2,798	\$ 2,500	\$ 298
Total Income	\$ 102,940	\$ 88,784	\$ 67,460	\$ 21,324
Operating Expenses	\$ (86,669)	\$ (83,532)	\$ (92,532)	\$ 9,000
Net Income (Deficit)	\$ 16,271	\$ 5,251	\$ (25,072)	\$ 30,323

AS OF	Prior Year	Prior Month	Current Month	Difference
Cash Surplus Position	\$ 158,344	\$ 125,770	\$ 139,173	\$ 13,404
Treasurer Reserve	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Deficit Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 198,344	\$ 165,770	\$ 179,173	\$ 13,404

[Dennis Burgett](#)

COUNCIL CORNER

1. Council has scheduled an "open house" for May 9 for the Wenatchee Valley community to tour our new facilities. Details will be announced after Easter.
2. VP Tom gave Council an update on finalizing new construction, and Treasurer Dennis explained our remaining financial obligations.
3. Plans are being made for the congregation to participate in the upcoming Pride celebration in the valley in June.
4. GLC will host a meeting on April 19 at 2:00 p.m. to prepare our cluster congregations for the upcoming Synod Assembly

2026 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Marshall Thomas
Building & Grounds:	Dave Coe, Tom Gausman
Endowment:	Karen Zanol
Faith Formation:	<i>Open</i>
Fellowship:	<i>Open</i>
Graceful Garden:	Linda Sinnett
Pastoral Support:	Julie Banken
Staff Support:	<i>Open</i>
Social Concerns:	Kay Fisher, Mike Sweeney, Bob Bartlett
Stream Team:	Marlena La Paz
Worship:	Kathy Gavin
Youth & Community:	<i>Open</i>
Memorial Garden:	Ernie Bentsen

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Suellen Harris
Vice President:	Tom Gausman
Treasurer:	Dennis Burgett
Secretary:	Jody Marquardt
Members-at-Large:	Tory Schmidt Kristen Thorstenson Paula Salter Tami Woolsey

APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	2 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship	3 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship	4 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
5 Easter 8:30 Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Worship	6 6:30 p.m. Intern Team 7:00 p.m. Appleaies	7 7:00 p.m. Arts Team	8 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study	9 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. BeFriends 5:30 p.m. BBT Board	10 6:00 p.m. Game Night	11
12 9:30 a.m. Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship	13 7:00 p.m. Appleaies	14 3:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Team 5:00 p.m. Ukuleles 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Circle of Men	15 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Together at Grace Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	16 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Book Club	17 7:00 p.m. Concert Friday Night Out	18 10:00 a.m. Piano Masterclass
19 Quilt Sunday 9:30 a.m. Generations in Grace 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Cluster Gathering 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Gathering	20 7:00 p.m. Appleaies	21 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Social Concerns Team 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Circle of Men	22 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Together at Grace Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	23 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Graceful Garden 6:30 p.m. Book Club	24 6:00 p.m. Craft Night	25
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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