



THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

May 2025

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street
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We look for the resurrection of the dead. (From the Nicene Creed)

Dear People of Grace;

We continue our Easter celebration all the way until June 8, when we celebrate the birth of the Church with the Day of Pentecost. Alleluias will be scattered throughout our worship service as we sing praises for the Lord's victory over death. Resurrection is such a very important part of God's message to us, and thereby our message to the world. It means everything for the gospel story of Jesus, and we claim it also for ourselves, for as the Apostle Paul writes: we have died with Christ so we too may also live with him.

Pastor Rob Gohl (Cashmere) shared the other day a quote from the church historian Jaroslav Pelikan. The historian's last statement before his death: "If Christ has been raised, then nothing else matters. If Christ has not been raised, then nothing else matters." We live with simple trust in the power of God to raise the dead to new life. According to Richard Rohr, making alive what is dead is God's only job description.

The Nicene Creed has a beautiful little phrase toward the end of the statement of faith: "We look for the resurrection of the dead." I like to allow my imagination to expand here, so that it applies to so much more than a personal hope for a future reality. The creed, which this year is one thousand seven hundred year old, invites to allow our imaginative capacity to expand, to notice hints and signs of resurrection in the world around us.

- Second-graders from Washington School, noticing radishes coming up out of the ground in our garden. Resurrection.
- Kids "out-shouting" the congregation with their Alleluias. Resurrection.
- Successful joint replacements and heart surgeries. Resurrection.
- A new narthex in mid-construction. Resurrection.
- Rest and renewal after a busy Lenten and Holy Week season. Resurrection.
- Add your own!

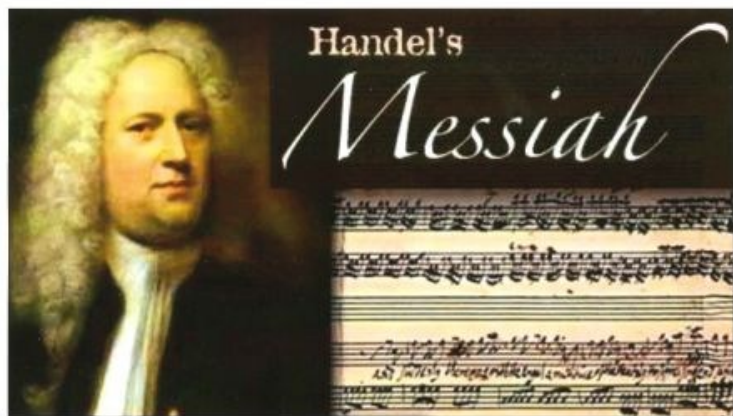
In loving service,
Pastor James Aalgaard

Staff Sticky Note: I will be in Minnesota to visit family May 5-10. My wife and I will be away celebrating our anniversary over Memorial Weekend. Pastoral care needs can be directed to Keith Garness or Patton Boyle during those times.

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.



Wenatchee Sings Messiah

Friday, May 9, 7:00pm



The audience is the Chorus, with string quartet, continuo.

The event is **FREE**. Donations accepted at the door
for music student outreach efforts.

Reservations strongly recommended by May 2: 509-663-2189.

Grace Lutheran Church + 1408 Washington Street + Wenatchee

Join Us for Wenatchee Sings MESSIAH

We are delighted to invite you to the Wenatchee Sings MESSIAH event, an extraordinary evening of music and community spirit. This special audience-participation concert will feature choirs, families, and choruses from Chelan County, along with four professional soloists, a piano accompanist, a string quartet, and invited guest conductors and accompanists—all performing in a Community Sing setting.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Grace Lutheran Church,
1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee, WA

This event is generously underwritten by the Zacher Fund, and all proceeds will benefit a newly established arts and music foundation in honor of Barbara Tilly.

The Wenatchee Sings MESSIAH event will also be live streamed, allowing you to join us from the comfort of your home. The event will be supported by donations and gifts to the foundation, helping to nurture and support the arts in our community schools, particularly benefiting low-income families.

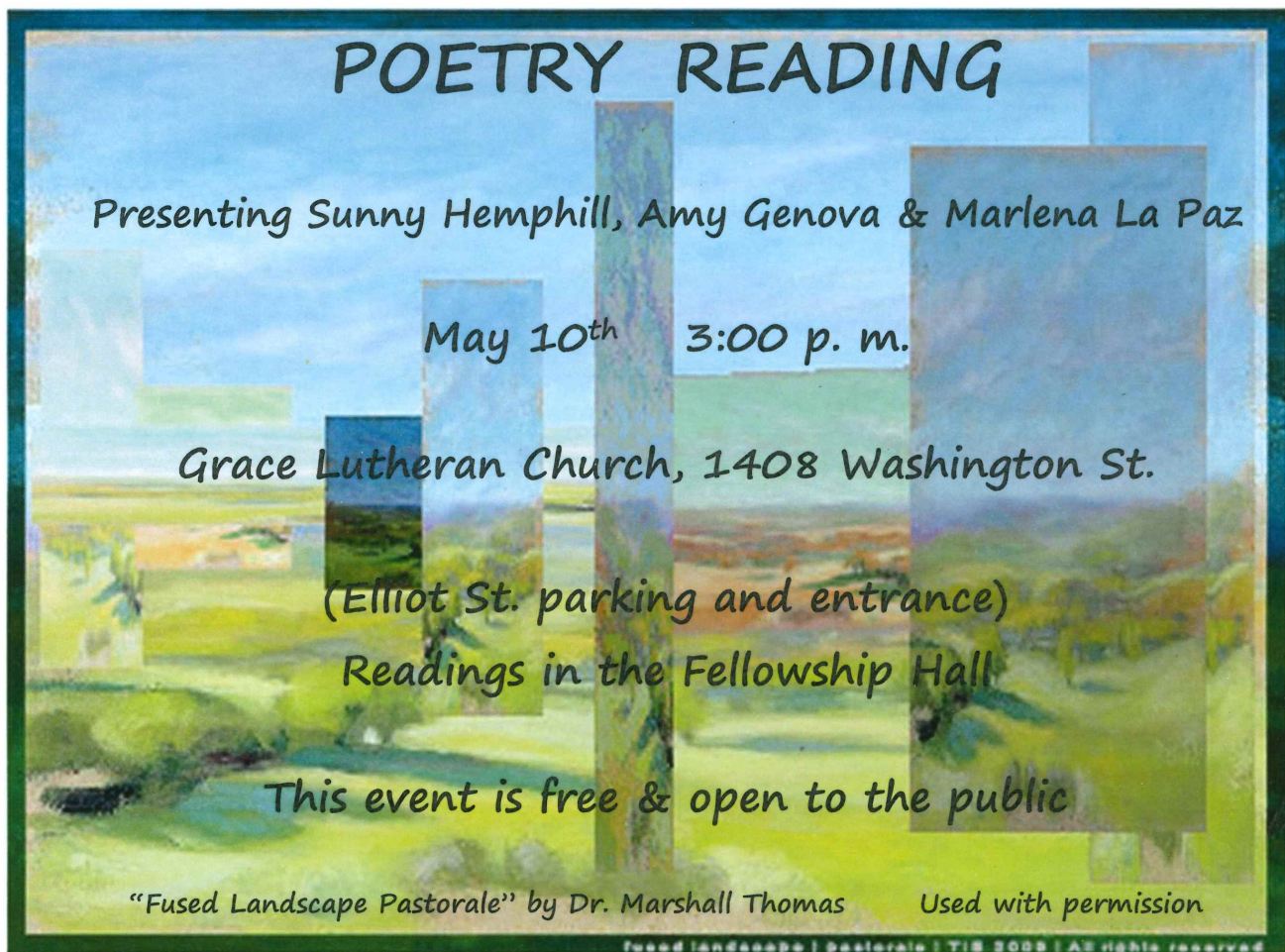
Adding a unique touch to the evening, two quick-sketch artists will capture the singing and playing in real time, creating a visual memory of this joyous occasion.

For more information, please contact Deacon Ruth Anderson at 509.663.2189.

We look forward to celebrating this unforgettable evening of music and community with you!

NOTE: To ensure a seat in our limited space, reservations are required ... first come, first served. Reserve your (free) seat early. Call the Grace Lutheran office (509-663-2189), leaving your name, voice part, phone number and email address. A limited number of scores will be available on loan. Please indicate if you need to be on the list of borrowers.

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Father Ambrose Press | Partner in the venture philanthropy organization, the 7 Arts Foundation and business development partners with publishers, recording labels and studios around the globe. Emily Hall, Foundation Fellow.



POETRY READING

Presenting Sunny Hemphill, Amy Genova & Marlena La Paz

Saturday, May 10th 3:00 p.m.

Readings in the Fellowship Hall

This event is free & open to the public

Come one and all! Bring your youth with you and their friends – the age groups that gravitate to poetry.

There will be some drumming added to poetry and audience participation.

Come one and all! Bring your friends. Bring your friends' friends.

**** This may be the last event held in our Fellowship Hall before renovations begin. ****



3RD FRIDAY EACH MONTH

6:00-8:00 p.m.

**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION, WE NOW
MEET AT CELEBRATION LUTHERAN
CHURCH, EAST WENATCHEE**

Do you like to play board games, card games, dominoes, Bunco?

We invite everyone from Grace and Celebration Lutheran churches to join us for **Family Game Night on the 3rd Friday of the month, at 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Do you have a favorite game? Bring it. Bring your friends. **Please bring an appetizer to share.** Beverages provided.

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



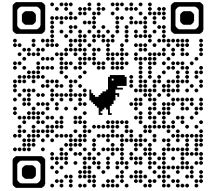
**Join Us For
Game Night
Friday, May 23
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Celebration Lutheran Church
801 8th St NE, East Wenatchee**

Church Directory

It's time for a new church directory which we will create "in house" rather than through a professional directory company. There are two options to get a photo into the directory. First, you can send in your own photo! Simply email your photo to office@glcwen.org. If that doesn't work for you, we will be taking photos at Grace, May 13 - 18.

It's easy to **sign up online** – just click [here](#) or use the QR Code to the right.



We also ask that you **update your contact information** for the new directory. You can do that online [here](#) or by using the QR Code to the left.

You can also **sign up and update your info in person** on May 4 or May 11 at Grace – volunteers will have paper forms to fill out in the Fellowship Hall.

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

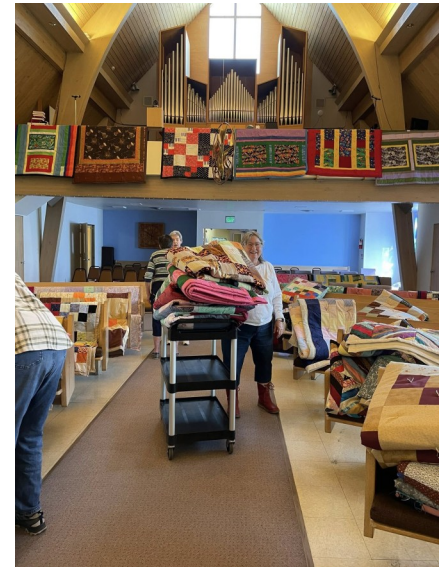
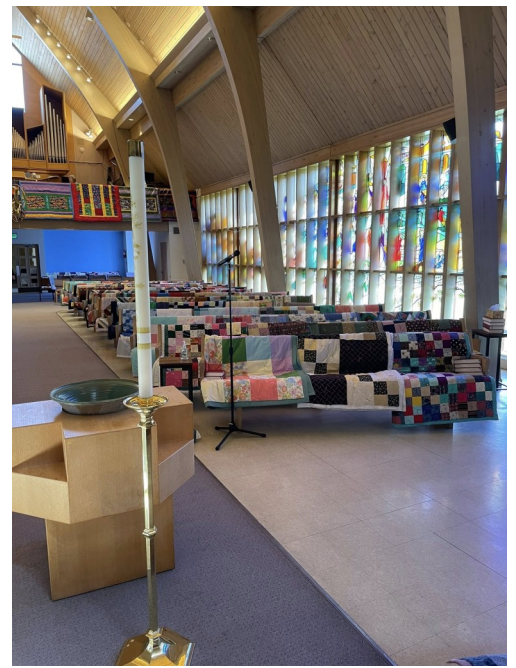


Noisy Offering

A huge thank you for all who participated in the Noisy Offering this year. It was a big success. We collected more than \$929 for World Hunger and we had a lot of fun making noise in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday.



Quilt Sunday April 27, 2025



This year, GLC Quilters are shipping **112 quilts** (19 boxes!) to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). A few quilts are kept as gifts for high school seniors and for families in need. In addition, we are sending 73 school kits, 23 baby kits and 6 fabric kits to LWR. Thank you to all who participated in making the quilts, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, purchasing supplies and giving donations, and just generally encouraging this ministry.

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 20, 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, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Fisher. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

May Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Assisting Minister	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech	Communion Assistant
5/4	Jim Caulkins Ernie Bentsen	Kate Gregg			Marlena La Paz	Colleen Smith
5/11	Mike Kitner Jane Dunbar		Dee Ann Gregg		Phil Gregg	Karen Zanol
5/18					Chad DuLac	
5/25			Marshall Thomas		Erik Olson	Colleen Smith

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, May 4 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 11 **4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 18 **5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 25 **6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

Morning Prayer

We invite you to Morning Prayer, meeting Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. (as an effort to accommodate people's work schedules). The following is a description of our typical morning prayer routine:

- + a time of reflecting/sharing together about the upcoming scripture for Sunday
- + lighting candles during a time of informal prayers, which can be offered aloud or silently
- + light refreshments and fellowship afterward at approximately 7:40 a.m.

It's a great way to start the day! Hope to see you there.

PRAYERS OF GRACE

- ♦ *The family of Mim Schwich (Jody Marquardt's mother)* - Mim passed away on April 24. Prayers for peace as they mourn their loss.
- ♦ *The family of Chuck Smallbeck (Rich Smallbeck's father)* - Chuck died on April 26. Prayers for peace as they mourn their loss.
- ♦ *Joyce Owens* - heart surgery on April 30.
- ♦ *John Hergert* – recovering from successful heart valve replacement surgery on April 18.
- ♦ *Dave and Dan Martinson (Ann Bartlett's brothers)* – they are both home. Prayers for healing.
- ♦ *Bonnie Howeler* – now living in an adult care home in Kirkland .
- ♦ *Paul Arndt* - pulmonary fibrosis which is untreatable.
- ♦ *Patty Christensen* - receiving hospice care.
- ♦ *Erling Rivedal* - receiving hospice care.

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.

2025 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:	Mike Sweeney, Bob Bartlett
Stream Team:	Marlena La Paz
Worship:	Kathy Gavin
Youth & Community:	Sue Coe
Memorial Garden:	Ernie Bentsen

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Suellen Harris
Vice President:	Dave Coe
Treasurer:	Dennis Burgett
Secretary:	Chad DuLac
Members-at-Large:	Tory Schmidt John McQuaig Paula Salter Tami Woolsey



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Hendrickson	5/1	Andrew Redmon	5/10	Vickie Cunderla	5/23
Kyrie Blue	5/6	Jeffrey Redmon	5/10	Noah Heminger	5/23
Denise Coppock	5/6	Ross Miller	5/11	Caroline Tilger	5/23
Jayke Olson	5/6	Stephanie Johnson	5/13	Megan Hunt	5/25
Sara Bates	5/7	Julie Banken	5/14	Sherry Krebs	5/26
Bailey Henson	5/7	Dan Luke	5/14	Doug Miller	5/26
Rob Magnussen	5/8	Megan Campbell	5/16	Grady Gausman	5/29
JuLee Fiebelkorn	5/9	Brion Salter	5/16	Marcia Fall	5/31
Oliver Zanol	5/9	Hilary Martinez	5/20	Ruth Flanigan	5/31

Growing In Grace—Faith Formation for Children

We invite the children of Grace (and friends!) to Growing in Grace. Two 45-minute meeting options are offered: Wednesday at 4:30 pm, and Sunday at 9:15 am. The Wednesday class will be repeated the following Sunday morning. Music, faith practices, Bible stories, liturgical education and other activities will typically be part of the lesson. Ages 3 to 5th grade. See you there!

Our last meeting for this program year will be Wednesday, April 30 and Sunday, May 4.

June/July Newsletter

We will be publishing a June/July issue of the newsletter at the beginning of June. If you have items that you would like included, please e-mail them (as a Word document) to office@glewen.org by May 23. Any July information that is not available for the newsletter will be shared with the congregation via e-mail, weekly bulletins and the website.

TREASURER TALK:**3/31/25 Results**

At the end of first quarter of 2025 (January thru March) offering totals were \$129,543 and the interest earned was \$23,185 for a total of \$152,728. The budgeted amount for offerings was \$112,500 and \$7,500 for interest. Expenses were \$133,634 versus the budgeted amount of \$135,679 resulting Net Operating Margin of \$19,094.60 compares favorably to projected budget deficit (\$15,679).

	Jan-March 2024	Jan-March 2025	2025 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc	\$161,664	\$152,728	\$120,000	\$32,728
Operating Expenses	<u>133,720</u>	<u>\$133,634</u>	<u>135,679</u>	<u>(\$722)</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	\$27,944	\$19,094	(\$15,679)	\$34,773

Cash on hand \$192,378 includes Treasurer Reserve \$40,000.

	12/31/24	3/31/25
Cash Surplus Position	\$ 131,334	\$152,378
Treasurer Reserve	40,000	40,000
Deficit Reserve		
Total	\$171,334	\$192,378

[Dennis Burgett](#)

COUNCIL CORNER

April, 2025

- The new Grace member directory will be taking family photos and collecting updated member information between May 13- May 18.
- Grace's building renovation completion date tentatively proposed for September 2025.
- A Special Congregation Meeting will be held in June to request approval of additional Fox monies to cover greater costs of our building renovation.
- Pastor will be celebrating his 25th year of ordination this July. Gathering details will be provided May/ June 2025.



Vacation Bible School

“Who do YOU Say I Am?” is the theme for this year’s Vacation Bible School, which will be the week of **August 11** at **First United Methodist Church**.

“Who Do YOU Say I Am?” is a Vacation Bible School curriculum that examines 5 of Jesus’s “I am” statements found in the Gospel of John. Using the theme of detective work and mystery-solving, children will embark on daily “missions” during which they will gather clues and attempt to decipher the phrases Jesus uses to describe himself in Scripture. Learning is combined with play in STREAM activities (Science, Technology, wRiting, Engineering, Art, and Math), mission projects, and movement.

Please watch announcements for more information on student signups and volunteer opportunities. We hope you’ll join us for a fun week!



Six participants of our Ukulele Group presented 2 sing-along sessions at Blossom Creek on April 6.



Oliver and Greyson Zanol help residents sing “This Little Light of Mine”.



Palm Sunday Processional
Begins in the Fellowship Hall.



Easter Kids' Talk



Easter Processional



Pastor James with Acolytes
Cara Henson and Joshua Gale



To prepare for the construction work in the Fellowship Hall, Packing Friendship volunteers packed the bags for the remaining nine weeks of school. That's 405 bags!
Thank you volunteers!



Graceful Garden Team

There is room on the garden team for more members. If you like to garden or would like to learn more about gardening, the team will be happy to have you join us. During the growing season we usually only have one hour-long meeting per month and one Saturday work party a month. The team manages the entire garden area but only a few of the garden beds are planted and maintained by the team. The rest are rented to individuals and families to plant. The produce grown by the team is distributed to church members, or through Community Action and Little Pantries. Please contact [Linda Sinnett](#) if you would like to join the team.



Washington Elementary second graders planted radishes in the Graceful Garden on April 3



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Graceful Garden	2	3
4 9:15 a.m. Growing in Grace 10:30 a.m. Worship	5 7:00 p.m. Appleaires 7:00 p.m. WVMTA Meeting	6	7 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Together @ Grace Potluck 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	8 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. BeFrienders 5:30 p.m. BBT Board	9 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Sings Messiah	10 9:00 a.m. Garden Work Party 3:00 p.m. Poetry Reading
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18 9:00 a.m. New Member Class 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Recital	19 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	20 9:00 - 5:30 Piano Guild 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	21 9:00 - 5:30 Piano Guild 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	22 9:00 - 5:30 Piano Guild 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	23 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 - 5:30 Piano Guild 6:00 p.m. Game Night at Celebration Lutheran	24
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