



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
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April 2025						
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## PASTOR'S PAGE

“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2).

I discovered recently the word “doomscrolling.” AI’s definition is this: “the compulsive and excessive online scrolling through news or other content, particularly negative content, that leads to feelings of anxiety, sadness, or anger.” This is a problem magnifying itself in how we read, which is the superficial reading of online pages, eyes skimming, fingers clicking, and nothing staying put for very long.

The tragedy here is the Bible. It’s one thing to skim a shallow news article, but the Bible is a different matter. Is how we treat the Holy Word of God like some online sports article decorated with links and ads clamoring for our money? It’s little wonder we skim, for so much of what we read is superficial and fraught with meaningless ads, hardly requiring any thought. And once in the habit of reading a certain way, it’s painfully hard to change just because you’re holding a different book.

God shows a way of engaging His Word we often overlook. Notice in Psalm 1 the word “meditates.” The blessed man “meditates” on the law day and night. This sounds like something reserved for some Hindu spiritualist striking a yoga pose before statues and candles. However, Luther had profound words to say about it in his lectures on the Psalms:

It is the office of a man whose proper duty is to converse on something, to discourse about the Law of the Lord. Even the poet [Virgil] uses meditating in this way: “You make out of delicate reeds the song of the muse of the forest.” It is not possible to describe satisfactorily the strength and beauty of these words. For this meditation consists first in close attention to the words of the Law, and then in drawing together various parts of Scripture.

(Luther’s Works, Vol.14)

Deep reading and meditation are learned skills contra skimming and doomscrolling. Such skills improve with practice. Pick up the hard book, slow down, pay attention, and look for the “song of the muse of the forest.” The Scriptures of God are full of wisdom worthy of contemplation making us better thinkers in the faith. God has much to say, much to teach, and we need to learn. We need to be the “blessed ones” meditating on something high, noble, and divine, the things of God that endure when everything else decays. His Word deserves our attention, and Lent is a great start for meditating on God’s infallible Word that still teaches the mystery of godliness, as we behold still the object of Scripture, Who is always Jesus.

From the Psalms again, these words: “incline my heart to your testimonies and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways” (Psalm 119:36-37).

-Rev. Ryan J. Ogrodowicz



## Worship Opportunities – April 2025

Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Classes – 10:30 a.m.



Date	Festival	First Reading	Epistle Reading	Gospel	Preacher	Liturgist	Hymns	Distribution Hymns	Order of Service LSB Pg #
2-Apr	Midweek 4 10:00am 7:00pm				Ogrodowicz	Holzer	434 430 441		
6-Apr	Fifth S. in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21	Phil 3: (4b-7) 8-14	Luke 20:9-20	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	440 436 918		p.219
9-Apr	Midweek 5 10:00am 7:00pm				Ogrodowicz	Holzer	842 436 745		
13-Apr	Palm Sunday	Deut. 32:36-39	Phil. 2:5-11	<i>John 12:12-19 (Procession)</i> Luke 22:1-23:56 or Luke 23:1-56 or John 12:20-43)	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	438 543 442	320 566	p.184
17-Apr	Holy (Maundy) Thursday 7:00pm	Jer. 31:31-34 or Ex. 12:1-14	Heb. 10:15-25 or 1 Cor. 11:23-32	Luke 22:7-20 or John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Schuller	Ogrodowicz	547 617 642	641 643	
18-Apr	Good Friday morning 9:00am	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42 or John 19:17-30	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	see bulletin	Lord's Supper both services	
18-Apr	Good Friday Evening 7:00pm	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42 or John 19:17-30	Ogrodowicz	Holzer			
20-Apr	The Resurrection of Our Lord (Sunrise) 7:00am	Isaiah 65:17-25	1 Cor. 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	531 463 465	458 467	
	The Resurrection of Our Lord 10:15am	Isaiah 65:17-25	1 Cor. 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12	Ogrodowicz	Holzer	531 463 465	458 467	
27-Apr	Second S. of Easter	Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)	Rev. 1:4-18	John 20:19-31	Schuller	Ogrodowicz	720 470 v. 1-5 470 v. 6-10	474 477	p.184



## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

*As of March Council Meeting*

Baptism: Bear Krolczyk - 02/16/25

Profession of Faith: NONE

Death: Laura Raitz - 2/17/25

Transfer In: Nick, Sarah, Nicky, Lila, Avery & ZoeyAnne Zenns – 2/23/25

Transfer Out: NONE

**Souls: 596**

**Communicants: 500**

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## APRIL 2025

### *Meetings This Month ....*



**Afternoon LWML** will meet on Thursday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Hostesses are Ruth Swonke-Ho, Linda Montgomery and Jean Blake.

**Ladies Evening Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Susan Buddeke, JoAnn Degner and Carrie Ross will serve as hostesses.

**Men's Bible Breakfast** meets every Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.

April 1 – David Dahmann

April 8 – Chuck Babb

April 15 – Holy Week

April 22 – Fred Hein

April 29 – David Roberts

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

April 6 –  
April 13 –  
April 20 – *Easter Lilies*  
April 27 –

## RADIO MINISTRY

*(30-minute program aired on KWHI 1280 AM each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)*

***(Cost is \$85 per week.)***

April 6 –  
April 13 –  
April 20 – *Randal & Gloria Hoppens*  
April 27 – *Glenn & Betty Brenner*



## COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS



April 6 – *Randal & Gloria Hoppens*  
April 13 – *Joe & Sheila Green*  
April 20 – *Easter Breakfast*  
April 27 – *Mike & Anna Flake*

## ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANTS

*Communion Ware: Sharon Babb*

*Paraments: Ann Muchow & Mary Lueckemeyer*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Donald Becker, Charlie Blake, Randal Hoppens, Steven Guebert*

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*The Afternoon and Evening LWML would like you to  
“Save the Date” for Sunday May 18, 2025,  
to help celebrate the Confirmands, High School Graduates  
and New Members of Grace.*

*Please join us after the Church Service in the FAC  
for coffee, do-nuts, kolaches, juice and fellowship.*

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*It's time to reserve your Easter Lily to be placed in Church on Easter Sunday. Envelopes for that purpose are in the Narthex and you may designate "in honor of someone" or "in memory of loved ones" or "just because". The cost is \$13.00 per plant. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Altar Guild. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or turn into the office. The deadline for ordering plants is April 7, 2025.*

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## Confirmation - 2025

The Rite of Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 4. A public Examination of Confirmands will take place on Thursday May 1, at 7:00 p.m. The following young people are scheduled to confirm their faith pending satisfactory completion of requirements for confirmation:

### Confirmands

Jackson Havers  
Charles Henderson  
Wyatt Lunsford  
Elias Ogrodowicz

Kaleb Riske  
Fynn Wied  
Lila Zenns

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## *Easter Breakfast*

*Everyone is invited to attend the Easter Breakfast  
which will be held on Easter Sunday  
from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.  
in the Family Activity Center.*

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Hello Members of the Congregation,

We're getting ready for a wonderful VBS! At *EPIC Australian Adventure* VBS, children look into the Bible, and discover that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life! Life is an adventure, filled with wonderful things to see, do, learn, and explore! But as we trek through life we know we will also encounter troubles and dangers along the way. Jesus is our Savior and faithful guide, who shows us the right way to go and guides us on the path of truth that leads to eternal life.



Our VBS will be held June 16-20, 2025, from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

Would you prayerfully consider serving at VBS? We are in need of the following and then our volunteers will be set. They are:

Music –Pre-School – 2 people  
Story tellers-Pre-School- 2 people  
Bible Challenge – 1 person  
Games-2 people  
2 yr. olds – 3 people  
3 yr. olds – 3 people  
4 yr. olds – 2 people  
5 yr. olds- 2 people  
Kindergarten – 2 people

Music - Elementary – 3 people  
Story tellers-Elementary-2 people  
Crafts – 7 people  
Photography – 2 people  
First Grade – 2 people  
Second Grade – 2 people  
Third Grade – 2 people  
Fourth Grade – 2 people  
Fifth Grade-2 people

Thanks for taking time to pray about and consider this request.

Please complete the Volunteer form and put it in our church box. We would like a response as **soon as possible** or at least before May 9, 2025.

We can't wait to hear from you! You may contact us at, Bev Jaster at 979-277-5824, [bhjaster@yahoo.com](mailto:bhjaster@yahoo.com) or Linda McArthur (979)525-3806,

We hope you'll join us as we discover how Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

God's blessings,

Bev Jaster

Linda McArthur



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - ADULT VOLUNTEER FORM**

**June 16-20, 2025  
8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Due by May 23, 2025

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text you? YES or NO

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Check your area of interest. Someone will contact you.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to teach.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a group leader.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with crafts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with music.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with games.

Questions? Contact Bev Jaster (979) 277-5824 Linda McArthur (979) 525-380



# April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> The Fourth Sunday in Lent Pastor O - LSB 184 <b>9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>10:30am Confirmation</b> <b>10:30am SS &amp; BC</b>	<b>31</b> Jeremiah 29:1-32 8:15am Chapel 6:00pm High School Information Meeting	<b>1</b> Jeremiah 30:1 - 32:44 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel 6:00pm PTL Meeting	<b>2</b> Jeremiah 33:1-26 10:00am Mid-Week Lenten Worship IV 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship IV	<b>3</b> Jeremiah 34:1 - 35:19 8:15am Chapel 2:00pm Ladies Afternoon Circle 7:00pm Elders	<b>4</b> Jeremiah 36:1 - 37:21 <b>Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off</b> 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	<b>5</b> Jeremiah 38:1 - 40:16
<b>6</b> The Fifth Sunday in Lent Pastor O - LSB 219 <b>9:00am Matins</b> <b>10:30am Confirmation</b> <b>10:30am SS &amp; BC</b>	<b>7</b> Jeremiah 41:1 - 43:13 8:15am Chapel	<b>8</b> Jeremiah 44:1 - 45:5 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel 7:00pm Ladies Evening Circle	<b>9</b> Jeremiah 46:1 - 49:39 10:00am Mid-Week Lenten Worship V 4:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship V	<b>10</b> Jeremiah 50:1 - 51:64 8:15am Chapel	<b>11</b> Jeremiah 52:1-34 <b>Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off</b> 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	<b>12</b> Lamentations 1:1-22
<b>13</b> Palm Sunday Pastor O - LSB 184 <b>9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>10:30am Confirmation</b> <b>10:30am SS &amp; BC</b>	<b>14</b> Lamentations 2:1 - 3:66 8:15am Chapel	<b>15</b> Lamentations 4:1 - 5:22 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel	<b>16</b> Ezekiel 1:1 - 2:10 8:15am Chapel 12:00pm Trustees 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm GLSB	<b>17</b> Ezekiel 3:1 - 5:17 8:15am Chapel School: NOON Dismissal ECE: sack lunch 7:00pm Maundy Thursday	<b>18</b> Ezekiel 6:1 - 7:27 <b>Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off</b> <b>Good Friday Holiday NO SCHOOL, NO ECE</b> <b>Church Office closed</b> 10:00am Good Friday Service 7:00pm Good Friday Service	<b>19</b> Ezekiel 8:1 - 9:11
<b>20</b> <b>7:00am Easter Sunrise Service</b> The Resurrection of Our Lord - Pastor O <b>10:15am Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>10:30am Confirmation</b> <b>10:30am SS &amp; BC</b>	<b>21</b> Ezekiel 10:1 - 11:25 NO SCHOOL ECE Open - sack lunch Newsletter Deadline	<b>22</b> Ezekiel 12:1 - 13:23 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel	<b>23</b> Ezekiel 14:1 - 15:8 8:15am Chapel 6:00pm Choir Practice	<b>24</b> Ezekiel 16:1 - 17:24 8:15am Chapel 9:00am Texas Confessional Lutheran Conference	<b>25</b> Ezekiel 18:1 - 19:14 <b>Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off</b> 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	<b>26</b> Ezekiel 20:1 - 21:32
<b>27</b> The Second Sunday of Easter - Pastor Schuller - LSB 184 <b>9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>10:30am Confirmation</b> <b>10:30am SS &amp; BC</b>	<b>28</b> Ezekiel 22:1 - 23:49 8:15am Chapel 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>29</b> Ezekiel 24:1-27 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:15am Chapel	<b>30</b> Ezekiel 25:1 - 27:36 8:15am Chapel 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Voters' Assembly Meeting	<b>1</b> Ezekiel 28:1-26 8:15am Chapel 2:00pm Ladies Afternoon Circle 7:00pm Examination of Confirmands	<b>2</b> Ezekiel 29:1 - 32:32 <b>Pastor Ogrodowicz Day Off</b> 8:15am Chapel 3:00pm Vespers	<b>3</b> Ezekiel 33:1 - 34:31

