

Sunday, FEBRUARY 23, 2020  
**10:00 AM Worship Service**

Gathering Music

Entering God's Presence in Music

Grace Choir

*"Nothing Is Impossible"*

Call to Worship

\* Welcome and Greeting Time

\* Opening Songs of Praise

*"Grace Alone"*

*"Cornerstone"*

Opening Prayer & God's Greeting

*"Lord, You Have My Heart"*

Moments in Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Music Ministry

*"His Name is Jesus"*

Grace Choir

Scripture: Ruth 4:13-17 (Page 260), John 16:33 (Page 1048)

Message: **"FROM TENSION TO TRIUMPH"** Rev. Dale Matthews

Prayer of God's Blessing on the Word

Offertory

Tithes and Offerings for God's Kingdom will be received.

*1<sup>st</sup> Offering – Regular Tithes and Offerings*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Offering – HELPING HAND FUND*

Please sign the Fellowship Register as it is passed.

\* Doxology - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* God's Parting Blessing

\* Song of Departure No. 399 *"We Are God's People"*

Departing Music

Organist, Paul Kerkstra

Pianist, Ruth Tacoma

\*All who are able, please stand.

## WELCOME

A warm welcome to our visitors and members alike.  
We rejoice at the joy Christ brought to the world so long ago.  
May such joy live within us as we worship the Lord.  
Please take a moment and sign your name and address  
on the Fellowship Register as it is passed today.

## TODAY AT GRACE

**9:50 – 11:15 AM DISCOVERY KIDZ** will meet. All kids ages  
3 years – 5th grade meet downstairs by the youth desk.

**TODAY WE WELCOME** Rev. Dale Matthews who will lead our service  
and share the message. Thank you for being with us this Lord's day!

**OUR SPECIAL OFFERING** for the month of **FEBRUARY** is  
designated for Grace Church **HELPING HAND**. This offering will  
be received this morning.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS**  
forward following the service today and each Sunday. Come to the  
front of the sanctuary and give your prayerful support to those who  
are in need.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS "BELONGING"** - If you have not signed  
up already, please contact Shari Dood (538-7498). A convenient  
mutual time will be set to meet together.

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** class will meet in the Consistory  
Room following the morning worship service. You are invited join in!

**TRY PRAYING BOOKLETS** are here and will be handed out today!

## PRAYERS & PRAISE

**IN APPRECIATION** – *Thank you to our GEMS Leaders and helpers:  
Sandy Gort, Della Sawyer, Sue VanderWal , Karen Harmsen , Cindy  
Schutter and Shari Dood for all the time and energy you put in the  
GEMS fundraiser dinner. In addition thank you to those that came  
out to support or GEMS. We were able to raise a little over \$300.00  
that will go directly to our program here at Grace. Thank you to all  
the additional helpers that prepared the food and cleaned up the  
kitchen - it takes many hands and feet to pull off and event like  
Monday!*  
~Pastor Heather

## **PRAYERS & PRAISE (Continued)**

**HEALTH CONCERNS** – Shari Dood will have outpatient pelvic vein surgery on Monday, February 24. Please keep her in your prayers. For all other prayer requests and praise reports, see the prayer and praise line in today's bulletin.

### **CALENDAR OF THE WEEK**

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

**3:15 – 5:45 or 7:30 PM THE CROSSING** for youth in Grades 3 - 6.

IMPACT!

**6:00 PM FELLOWSHIP DINNER.** Tacos are on the menu. Come out and enjoy dinner and fellowship prior to classes.

**6:25 – 7:30 PM**

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior)** for girls in grades 1 – 8<sup>th</sup>.

**VICTORS** – For boys in grades 1 – 8<sup>th</sup>.

**BE BIG** – For Preschool & Kindergarten children.

**ADULTS** – Meet Pastor Heather for a time of conversation. We will look at what it means to find "rest".

**8:00 PM SEARCH TEAM MEETING.**

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

**7:00 PM MINISTRY TEAMS will meet.**

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

**6:30 PM SENIOR CHOIR** will meet.

**7:30 PM PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.**

### **NEXT WEEK, MARCH 1, 2020**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**NEXT SUNDAY** – Pastor Jack Doorlag will be with us and share the message: *“Skills for Maturing Disciples – Overcoming Grudges Before Grudges Overcome us”*.

**6:45 – 8:00 PM Y-LIFE** will meet at the Crossing.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday, March 2, 7:00 am **STAFF MEETING** at Panera.

Thursday, March 5, 6:00 pm **TALENT SHOW! JARON**, son of Brian and Mary Neal is a finalist in the Wyoming Intermediate School talent show! Come out to support Jaron in his efforts! The school address is: 1331 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (right down the hill from church).

**Jaron...we are so proud of you!**

Monday, March 9, 6:30 pm **SWIRL NIGHT** for GEMS & Victors!

We are swirling the night up with doing everything backwards. Come on out for a fun evening.

Friday, March 13 – Sunday, March 15 **GENESIS** for High Schoolers!

Saturday, March 14 – **OUTREACH EVENT** – Feeding the homeless downtown. Join Brian & Mary Neal as they serve lunch at Heartside park. Meet at church at 10:30 to ride together.

Sunday, March 15 – **SAC (Sunday After Church) FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH** Come out and enjoy a time of fellowship together after worship! This is a reoccurring event on the third Sunday of the month.

Sunday, March 22, 10:00 am **GEMS SUNDAY!** Pastor Heather will share the message as the girls take part in the service.

7:00 pm **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** meets.

Monday, March 23 – **GENTS NIGHT AND LADIES TEA**

More details to come but we will need many extra members of our congregation to join us this evening to ensure every child has an adult with them. If you need a ride, we will transport this night only. Call the office (538-3100) to arrange your ride.

Monday, March 30th – **IMPACT CELEBRATION NIGHT**

We will be celebrating with all our leaders and students as GEMS, Victors, and Be BIG come to a close.

Sunday, June 7 – Save the date for **GRADUATION SUNDAY!**

## **MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER MEMORIALS** – This year once again you will have the opportunity to purchase an Easter flower in memory of a loved one. Flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you will be able to take them home with you following the service. An insert will be included in the Easter bulletin with all donors and who their donation is in memory of. Watch for more information next Sunday.

**REMINDER** to those that have speaking parts for the **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** to talk with Pastor Heather soon to schedule a time to do your recording.

**“HAND 2 HAND” PROGRAM** – Because a hungry child hurts. This ministry packs food in backpacks for children who may need it on weekends. They do this each Tuesday night here in our nursery! Volunteers deliver backpacks throughout the school year to our partner school, Gladiola Elementary. Items needed in the month of February are: Spaghetti or other kinds of pasta, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), Cans of soup (kid friendly), cracker sandwich snack packs (cheese or peanut butter), cereal/fruit bars, fruit snacks. Donation boxes are at the doors.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### **GREETERS**

	<u>Upper Door</u>	<u>Lower Door</u>
Today	Cindy Schutter	Keith & Carolyn Baker
March 1	Les & Tinna VanWyk	Eric & Erika Wigent
March 8	Ken & Cindy Wylie	Sandy Workman

### **NURSERY**

Today	Erika & Brielle Wigent
March 1	Robin Zondervan, Lilly Dood
March 8	Kerri Baker, Riley Dood

### **USHER/COLLECTION**

	<u>Aisle 1</u>	<u>Aisle 2</u>	<u>Aisle 3</u>	<u>Aisle 4</u>
February	Kubiak	Boeve	Norden	Gort
March	Otto	Nordlund	Kubiak	Boeve

# PRAYERS & PRAISE LINE

February 23, 2020

## Congregational Prayers and Praise

**JESUS SAID...**

**"In this world you will have trouble.**

**BUT TAKE HEART!**

**I have overcome the world!" John 16:33**

- Thank you Lord, for loving us and for being in control of our days. Help us to live believing You are constantly working on our behalf.
- We pray today for the leaders of our church. We ask for God's blessing on their lives and work here at Grace.
- We thank and praise God today for our Children. We pray that each one will come to know, love, and serve our Great God.
- We pray for our church during this time of transition. We pray for the search team as they go about their very important work.
- Please continue to pray for "Impact" and The Crossing after school program. We pray that each family will know and feel God's love and care for them through our hands as we walk alongside them each week.
- We pray for our group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Gladiola as well as their teachers.
- We pray for the Hand 2 Hand Program and Pastor Jordan Stonehouse as they provide weekend meals for the students in need. We pray that the reception of food will do more than just refresh their bodies, but lead to spiritual nutrition as well.
- We give thanks for the service men and women serving our country. In particular today we pray for Joshua Sawyer and Elsa Carpenter and their families.
- We lift up the niece of Orville and Esther Hoag, Lynette, who has just been diagnosed with cancer.
- Also, please pray for Alberta Weeber's sister, Winifred Leilter, who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for her as she awaits the results of the biopsies.
- Please pray for Janell Nordlund's co-worker, Michelle Downs' brother. Tadd has been sent home to enjoy his last days due to cancer. Please pray for comfort and peace for their family.
- We pray today for Betty Holmes who has acute bronchitis.
- Please pray for 6 year old Nick Dood as he continues infusions for muscular dystrophy. Please pray for a drug that will cure his condition.
- Continue to keep Esther and Orville Hoag in your prayers.
- Please continue to pray for Char Otto who has chronic back issues.
- Pray for our Shut-in's: Mrs. Wilma Kamphuis, Mrs. Ruth Ver Merris, Mr. Jim Friar, Mr. Don Vander Veen, Mrs. Effie Bolt, Mrs. Gladys Kessel.