

St. Peter Lutheran

March 2025 Newsletter

- Mar. 1st - Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study leader is Pastor Czymbor. Breakfast server is David Hartmann
- Mar. 2nd - Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs' "Reaching the Unreached"
- Mar. 5th - Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.
~ Council Meeting to follow the Lenten worship service.
- Mar. 9th - Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar. 11th - Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 12th - Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.
~ Ladies first names A - J for bars/cookies for fellowship
- Mar. 13th - WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16th - Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
~ Muffin Sunday, Ladies K - V are asked to bring the muffins
- Mar. 19th - Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.
~ Ladies first names K - V for bars/cookies for fellowship
- Mar. 23rd - Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 26th - Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 30th - Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Usher's List: Mar. 2nd - Brian Villmow & Calvin Luebke

Communion Lay Assistant - Larry Klumb

9 - Chad Lau & Chris Punt

16 - Corey Whitney & Darwin Kreth

23 - David Hartmann & Don Fink

30 - Doug VanZee & Dwight Brenner

Cleaning List: Feb. 24 - Mar. 2 Amy Cleveland & Dee Fink

Mar. 3 - 9 Donna Picek & Hannah Lau

10 - 16 Donnelle Hoffman & Kathy Lau

17 - 23 Joanne Hartmann & Kendal Lau

26 - 30 Justine Hartmann & Liz Weber



Grace Greater than Sin

During the month of March our hymn is “**Grace Greater than Our Sin**” #522. And our memory verse **Romans 15:4** “***For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.***”

The internet article www.hymncharts.com/2023/07/11/the-story-behind-grace-greater-than-our-sin has great history and commentary regarding this hymn. The article states that Grace Greater than Our Sin is a song that has inspired countless hearts with its message of human imperfection, God’s infinite grace, and the power of faith. The hymn writer, Julia Harriette Johnston, finds inspiration from Romans 5:20,

Romans 5:18-21 ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Julia had a gift for writing. Her words found their way into Sunday School lessons for the David C. Cook Publishing Company, and she even authored several books during her lifetime. However, it was her incredible talent for composing lyrics that truly left an impact. Of the 500 hymns she wrote inspiring believers worldwide, “Grace Greater Than Our Sin” remains a standout.”

“Together, Julia’s evocative words and Daniel Brink Towner’s captivating melody create an unforgettable hymn that illustrates how talents combined with faith can truly make a difference.”

“The hymn tells the beautiful story of the grace of God through the Gospel – giving us a clear picture of how His love has the power to save us. At the heart of this story is Jesus, who was sent by God to be our Savior and to atone for our sins. By portraying Jesus as the ultimate act of divine grace, the lyrics invite us to appreciate the incredible gift we have received. No matter how broken or lost we may feel, God is always there to wash us white as snow and offer us His unconditional love. One of the most touching parts of this hymn is the promise that through His grace, we’ll be able to see His face someday. This speaks not only about experiencing His presence in our daily lives but also holds a hopeful message about eternal life and meeting Him in Heaven.”

The article concludes with these remarks on the legacy of the hymn, “The hymn beautifully captures the essence of God’s abounding grace. In today’s fast-paced world, where people often feel overwhelmed by their mistakes or shortcomings, the song provides a soothing reminder that God’s love for us is unconditional. It tells us that no matter how far we may stray away from Him, God, through His forgiveness, will always welcome us back with loving arms. For those who listen there’s a simple yet powerful takeaway – take the time to truly reflect on and embrace the message of God’s grace in your own life. When you do this, you’ll realize just how much His love can transform you, guiding you towards forgiveness and redemption.”

In closing, here are Paul’s words from his letter to the Romans giving context to our memory verse reminding us of our source of Hope:

Romans 15:1-7 ¹We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³For Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on Me.” ***4For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*** ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.