

February 16, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service
- Pastor Doug Widger



**ALTAR FLOWERS
GIVEN BY:**

Dorene Goodson,
in memory of
her sweetheart, Mel



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB #702
vs. 1-4

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
(1 John 1:8). So, let confess our sins to God our merciful Father.

C: Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in your holy presence.

P: *We have committed adultery with our eyes.*

C: We have loved temptation rather than fighting it.
We have lusted after unlawful and immoral pleasures.
We have justified our lusts by using the world as our standard.

P: We have no answer. But God Himself has mercifully provided one for us.
"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)

Share Grace

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

- 18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."
19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.
20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.
21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.
22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.
23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."
24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.
- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:27-30

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Message Song: Lord Prepare Me / Create In Me

Refrain: Lord prepare me

To be a sanctuary

Pure and holy

Tried and true

And with thanksgiving

I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Amen.

Message: "Tender to Purity" - Pastor Doug Widger

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Connection Points

Offering

Special Music: "Agnus Dei"

Communion

The Blood

Verse 1: Everything changed it's getting harder to recognize
The person I was before I encountered Christ
I don't walk like I used to
I don't talk like I used to
I've been washed from the inside
I've been washed from the inside out

Chorus: Hallelujah hallelujah
I know it was the blood
Could have only been the blood
(Repeat)

Verse 2: I cannot explain but nothing's more real than this
In the presence of God oh what my heart experienced
When my shame hit the wayside
And my sin met the Most High
I was washed from the inside
I was washed from the inside out

Bridge: It's never been about performance perfection
Or striving for acceptance
Let me tell you it's only by the blood
It's never been about deserving or earning
It's a gift that's freely given
Let me tell you it's only by the blood

Bridge 2: Does anybody want to be holy righteous
Purified and spotless
Let me tell you it's only by the blood
Does anybody want to be worthy forgiven
Justified really living
Let me tell you it's only by the blood

(Chorus)

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This Is the Feast

vs. 1-5

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[Refrain]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

[Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

[To next verse]

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

[Refrain]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[Final Refrain]

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB #633

vs. 1-6, 8

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB #643
vs. 1-2

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen. (*Heb. 13:20-21*)

C: Amen.

Sending Song: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB #924
vs. 1-3

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it.
Gluten-free wafers are available. Grape juice is provided on the inner ring of the communion tray.

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward.
Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.

Join Us For Our Prayer Meeting!

Join us for a powerful Prayer Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church on February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Our theme, "Renewal of Expectation", is a reminder that through Christ, we are called to live with hope and anticipation.

Together, we'll seek God's presence, reflect on...

1 Peter 1:3, "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation." 1 Peter 1:3 (New Living Translation).

Don't miss this time of prayer, worship, and encouragement!

We need the Lord to give us a fresh expectation of what He is able to do within HIS church and in our lives.

- Do you ever pray because you know you're supposed to, but you don't actually expect God to answer?
- We must not put God in our box of limited expectations.
- We need to come humbly before our God and believe that he "is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us?" (Eph. 3:20)
- We need to ask boldly and be willing to adjust our lives to what we are praying.
- Godly expectation is not merely wishful thinking; it is an assurance of God's faithfulness in showing mercy and grace to His Church.

We prepare for this Prayer Meeting by praying for those who will lead us in prayer.

- Encouraging others to attend.
- Acknowledge where we must change and adjust our lives.
- Raising our own expectations of what the Lord can do.
- Remember and give thanks for what the Lord is already doing.

PLEASE CHECK IN!

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Scan the QR code or type the link above to check in, submit prayer requests, and more!



Rosie Lee Wornat, age 94, (mother of William Richmond) of Arlington, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Mrs. Wornat was born February 28, 1930 to Henry and Francis Surovik in Lott, Texas.



A Visitation for Rosie will be held:

Monday, February 17, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Moore Funeral Home (1219 N. Davis Dr., Arlington)

Funeral: Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 10:00 AM at Grace Lutheran Church, Arlington

Committal: Parkdale Cemetery, (701 S. Mary St., Arlington)

MORE INFORMATION: ✉ SROTH@GRACE.LC

PRAYER

FEBRUARY
20TH
6:30-7:30PM

FIRESIDE
ROOM

MEETING



~ **Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.** ~

- ♦ The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talk - Gym
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - Youth Shed
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) - Meeting Room 4
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - Preschool Wing Classrooms
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - Nursery

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 16, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks - Gym
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room

Monday, February 17, 2025 - Presidents Day

- 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Visitation with the Family of Rosie Wornat: Moore Funeral Home
- 7:00 PM JOY: Philippians Book Study - Zoom

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

- 10:00 AM Funeral for Rosie Wornat - Sanctuary (following the service: Interment, then a Reception in the Fireside Room)
- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

- 10:30 AM JOY: Philippians Book Study - Library
- 2:00 PM Book Club - Library/Conference Room
- 6:30 PM Embrace Grace - Meeting Room 2
- 6:30 PM ESL Classes
- 6:30 PM Youth Leadership Class (ages 9-14) - MR4
- 6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Thursday, February 20, 2024

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - Braille Room: MR1
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM Prayer Meeting - Fireside Room
- 7:00 PM Braille (Shepherd of Life Group) - Braille: MR1
- 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting - Meeting Room 2

Friday, February 21, 2024

- 6:30 PM Spanish Bible Study - Fireside Room

Saturday, February 22, 2025

- 9:00 - 11:45 AM Explore Grace - Meeting Room 2
- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM Family Ministry Service Project: Food Packing Event (Peace Lutheran—Hurst)

Sunday, February 23, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

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| Joe Masterson | A-B |
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| Keith Mangels | F-H |
| Mike Kennedy | I-L |
| Mike Curtis | M-O |
| Ernie Owens | P-R |
| Brian Bassett | S |
| Jim Schmidt | T-Z |

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Pastor Steve Roth, Community Care
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Mrs. Laura Scott, Director of Early Education



The Explore Grace Seminar has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. in Meeting Room 2.

Come learn more about who we are and what God is doing in our family of faith.



Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Services will be held @ 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm, with a Chili Supper @ 5:30 pm in the Gym. (Please contact Chris Owens if you can provide a crockpot full of your favorite chili recipe.)

During Lent (Wednesday nights through April 9th) we'll focus on each one of the Seven Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143. They have provided Christians with a powerful source of prayer and reflection during Lent for centuries. Together, they invite us to recognize our sins, express our sorrow to God and ask His forgiveness, and experience the healing touch of His merciful grace.

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PRESENTS

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 27TH

4PM
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8PM

4800 SOUTH COOPER ST, ARLINGTON TX, 76017

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH | FEB. 23 IT'S ON US!

18 - 35, Singles, Married, Kids/No Kids

J. GILLIGAN'S
12:15 PM

RSVP to SERENA: space@grace.lc 817-274-1626

Come hang out at Peter Piper Pizza and support GLEE! Grab some delicious pizza, eat, laugh, and give back - all in one awesome night!

400 E. Abram St., Arlington: RSVP to Serena by Friday, 2/21, 12:00 p.m. (space@grace.lc; 817-274-1626) or Keith & Lyn Mangels.