

February 23, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service
- Pastor Doug Widger



ALTAR FLOWERS
GIVEN BY:
Gary & Susan White,
in honor of those with
birthdays in January,
February, and March



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: How Firm a Foundation

LSB #728
vs. 1-4

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

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Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our brokenness to God almighty and one another.

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 stolen what is not ours and taken the good name of others.

C: Our lives overflow with discontent, ungratefulness, and envy.
We have complained in the midst of Your abundant provision.
We have sought to exalt ourselves through defaming others.

P: God in his infinite mercy has spoken. "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." (*Is. 53:6*). By the sacrificial gift of God in Christ we are forgiven and free, at peace with him and one another. Share that peace with one another now!

Share Grace

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 37:21-26

21 The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;
22 for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way;
24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.
25 I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.
26 He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Acts 2:45-47

45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.
46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,
47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message - Dr. Serena Pace

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:29-37

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

- 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.
- 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.
- 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
- 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'
- 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"
- 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Message Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Message: "Tender Generosity" - 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 - Sanctuary Choir: "The Lamb"

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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB #790
vs. 1-4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, When heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

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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.

PRAYER

FEBRUARY 27TH
6:30-7:30PM

MEET IN THE
SANCTUARY

MEETING

PLEASE CHECK IN!



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type the link above to
check in, submit prayer
requests, and more!

Join Us For Our Prayer Meeting! Date change: Thursday, February 27 in the Sanctuary



PRAYER MEETING



Join us for a powerful Prayer Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church on February 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. 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.*

Lent Services
WEDNESDAYS
March 5th - April 9th
4:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Fireside Room
Meals between services
in the Gym at 5:30 pm



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Ash Wednesday is **March 5th**. Services will be held at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm, with a Chili Supper at 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.



**CHILI SUPPER on
MARCH 5TH
@ 5:30 PM
in the Gym.
Contact Chris
Owens if you
can bring chili!**

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Grace Lutheran Early Education
**Fall 2025
Enrollment
NOW OPEN**

~ **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 23, 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*

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
Keith Mangels	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Brian Bassett	S
Jim Schmidt	T-Z
Head Elder: Joe Masterson	



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Pastor Doug Widger, Lead Shepherd
Pastor Steve Roth, Community Care
Dr. Serena Pace, DCE, Director of Ministries
Mrs. Laura Scott, Director of Early Education

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

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

RSVP to SERENA:
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J. GILLIGAN'S
12:15 PM

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Young Adults Lunch @ J. Gilligan's
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.

Monday, February 24, 2025

7:00 PM JOY: Philippians Book Study - *Zoom*

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

- 9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 10:30 AM JOY: Philippians Book Study - *Library*
- 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 27, 2024

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 4:00 - 8:00 PM GLEE Pizza Fundraiser - *Peter Piper Pizza*
- 6:00 PM Braille (Thumbprint Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM Prayer Meeting - *Sanctuary*

Friday, February 28, 2024

6:30 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

Saturday, March 1, 2025

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 5:00 - 8:00 PM Soccer Tournament - *Joeckel Field*

Sunday, March 2, 2025

- 9:30 AM *Worship Service - Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM *The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks - Gym*

Puzzle Exchange

Bring a puzzle and exchange it for another! If you don't have a puzzle, just take one and return when completed. Located in the NARTHEX.

BINGO

TERTRAZINNI LUNCH

MARCH 13, 12PM, Fireside (FLC)

BRING WHITE ELEPHANT PRIZES!

RSVP to Serena by March 9.

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PIZZA FUNDRAISER

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27TH | **4PM TO 8PM**

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