



**March 16, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Worship Service**



*- Pastor Doug Widger*

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song:** Blessed Be Your Name

*Verse 1:* Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

*Verse 2:* Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

*Pre-Chorus:* Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

*Chorus:* Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

*Verse 3:* Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

*Verse 4:* Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

*Bridge:* You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: As we eagerly await our final transformation as citizens of heaven on the day of resurrection, let us above all pursue steadfastness of faith, relying on the power and promises of God our heavenly Father.

People: O almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You in our weakness seeking and imploring the strength of Your grace and blessing. Our sins wear us down. Make us desire all that You promise and to firmly believe in Your forgiveness and help now and for all our days. We ask this solely for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Good Shepherd.

Pastor: Even amid the challenges and hardships of life in faith in this world, as citizens of the kingdom of God we have the assurance of grace abounding throughout our days. Upon this your confession, as a servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I remind you that you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## Share Grace

### Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8-15

- 8 And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!
- 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.
- 10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD.
- 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."
- 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.
- 13 Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you.
- 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you.
- 15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

- 17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.
- 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.
- 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
- 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
- 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.
- 1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

- 31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."
- 32 And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.
- 33 Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'
- 34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
- 35 Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

## Message Song: Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB #431  
vs. 1-5

Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay its hand  
On that dear head of Thine,  
While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursèd tree;  
I know my guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

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## **Message: "Lament over Jerusalem" - 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**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

(3x)

## Communion

### Your Table I Approach

LSB #628  
vs. 1-6

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB #430  
vs. 1-7

My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease  
And 'gainst Him rise.

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suffering goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB #563  
vs. 1-6

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### Ways to Follow Jesus

**Benediction:** *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord make his countenance to shine upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song:** The God of Abraham Praise

LSB #798

vs. 1-4

The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.

The God of Abr'ham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tow'r.

The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend;  
He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus' blood.

He by Himself has sworn;  
I on His oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold His face;  
I shall His pow'r adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace  
Forevermore.

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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.



## PLEASE CHECK IN!



[go.grace.lc/links](https://go.grace.lc/links)

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

During Lent (Wednesday nights through April 9<sup>th</sup>) we will focus on each one of these Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 102, 51, 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.



## CELEBRATING EASTER

**THE HOLY SMOKERS ARE READY TO TAKE ORDERS FOR EASTER HAMS, SAUSAGE AND PORK LOINS.**

The average weight of a whole loin is between 8-10 pounds uncooked. If a whole loin is too large for you, you can order a half loin for half price.

**Orders must be PRE-PAID.**

**ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, April 13 at 12PM**

Make checks out to **Grace Lutheran Church: (memo to) Holy Smokers.**

**\*Place all checks in the envelope or cash can be given to Cynthia\***

**HAMS & PORK LOINS ..... \$40**

**SAUSAGE (mild or spicy):**

**\$8 per ring**

**\$15 for 2 rings**

### HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

- Sign-up sheet in the Narthex (starting March 23rd)
- Call **Brian Rukavina** (817-229-9703)
- Call **Ernie Owens** (817-247-0747)

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE HOLY SMOKERS PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 19 AROUND 7:00AM.**



# FIESTA & FUN

## Family Fellowship & Game Night

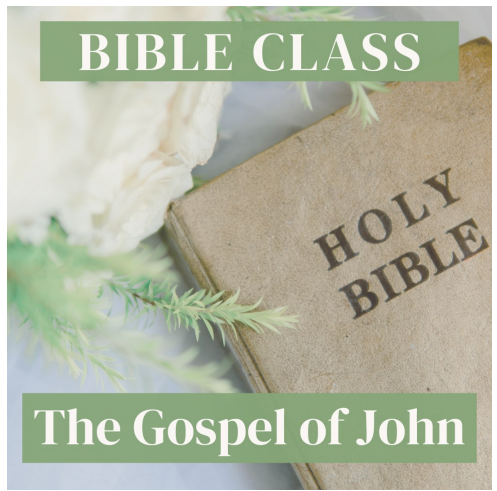
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Sat., March 29, 5-7PM

Family Life Center

Bring a Tex-Mex themed main or side dish, or dessert to share. All ages welcome!

Contact Serena for info: [space@grace.lc](mailto:space@grace.lc)  
817-274-1626, x 1002



# BIBLE CLASS

## The Gospel of John

Pastor Widge's Bible Class has resumed and he will be teaching on the Gospel of John in Meeting Room 2. Please join us as we journey with Jesus through this unique Gospel account.



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Grace Lutheran Early Education

**Fall 2025 Enrollment**  
**NOW OPEN**

### 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.



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**ICE CREAM FUNRAISER**

**APRIL 24**

5:00PM-9:00PM

MAD MIKE'S ICE CREAM  
2304 W. PARK ROW  
ARLINGTON, TX 76013



# BIBLE STUDY for ... Parents ... of Young Children

Each Sunday  
Beginning March 23

10:45am- 11:45am

Grace Lutheran Church  
Glee Wing

A Bible-based group geared to the unique needs to parents-to-be and parents of infants and small children.

Older children are welcome to attend the PreK/K, Elementary, and Youth Sunday School. Infants and Toddlers are welcome to come with you or attend the nursery.

For more information, contact the church office at (817) 274 - 1626  
Leaders: Jessica and Miguel Nieves



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

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - *Fireside Room*
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class: Book of John - *MR 2*

**SPRING BREAK 3/16 these Classes on hold:**

- ♦ Biblical Parenting Group - *Library*
- ♦ 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*

**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

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

- 8:40 - 9:20 AM Handbells Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside*

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

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

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

- 4:30 PM LENT EARLY SERVICE - *Sanctuary*
- 5:30 PM Lenten Meal - *Gym*
- 6:30 PM LENT LATE SERVICE - *Sanctuary*
- 6:30 PM Embrace Grace - *Meeting Room 2*
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*

**Thursday, March 20, 2024**

- 7:00 PM Braille (Shepherd of Life Group) - *Braille: MR1*
- 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting - *Meeting Room 2*

**Friday, March 21, 2024**

- 6:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

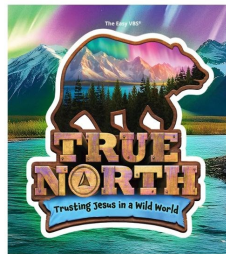
- 8:40 - 9:20 AM Handbells Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
- 12:15 PM Young Adult Lunch at Panera & Putt-Putt

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
*Grace Young Adults*  
**3.23.25**

MEET AT PANERA (4000 S. COOPER ST.) AT 12:15 FOR LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY PUTT-PUTT AT ALLEY CATS (2008 W. PLEASANT RIDGE RD.). BRING \$ FOR LUNCH AND INVITE A FRIEND. MINI GOLF IS COVERED!

RSVP to Keith & Lyn or Serena

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP**  
**JUNE 23-26, 2025; 9AM-12PM**



- FUN & FREE!
- FOR INCOMING GRADES 1-6 (FALL '25)
- ALL STAFF IS SAFETY TRAINED & BACKGROUND CHECKED.
- FAMILY PICNIC ON THURSDAY!
- PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS REGISTER AT [VBS.GRACE.LC](https://vbs.grace.lc) MARCH 15 THROUGH JUNE 18.

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APRIL 20, 2025

**Easter** *grace Youth*

8AM EGG CASSEROLE BREAKFAST  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
FREE-WILL DONATION, YOUTH FUNDRAISER

11:15 AM EGG HUNT ON BACK FIELD

*gracekids* NOW ACCEPTING PLASTIC EGGS & CANDY/TRINKETS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13 — EGG STUFFING @ 10:45 AM (& APRIL 16 @ 10:00 AM: TBA)**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 19 — SET UP @ 9:00 AM**