

**Sunday, March 17, 2024
9:30 AM Worship Service**

Welcome and Invocation

Gathering Song: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB #425
vs. 1-4

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Opening Sentences

Pastor: What a priest we have in Jesus!

People: He is our source of eternal salvation.

Pastor: He sympathizes with us in our weakness.

People: He offers prayers and supplications for us.

Pastor: He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.

People: What a priest we have in Jesus!

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Though Jesus is our great High Priest, we have lived as if we did not need Him, as though our sin was not dire and deadly. Despite our self-centered failures, our heavenly Father is merciful, and because of Jesus, He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **we have sinned against our neighbors and against You. We have sought to be served. We have demanded others sacrifice for us. Forgive us, renew us, and humble us, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our great High Priest, who came to serve and offer His life as a ransom for us. Christ died and is risen for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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. We are forgiven. Christ has sacrificed His life for us.**

Share Grace

First Reading

Psalm 119:9-16

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.
10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.
11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
12 Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.
13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.
14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."
36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.
37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."
38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"
39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,
40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

- 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.
42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.
43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.
45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB #680
vs. 1-3

Thine the amen Thine the praise, Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story, Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree, All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing, Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize, Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise, Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story, Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

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"Drink the Cup of Servanthood" - 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 by Lukas Bartke: Gigue, from Partita No 3 in E major
- Johann Sebastian Bach

Communion

Good Good Father

Verse 1: I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus: You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2: I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

CHORUS

Bridge: You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3: Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

CHORUS

COMMUNION NOTES

At this time the common cup will not be used. A traveling tray is available for those who desire it.

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.

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Sending Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB #809
vs. 1-3

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY WEEK

28 MAR MAUNDY THURSDAY
GYM | 06:30 PM

29 MAR GOOD FRIDAY
GYM | 06:30 PM

31 MAR YOUTH BREAKFAST
FIRESIDE | 08:30 AM

31 MAR EASTER SUNDAY
GYM | 09:30 AM



JOIN US! RAIN OR SHINE!

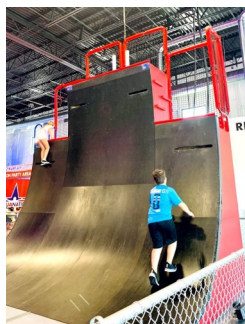
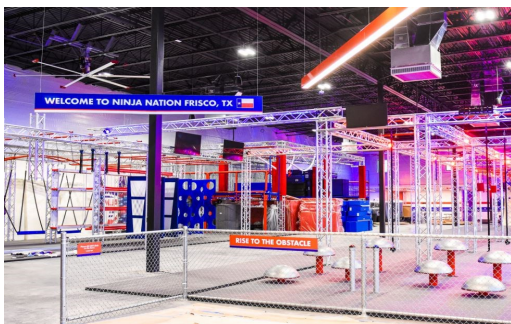
Egg-Patch Palooza

Bring your Easter baskets!

NINJA WALL & TRACK FOR 5 & UP!
TODDLER BOUNCE! EASTER BUNNY!
FACE PAINTING! CRAFTS! HOT DOGS!

EGG PATCH PALOOZA:
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 3 - 5 PM
CANDY, TRINKETS & EGGS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!
VOLUNTEERS WANTED for:
Egg Stuffers on 3/17, 10:45 AM
and...

- Toddler Bounce House
- Information Table
- Set Up/Tear Down
- Easter Bunny Host
- Interaction with Community
- Food Prep/Hand Out
- Crafts
- Egg Patch Host
- First Aid
- Event Parking
- Playground Monitor
- Bathroom Monitor
- Ninja Registration
- Cool Cars!



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USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO SCAN ABOVE OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://WWW.WAIVERFILE.COM/B/FRISCOMOBILE](https://www.waiverfile.com/b/friscomobile)

~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - Fireside Room
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class - Meeting Room 2
Malachi is the last prophet of the Old Testament, and he brings a word of both God's justice and his hope. Come learn from Malachi how repentance brings restoration and how God wants to revitalize his church again today!
- ♦ Biblical Parenting - Library
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - Youth Shed
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 6-8) - Meeting Room 4
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 3's/Kinder, Grades 1-5)
- Preschool Wing Classrooms
- ♦ Babies/Toddlers - Nursery

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 17, 2024

- 9:00 AM Joybells Rehearsal - Music Room
- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Gym
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes
- 10:45 - 12:45 PM Egg Stuffing for the Egg Hunt - Gym
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room

Monday, March 18, 2024

- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Soccer Ministry

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- 6:30 PM Embrace Legacy - Library
- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- 2:00 PM Book Club: Discussing *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge - Library
- 4:30 PM **Lent Early Service** - Fireside Room
- 5:30 PM Lenten Meal - Gym
- 6:30 PM **Lent Late Service** - Fireside Room
- 6:30 PM ESL Classes
- 6:30 PM Embrace Grace - Meeting Room 2
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - Braille: MR1
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Soccer Ministry - Gym
- 7:00 PM Braille (Shepherd of Life Group) - Braille: MR1
- 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting - Library

Friday, March 22, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Soccer Ministry
- 3:00 - 6:00 PM Soccer Ministry

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

- 9:00 AM Joybells Rehearsal - Music Room
- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Gym
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room
- 3:00 - 5:00 PM: **EGG PATCH PALOOZA!** (See previous page for details.)

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Ernie Owens	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
David Swille	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Joe Masterson	S
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

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

I Have Heard the
Cries of My People

Lent Services: The Book of Exodus

- ♦ Lent Five, 3/20
"Digging Ourselves into a Hole" (Exodus 32:1-14)

- ♦ Palm Sunday, 3/24 @ 9:30 AM, "A New Beginning!" (Exodus 34:1-8)
- ♦ Maundy Thursday, 3/28 @ 6:30 PM, "Access!" (Exodus 24:1-11)
- ♦ Good Friday, 3/29 @ 6:30 PM, "Agnus Dei" (Exodus 12:1-13)
- ♦ Easter Sunday, 3/31 @ 9:30 AM, "Against All Odds!" (Exodus 15:1-18)



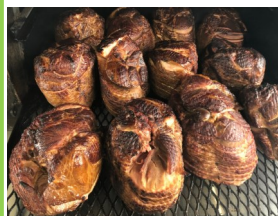
On Sunday, March 24, right after service, there will be a small reception with cake (furnished by Ruth Brown) - celebrating her 60 years at Grace and 90 on earth!

NEWSLETTER
Deadline
Thursday, March 21
New email for submissions:
Communications@grace.lc

EASTER Hams, Sausage, Pork Loin

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.



A signup sheet will be on the Donut table or call Ernie Owens (817-247-0747) or Brian Rukavina (817-229-9703).

Orders need to be pre-paid. Hams and pork loins are \$40. Sausage (mild or spicy) is \$8 per ring or 2 for \$15.

Place checks in the envelope or cash can be given to Cynthia, Ernie or Brian. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church, memo as Holy Smokers.

Deadline to place your order is NOON, Sunday, March 24.

Pickup will be Saturday afternoon, March 30. We will call with pickup time.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Saturday morning, March 30 around 7:00 a.m.



Telling the next
GENERATION

Received and committed to date:

\$317,101.02

Goal:

\$368,000

= \$1,000

EMBRACE GRACE BLOOMS' BABY SHOWER: APRIL 13

Three little lives have or will be making their debut! A baby boy was just born in early March, and expected are a baby girl and another, whose gender is not yet known, in July!

If you would like to shower our Blooms and babies with blessings, please bring your gifts, wrapped or unwrapped to Serena's office by March 22.