



*Pastor Doug Widger*



**Sunday,  
March 26, 2023**

**9:30 AM  
Worship Service**



## **Welcome and Prayer**

### **Opening Music:** Another In The Fire / Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB #107: vs. 1, 4)

**Verse 1:** There's a grace when the heart is under fire  
Another way when the walls are closing in  
And when I look at the space between  
Where I used to be and this reckoning  
I know I will never be alone

**Chorus 1:** There was another in the fire standing next to me  
There was another in the waters holding back the seas  
And should I ever need reminding of how I've been set free  
There is a cross that bears the burden where another died for me  
There is another in the fire (x2)

**Verse 2:** All my debt left for dead beneath the waters  
I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore  
And should I fall in the space between  
What remains of me and this reckoning  
Either way I won't bow to the things of this world  
And I know I will never be alone

**Chorus 2:** There is another in the fire standing next to me  
There is another in the waters holding back the seas  
And should I ever need reminding what power set me free  
There is a grave that holds no body and now that power lives in me  
There is another in the fire (2x)

**Verse 3:** There is no other name but the Name that is Jesus  
He who was and still is and will be through it all  
So come what may in the space between  
All the things unseen and this reckoning  
I know I will never be alone

**Chorus 3:** There'll be another in the fire standing next to me  
There'll be another in the waters holding back the seas  
And should I ever need reminding how good You've been to me  
I'll count the joy come ev'ry battle 'cause I know that's where You'll be  
And we'll sing:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

## Share Grace

**Baptism:** Makena Reynolds,  
Granddaughter of Brent & Ann Reynolds  
*Sponsors: Lindsay Ali and Angie Calvin*



## 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.

## Singing of the Psalm: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

LSB #607  
vs. 1-5

From depths of woe I cry to Thee,  
    In trial and tribulation;  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,  
    Lord, hear my supplication.  
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin,  
Who then could heaven ever win  
    Or stand before Thy presence?

Thy love and grace alone avail  
    To blot out my transgression;  
The best and holiest deeds must fail  
    To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
But all must fear Thy strict demand  
    And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my hope is in the Lord  
    And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word  
    To them of contrite spirit  
That He is merciful and just;  
This is my comfort and my trust.  
    His help I wait with patience.

And though it tarry through the night  
    And till the morning waken,  
My heart shall never doubt His might  
    Nor count itself forsaken.  
O Israel, trust in God your Lord.  
Born of the Spirit and the Word,  
    Now wait for His appearing.

Though great our sins, yet greater still  
Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will  
Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow.

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## First Reading

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
- 2 O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
- 3 If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.
- 6 My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
- 8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

John 11:17-44

- 17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
- 18 Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,
- 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.
- 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.
- 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
- 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."
- 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
- 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
- 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
- 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."
- 28 And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."
- 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



## Connection Points

## Offering

## Offering Song: Jesus at the Center / All Hail King Jesus

Jesus at the center of it all  
Jesus at the center of it all  
From beginning to the end  
It will always be, it's always been You  
Jesus, Jesus  
(Repeat)

Nothing else matters  
Nothing in this world will do  
'Cause Jesus You're the center  
And everything revolves around You  
Jesus, You

Jesus, be the center of my life  
Jesus, be the center of my life  
From beginning to the end  
It will always be, it's always been You  
Jesus, Jesus

Nothing else matters  
Nothing in this world will do  
Jesus You're the center  
And everything revolves around You  
Jesus, oh nothing else  
(Repeat)

From my heart to the heavens, Jesus, be the center  
It's all about You, yes it's all about You  
From my heart to the heavens, Jesus, be the center  
It's all about You, yes it's all about You  
(Repeat)

All hail King Jesus  
All hail the Lord of Heaven and earth  
All hail King Jesus  
All hail the Savior of the world  
(Repeat)

Songwriters: Israel Houghton / Jeremy Riddle / Steffany Gretzinger / Ran Jackson / Adam Ranney / Peter Mattis / Mitch Massey  
Jesus at the Center / All Hail King Jesus lyrics © Be Essential Songs, Bethel Music Publishing, Jeremy Riddle Music Designee

## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Ways to Follow Jesus

### Benediction: *Romans 15:5-6...*

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such  
harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may  
with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## **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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### **NOW RECRUITING:**

Grace Kids Summer Sunday School Teachers for  
Preschool - Kindergarten and Grades 1-6.  
Summer Sunday School begins June 4.  
Speak with Serena with questions.



**Grace Kids are attending summer  
camp June 11-16. Cost is \$400.  
Next payment is due March 5.**

# CLASSES

for All Ages

## Sunday Bible Classes

- 10:45 AM Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - Fireside Room
- 10:45 AM Pastor Doug Widger's Class - Meeting Room 2
- 10:45 AM Biblical Parenting Bible Study - Library
- 10:45 AM Grace Youth Bible Study (Grades 7 - 12) - Youth Shed
- 10:45 AM Grace Kids Bible Study (preschool - grade 6) - GLEE Hallway
- 10:45 AM Babies & Toddlers - Nursery

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Bible Studies
- 11:00 AM Easter Egg & Goody Bag Stuffing - Gym

### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

- 4:30 PM Lenten Service - Sanctuary.

In this service for Week 5 of Lent, the place of the Passion is Pilate's Judgment Hall, where Pilate is positioned here to set Jesus free, but turns him over to be crucified instead. We are called to remember that the judgment that should have been placed on us was placed on him that we might be free. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with Pilate's Judgment Hall help us to grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.

- 5:30 PM Lenten Meal: Taco Salad
- 6:30 PM Lenten Service - Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Embrace Life - Meeting Room 2
- 6:30 PM ESL Classes
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 8:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 30, 2023

- 6:00 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 1, 2023

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild - Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Piecemakers - Quilter's Room
- 10:00 AM Bible Journaling Workshop - ZOOM Gathering

### Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Bible Studies



This Big Easter Event will include an Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt, Country Critters Petting Zoo, Bubble Show, Prizes, Car Show, Face Painting, Inflatables and More Family Fun!

### We are in need of the following:

Candy and Plastic Eggs, COOL CARS for the Car Show, Parking Lot Attendants, Food Prep and Food Table Volunteers, Inflatables Volunteers, Prayer Partners, People to Flyer Neighborhood, Set Up and Clean Up Crews, Egg Hunt Field Hosts, Bathroom Monitors, Greeters and Runners.

### Pastor Doug's new Bible Study on 1 Thessalonians.

God's people have always been under some form of attack. In first century Thessalonica the attack started with physical threats. Today God's people also face threats. We'll discuss how God's word through Paul empowered early Christians to live beyond fear of suffering. How did God rescue, reward, resurrect, and redeem His early church and what can we learn for today? Please join Pastor Widger in MR2 for this verse by verse



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The Holy Smokers are ready to take orders for Easter hams, sausage and pork loins. The pork loin is a new addition this year. 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.

Signup sheet will be in the Narthex 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 or Jenna. Make checks out to **Grace Lutheran Church, memo as Holy Smokers**.

**The deadline to place your order is NOON, Sunday,**



**April 2.** Pickup will be Saturday afternoon, April 8. We will call with pickup time.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Saturday morning, April 8 around 7:00 a.m.



### 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

**Head Elder:**  
Joe Masterson

## SAVE THE DATE!!

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

# IF:2023

April 21-22

Join us here at Grace on  
Friday, April 21 from 6:00-9:00 pm, and  
Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.