

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:30 AM Worship Service

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



**ALTAR
FLOWERS
GIVEN BY:**

Jim Kettler, in
loving memory
of his wife,
LaJuana

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB #709
vs. 1-4

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

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Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

- 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.
- 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- 14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--
- 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.
- 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again.
- 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB #710

vs. 1-3, 5

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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"My Good Shepherd" - 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

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

CHORUS

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

CHORUS

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Communion

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

CHORUS (2x)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
(Repeat)

CHORUS (2x)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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Have No Fear, Little Flock

**LSB #735
vs. 1-4**

Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

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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: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB #922
vs. 1-4

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
 I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace:
 I the Lord will be your Father,
 Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
 Go, My children; I will keep you and give you peace.

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COMMUNION NOTES

At this time the common cup will not be used. A traveling tray will be 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.



**Telling the next
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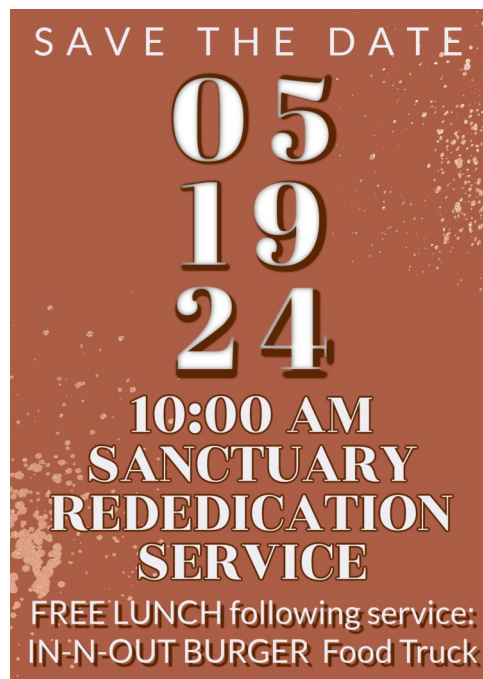
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SAVE THE DATE

**05
19
24**

**10:00 AM
SANCTUARY
REDEDICATION
SERVICE**

**FREE LUNCH following service:
IN-N-OUT BURGER Food Truck**



**Tuesday, April 23
SUBMISSION DEADLINE
for the:**

Newsletter

Email for submissions:
Communications@grace.lc



**PLEASE
CHECK IN!**

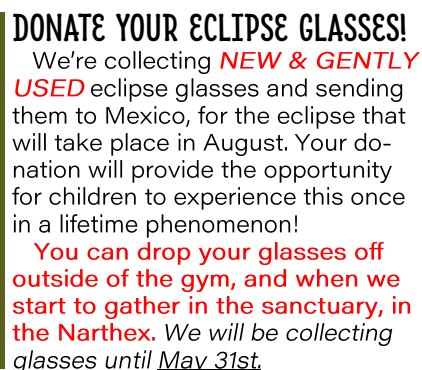
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DONATE YOUR ECLIPSE GLASSES!

We're collecting **NEW & GENTLY USED** eclipse glasses and sending them to Mexico, for the eclipse that will take place in August. Your donation will provide the opportunity for children to experience this once in a lifetime phenomenon!

You can drop your glasses off outside of the gym, and when we start to gather in the sanctuary, in the Narthex. We will be collecting glasses until May 31st.



**NEW VINE
MUSIC LESSONS**

**Now available for guitar,
violin, voice, and piano!**

Open to all ages and skill levels

Contact Will or the church office for more information



~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - Fireside Room
"Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today" covers the Preface, Conclusion, and All Articles of Augsburg Confession. This is a CPH publication authored by James Baneck, former president of the North Dakota District. The study is downloadable, and Jim provides copies to all attendees. The course book is Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, second edition, Paul T. McCain, CPH, 2006. Other versions are also acceptable.
- ♦ 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, April 21, 2024

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Gym
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room
- 12:00 PM Church Fellowship Lunch →

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - Newsletter Deadline

- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- 9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - Braille Room: MR1
- 6:30 PM ESL Classes
- 6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Music Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Thursday, April 25, 2024

- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Popsicles on the Playground

Friday, April 26, 2024

- 12:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - Fireside Room

Saturday, April 27, 2024

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild

Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Gym
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room



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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

let's do lunch

ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP

4/21

TIME 12:00 PM	LOCATION SPRING CREEK BBQ
ADDRESS 3608 S COOPER ST. ARLINGTON, TX 76015	

SAVE THE DATE!

Gather with women of Grace and the community for a time of connection and spiritual growth through a devotions, prayer, discussion, and a continental breakfast.

BRING: Bible, pen, and journal.

TOPIC: Women in the Bible

RSVP with Serena by Wednesday, May 8th at Noon.

Sign up before or after Sunday worship service, on the clipboard or RSVP by clicking the link in Grace's Friday email.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Contact Serena (817-274-1626, x1002).

Sisters In Christ

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Saturday

05 | 11 | 24

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Grace FLC Fireside
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RSVP Today!