

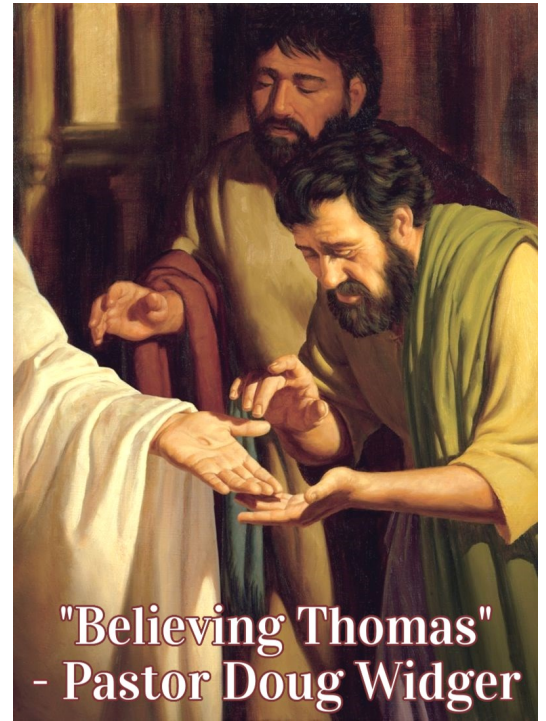


**Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Worship Service**



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in honor of  
Cyndy  
Otto's  
birthday



**"Believing Thomas"**  
**- Pastor Doug Widger**

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Opening Song:

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB #474  
vs. 1-5

Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 105:4, 8*

Pastor: Seek the LORD and His strength;

People: seek His presence continually!

Pastor: He remembers His covenant forever,

People: the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Pastor: Bidden by the Lord and confident of His steadfast love and mercy, let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor: Merciful Lord, almighty Father,

People: 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. I remind you that you are forgiven of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: Amen.

## Share Grace

## Epistle Reading

**Acts 5:12-20**

- 12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.
- 13 None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.
- 14 And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,
- 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

- 16 The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
- 17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy
- 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.
- 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,
- 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."
- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Message** - Dr. Serena Pace

### **Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-31

- 19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."
- 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."
- 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.
- 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."
- 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."
- 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
- 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
- 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;
- 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## Message Song: Open The Eyes Of My Heart

*Chorus:* Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

*Verse:* To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

*Bridge:*  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

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## Message: "Believing Thomas" - 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

Christ Be My Leader

LSB #861  
vs. 1-3

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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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: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB #477  
vs. 1-3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.



Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Glory be to God on high:  
 Alleluia to the Savior  
 Who has gained the victory;  
 Alleluia to the Spirit,  
 Fount of love and sanctity!  
 Alleluia, alleluia  
 To the triune Majesty!

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A special voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, following the Bible Class Hour in the Gym. For over 60 years the one-acre piece of property immediately to the west of Pecan has been owned by Grace Lutheran Church. At various points, notions of how it could or should be developed to expand the ministry of the church have surfaced but never been acted upon. Now after 63 years of ownership and no specific plan the Grace Board of Directors would like to recommend that this one-acre of piece of property be listed for sale.

Our By-Laws state the following:

*"The Voters' Assembly shall be the assembly of voting members of the congregation at a validly called annual or special meeting. The Voters' Assembly shall have the authority to elect the Board of Directors, including the President, approve the congregational budget, call ordained and commissioned ministers, approve any transfers of real property involving the congregation,..."*

## HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you fall into this category, and would like to be recognized this Spring, please let Serena know by the end of April.  
 Send the following information:

- ✓ Graduation picture OR favorite picture
- ✓ Favorite Bible verse
- ✓ College major/degree
- ✓ Next steps after graduation
- ✓ School you're graduating from

## Fall 2025 Enrollment

### NOW OPEN

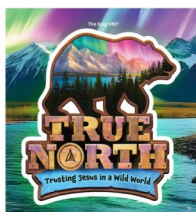
**PLEASE CHECK IN!**



[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!

## 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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13. Check the box to authorize the transaction.
14. Press GIVE, and you are done.

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

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - *Fireside Room*
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class: Book of John - *MR 2*
- ♦ Biblical Parenting Group - *Gym (or TBA)*
- ♦ 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*  
(throughout the morning)  
*Comfort & Nursing Rooms are available.*

## 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
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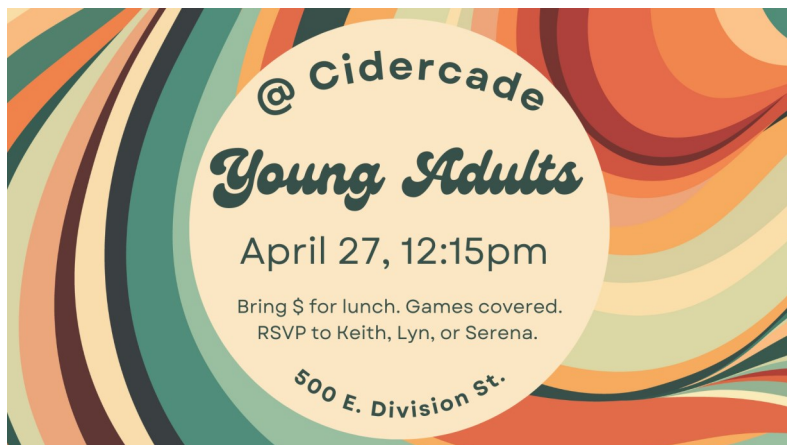
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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 10:45 AM Love Box Packing Party - *Gym*
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*



### Tuesday, April 29, 2025

- 6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

### Wednesday, April 30, 2025

- 6:30 PM ESL Classes
- 6:30 PM Youth Leadership Class (ages 9-14) - *MR 4*

### Thursday, May 1, 2024

- 9:00 AM Braille (Moretz Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 6:30 PM Braille (Charity Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*

### Friday, May 2, 2024

- 6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
- 6:30 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

### Saturday, May 3, 2025

- 9:00 AM Dia de Las Madres (Mother's Day event): *Fireside/Gym*
- 9:00 AM Altar Guild

### Sunday, May 4, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch - *Gym*
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*



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## SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 10:45 AM

### SPECIAL EVENT

For Grace Women & Men  
Join us for Breakfast Burritos  
for all in the Gym!

### FOLLOWED BY:

**LOVE-BOX PACKING PARTY** for the Ladies of Grace in our Gym. Sisters in Christ women's ministry is partnering with the Embrace Grace ministry to pack 100 Love Boxes for women seeking support in their pregnancies.

These boxes will be distributed to the Metroplex Women's Clinics around Arlington and Fort Worth and is their first introduction to join an Embrace Grace support group. We will create an assembly line to pack the boxes.

If you prefer to sit, you may write cards of encouragement to the moms seeking support.

A meeting to develop a **NEW MEN'S MINISTRY** at Grace will take place in MR 2 with Pastor Doug. Please join us!

Call Serena with questions.