



April 6, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service



“The Wicked Tenant”
- 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

Isaiah 43:1, adapt.

Pastor: As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that your Holy Baptism is still a present reality today, let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.

People: Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us and make us to be Your new creation by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness both today and forever.

Pastor: But now thus says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine." Upon this, your confession, I, announce the grace of God to all of you, and 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: Isaiah 43:16–21 ("Behold, I am doing a new thing.")

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b–14 (Righteousness through faith in Christ)

4 If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

- 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
- 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—
- 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
- 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
- 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
- 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Message Song: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB #437
vs. 1-5

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For His own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.

Gospel Reading

Luke 20:9–20 (The parable of the wicked tenants)

- 9 And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.
- 10 When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.
- 11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.
- 12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.
- 13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'
- 14 But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'
- 15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?
- 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"
- 17 But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?
- 18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."
- 19 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.
- 20 So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

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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

This Is the Feast

vs. 1-5

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[Refrain]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

[Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

[To next verse]

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

[Refrain]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[Final Refrain]

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 blessèd 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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Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB #623
vs. 1-5

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

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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.

BIBLE JOURNALING

Join us for a morning of learning, art and joy.
No experience or artistic talent needed!



Every 2ND
Saturday



10:00AM
12:00PM

In person at Grace Lutheran Church
and on Zoom!

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES:

- MARKERS
- COLORED PENCILS
- BLACK SHARPIE
- GLUE STICK
- SCISSORS
- BIBLE
- NOTEBOOK ART PAD

**BRING YOUR OWN SNACK
AND BOTTLE OF WATER.**



CELEBRATING EASTER

**THE HOLY SMOKERS ARE READY TO TAKE ORDERS
FOR EASTER HAM, 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.

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

Glorify our Lord by
adorning the Altar
with Easter Lilies.



Easter Lilies



Sign up
today on the
Narthex bulletin board.
(\$15 each)

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HOLY WEEK

Schedule



THURSDAY

APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM
Maundy Thursday

FRIDAY

APRIL 18 @ 6:30PM
Good Friday

SUNDAY

APRIL 20 @ 9:30AM
Easter Sunday



210 W. PARK ROW, ARLINGTON, TX 76010
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~ 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*

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

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Joe Masterson



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Pastor Doug Widger, Lead Shepherd
Pastor Steve Roth, Community Care
Dr. Serena Pace, DCE, Director of Ministries
Mr. William Land, Worship Director
Mrs. Laura Scott, Director of Early Education

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 6, 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*

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:30 AM Braille (Smiths' Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting - *Meeting Room 2*
7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

1:00 PM Braille (Holy Cross Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
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*
6:30 PM ESL Classes
6:30 PM Youth Leadership Class (ages 9 - 14) - *MR 4*
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*

Thursday, April 10, 2024

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APRIL 10, 12P, FIRESIDE
HAM & CHEESY-POTATO CASSEROLE & PEACH COBBLER
LUNCH 'N LEARN: DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME
BY THE SULLIVAN TEAM OF SULLIVAN DFW HOMES
Grace Lutheran Church: 210 W. Park Row
Arlington, TX 76010, 817-274-1626

6:00 PM Braille (Sandra's Braille Buddies) - *Braille: MR1*

Friday, April 11, 2024

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

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:00 AM Altar Guild
9:00 AM Embrace Grace Baby Shower: *Fireside Room/Gym*
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Journaling Workshop
- *Meeting Room 2*
7:30 PM Payton Fortner & Juliana Ramirez's Recital
- *Sanctuary*

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:40 - 9:20 AM Handbells Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
10:45 AM Egg Stuffing - *Gym*
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*



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AT GRACE
Easter
APRIL 20TH, 2025

8am | Egg Casserole Breakfast
(Family Life Center)
FREE WILL donations - youth fundraiser

11:15am | Egg Hunt
(Back Field)
Bring your baskets

APRIL 13—EGG STUFFING 10:45 AM & 4/16, 10 AM (TBA)
APRIL 19—SET UP 9AM