

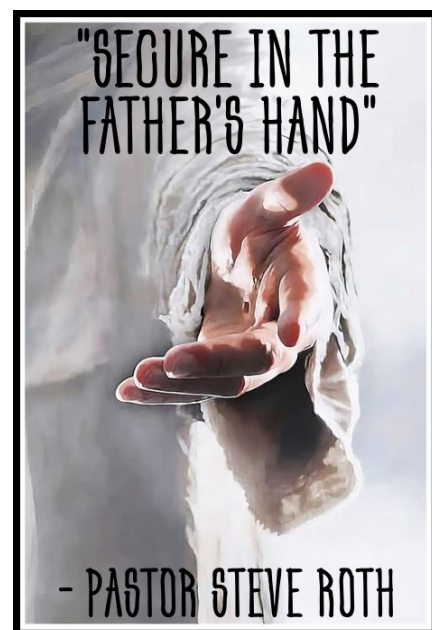


**Sunday, May 11, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Worship Service**  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*



**ALTAR FLOWERS  
GIVEN BY:**

Joe & Joanne  
Elmers, in honor of  
Jett's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday



**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song:** How Great Is Our God

**Verse 1:** The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

**Chorus:** How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see how great,  
How great is our God

**Verse 2:** Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

**CHORUS**

**Bridge:** Name above all names, worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

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## **Confession and Absolution**

- P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.
- C: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins - those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by You. Before You nothing remains hidden, and in You everything is revealed. Free us from the weight of sin and shame, and work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: AMEN.

## Share Grace

### Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads 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 mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17

- 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
- 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
- 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
- 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
- 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"
- 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message - Dr. Serena Pace

## Gospel Reading:

John 10:22-30

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,  
23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.  
24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in  
suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."  
25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in  
my Father's name bear witness about me,  
26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.  
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.  
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them  
out of my hand.  
29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to  
snatch them out of the Father's hand.  
30 I and the Father are one."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**Message Song:** My God Is Faithful *(sung to the tune of LSB 878 - "Abide with Me")*

*Words by Steve Roth*

My God is faithful,  
Watches over me.  
He is my Savior for eternity.  
He's my Protector,  
Gives me hope within.  
He bled and died,  
And freed me from my sin.

He doesn't leave me,  
Stays close by my side.  
When I need guidance,  
He is there to guide.  
When I am frightened,  
Need a helping hand,  
He sends His Spirit,  
Gives me strength to stand.

God keeps His promise,  
Confidence He gives,  
I can do all things  
Just because He lives.  
He tells me "Fear not,  
I've got plans for you.  
There will be valleys,  
But I'll take you through."

His name is Jesus,  
He's the great I AM.  
He is my Shepherd,  
I'm His little lamb.  
He's my salvation,  
I am saved by grace.  
One day I'll see Him,  
And behold His face.

## **Message: "Secure in the Father's Hand" - Pastor Steve Roth**

### **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**

#### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand  
  
In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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:** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

**LSB #465**

**vs. 1-4**

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
 Set heart and will on things above  
 That we conquer through Your triumph;  
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
 That by our lives we truly say:  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring  
 And with the heavn'ly blessed sing:  
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
 Be to the Father and our Lord,  
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
 All the glory, never ending!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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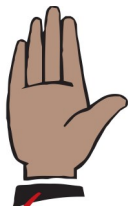


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**VOTERS  
MEETING**

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..."*



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A FRIEND FOR:

The  
**CHOSEN  
& CHAT**



WEDNESDAYS · 7 PM  
MEETING ROOM 2  
JUNE & JULY



## ~ 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 - GLEE Wing
- ♦ 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
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

Head Elder:  
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  
Rev. Dr. Russell Hildebrandt, Pastor Emeritus

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 11, 2025 – Mother's Day

9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages  
12:00 PM Día de la Familia: Family Day - Gym & Joeckel Field

### Tuesday, May 13, 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, May 14, 2025

1:00 PM Braille (Holy Cross Group) - Braille Room: MR1

### Thursday, May 15, 2024

7:00 PM Braille (Shepherd of Life Group) - Braille Room: MR1

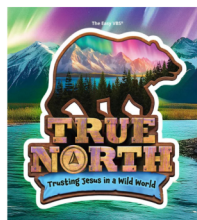
### Friday, May 16, 2024

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

### Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00 AM Altar Guild  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Journaling Workshop  
- Fireside Room and ZOOM Gathering

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Normally:  
Every 2ND  
Saturday

10:00AM  
12:00PM

**RESCHEDULED IN MAY: SATURDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>!**

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.



JUNE 1ST  
AT 12:15PM  
FUZZY'S TACOS

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Upcoming in our  
Message Series  
"The Gospel—  
Through  
John's Eyes"...

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages  
11:45 AM Voters' Meeting, preceded by a light lunch  
(regards sale of 1 acre of GLC property and  
Legacy Fund update) - Gym  
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room

5/18/2025	John 16:12-22	Filled with Joy
5/25/2025	John 16:23-33	I Have Overcome
6/1/2025	John 17:20-26	Unite
6/8/2025	John 14:23-31	Pentecost