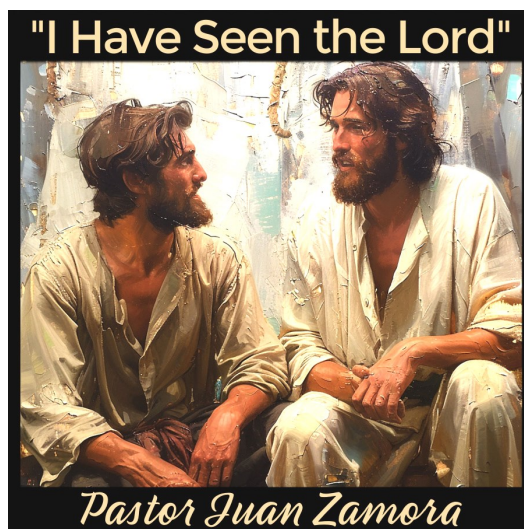




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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Worship Service**  
*The Third Sunday of Easter*

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Opening Song:** I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB #461  
vs. 1, 2, 5, 7, 8

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 30:5, 8*

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I cry,  
People: and to the Lord I plead for mercy.

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.  
People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, remind you of the grace of God which offers free and full forgiveness based on Jesus' sacrifice for 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**

### **First Reading:**

**Acts 9:1–22 ("Saul, why are you persecuting Me?")**

- 1 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
- 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.
- 4 And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
- 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
- 6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."
- 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
- 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
- 9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
- 10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
- 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,
- 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."
- 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.
- 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

- 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.  
16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."  
17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."  
18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;  
19 and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.  
20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."  
21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?"  
22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle Reading:**     Revelation 5:1–14 ("Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.")

- 1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.  
2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"  
3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,  
4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.  
5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."  
6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.  
7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.  
8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.  
9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

- 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
- 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
- 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
- 14 and the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading:** John 21:1–19 (After directing the disciples to a great catch of fish, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him.)

- 1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.
- 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.
- 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No."
- 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.
- 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.
- 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.
- 9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.
- 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."
- 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.
- 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.
- 14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

- 16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."
- 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
- 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go."
- 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Message Song:** Jesus at the Center / All Hail King Jesus

*Verse 1:* 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)

*Chorus:* Nothing else matters  
Nothing in this world will do  
Jesus You're the center  
Ev'rything revolves around You  
Jesus, You

*Verse 2:* 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

#### **CHORUS (2x)**

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)



## Message: "I Have Seen the Lord" - Pastor Juan Zamora

### 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

**Handbell Quartet:** "Fugue in G Major"

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

### Communion

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB #445  
vs. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5

What was there that You could give them  
    That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
    What last will and testament?  
"Show Me and the world you love Me,  
    Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
    Eat this body, drink this blood."

When You woke that Thursday morning,  
    Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
    Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
    Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages:  
    You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely,  
Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
Washing Your disciples' feet.  
  
One in faith, in love united,  
All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
One in ev'ry place and time.  
  
One day all the Church will capture  
That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.

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## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

**LSB #437**  
**vs. 1-4**

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.

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When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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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: He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB #480  
vs. 1-5

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.



O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
 For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
 Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
 Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
 Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
 With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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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.

## PLEASE CHECK IN!



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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.

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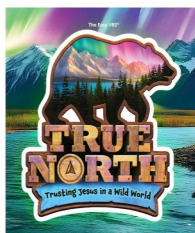
*"The Voters' Assembly shall be the assembly of voting members of the congregation at a validly called annual or special meeting. The Voters' Assembly shall have the authority to elect the Board of Directors, including the President, approve the congregational budget, call ordained and commissioned ministers,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

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## ~ 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.

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Rev. Dr. Russell Hildebrandt, Pastor Emeritus

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 4, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 11:00 AM Confirmation Brunch (Grades 7 - 12 invited!) - Gym
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room

### Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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

### Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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

### Thursday, May 8, 2024

- 12:00 PM Grace Seniors Potluck Lunch - Fireside Room
- 6:00 PM Braille (Sandra's Braille Buddies) - Braille: MR1

### Friday, May 9, 2024

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

### Saturday, May 10, 2025

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



## BIBLE JOURNALING

Join us for a morning of learning, art and joy.  
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### Sunday, May 11, 2025

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

MAY 11 is  
**Mother's  
DAY**