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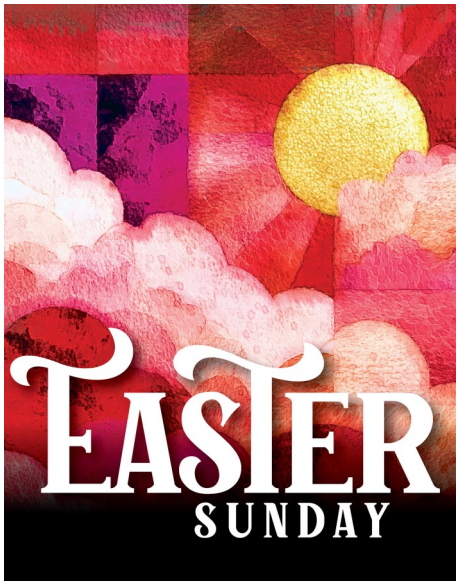
I Have Seen the Lord



Sunday, April 5, 2026
9:30 AM Worship Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today — LSB #457 vs. 1-4

ALL: Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

WOMEN: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

MEN: But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

ALL: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

People: Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!

Pastor: Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as your pastor - I remind you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

Share Grace

Children's Message - Dr. Serena Pace

Song: Scars

Verse 1: Waking up to a new sunrise
Looking back from the other side
I can see now with open eyes
Darkest water and deepest pain
I wouldn't trade it for anything
'Cause my brokenness brought me to You
And these wounds are a story You'll use

Chorus 1: (So) I'm thankful for the scars
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart
And I know they'll always tell of who You are
So forever I am thankful for the scars

Verse 2: Now I'm standing in confidence
With the strength of Your faithfulness
And I'm not who I was before
No I don't have to fear anymore

Bridge: I can see
I can see
How You delivered me
In Your hands
In Your feet
I found my victory

Chorus 2: I'm thankful for Your scars
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart
And with my life I'll tell of who You are
So forever I am thankful

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Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while
it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.
2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus
loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do
not know where they have laid him."
3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.
4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and
reached the tomb first.
5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.
6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the
linen cloths lying there,
7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen
cloths but folded up in a place by itself.
8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he
saw and believed;
9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the
dead.
10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.
11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look
into the tomb.
12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one
at the head and one at the feet.
13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have
taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not
know that it was Jesus.
15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him
away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"
(which means Teacher).
17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father;
but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your
Father, to my God and your God.' "
18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—
and that he had said these things to her.

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

Message Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB #461
vs. 1-8

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 bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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.

WOMEN ONLY: He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

MEN ONLY: 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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"I Have Seen the Lord"
- 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

Sanctuary Choir - "Easter Carol"

Communion

Jesus at the Center

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)

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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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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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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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Because He Lives

Verse 1: God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow!
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

Verse 2: How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

CHORUS

Verse 3 And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He lives!

CHORUS

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you in Jesus' resurrection!
The Lord renew you in the promise of your resurrection—yet to be revealed.
The Lord guarantee you every dimension of eternal joy, hope, and new life.
People: 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 blessèd 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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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.

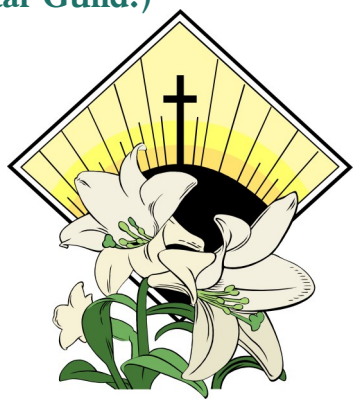
We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- 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.

Easter lilies are beautifully decorating our sanctuary. (Thank you, Altar Guild.)
They have been purchased in honor and in memory of the following:



- *Nancy Grieser - 1: In memory of her husband Norm Grieser*
- *Nancy Grieser - 1: In honor of family*
- *Joe & Phyllis Sparks - 1: In memory of friend, Dick Hosti*
- *Joe & Phyllis Sparks - 1: In memory of friend, Dave Horger*
- *John & Tracey Rukavina - 2: In memory of loved ones*
- *Mike & Dorothy Kennedy - 1: In memory of parents - Mick and Randy*
- *Samantha Quarrier - 1: In memory of Della Dillard*
- *Carol Hall - 1: In memory of her husband Bill Hall*
- *Nancy McCormick - 1: In memory of loved ones*
- *Samantha Hosti - 5: In memory of loved ones*
- *Cecelia Weisenfels - 1: In honor and memory of her husband Gerald Weisenfels*
- *Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Hardy Sanders*
- *Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Rob Timmons*
- *Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Glen & Doris Johnson*
- *Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Randy Glen Johnson*
- *Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Rene Brown*
- *Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Obadiah & Modupeh Davies*
- *Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Priscilla Davies*
- *Linda Buck - 1: In memory of family*
- *Gary & Susan White - 1: In Honor of Life*
- *Gary & Susan White - 1: In Honor of Family*
- *Gary & Susan White - 1: In Honor of God*
- *Eric & Bette Rathjen - 1: In memory of their parents*

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This Week's Schedule

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast – *Fireside Room & Gym*
9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
9:30 AM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
11:15 AM Egg Hunt - *Field (rain or shine)*

Monday, April 6, 2026 - *Church office closed*

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
1:00 PM Grief Share - *Meeting Room 2*
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*
6:30 - 7:15 PM Drum Classes - *Gym*
7:30 PM Coed Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
1:00 PM Braille (Holy Cross Group) - Braille Room: MR1
6:30 PM ESL Classes
6:30 PM Grace Youth - *Youth Shed*

Thursday, April 9, 2026
12:00 PM Grace Seniors Lunch - Meeting Room 2
6:00 PM Braille (Sandra's Braille Buddies) - *Braille: MR1*
7:00 - 8:00 PM Guitar Classes - *Music Room*

Friday, April 10, 2026
4:00 PM Women's Retreat: Fri. & Sat.; *See back page.*
6:30 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Conference Room*

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - Embrace Grace Shower
9:00 AM Altar Guild
10:00 AM - Noon: Mosaic of Hope - Book Signing with Pastor Steve Roth - *Sanctuary*

Sunday, April 12, 2026
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Loving Liberia Brunch - *Narthex*
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

EXPLORE grace

~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~ *No Bible Classes Easter Sunday*

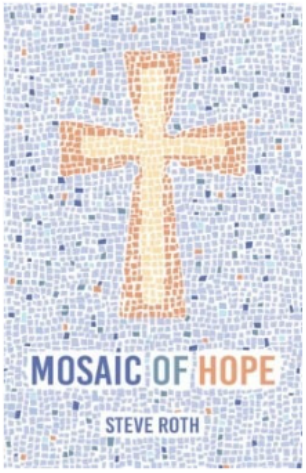
- Pastor Widger's Bible Class: Lamentations - *Meeting Room 2*
- Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class: "Wonder-Fully Made"- *Fireside Room*
- Young Adults Class: "Mere Christianity" study - *Conference Room*
- Biblical Parenting Group - *GLEE Wing*
- Grace Youth (Grades 9 - 12) - *Youth Shed*
- Confirmation (Grades 6 - 8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-5) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery* (throughout the morning)
  Comfort & Nursing Rooms are also available.

Explore Grace

The next opportunity for people to learn more about affiliation with our family of faith will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 9:00AM. If you're interested, please contact the church office for additional information.

grace Seniors

Thursday, April 9 @ 12 PM
Guest Speaker: Estate Attorney
Great info and Review for all!
Meal: Meatloaf Dinner with Sides + Dessert
Call (817) 274-1626 or email space@grace.lc
Serena to RSVP or to volunteer
Invite a friend!



Mosaic of Hope: Book Signing with Pastor Steve

We're excited to share that Pastor Steve has released a new book, Mosaic of Hope! Join us for a special book signing on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00AM–12:00PM here at the church in the conference room. You're welcome to bring your own copy to be signed, or purchase one on-site for $15 (cash or check) and have it signed that day.

You can also purchase your copy online here:
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0GTDJVRJ5

Sisters In Christ

FELLOWSHIP DINNER
Thursday, April 16 | 6pm
Mercado Juarez
125 E Interstate 20,
Arlington, TX 76018
Please sign up in the Narthex or let Serena know.
Each guest will be responsible for their own check.