



# grace

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

belong · believe · become

210 W. Park Row Dr.  
Arlington, TX 76010  
817.274.1626  
online @ grace.lc

Newsletter  
APRIL 2022

Pastor  
**Doug Widger**  
Lead Shepherd

Pastor **Steve Roth**  
Community Care

Dr. **Serena Pace**  
DCE - Director of  
Ministries

**Jennifer Chavez**  
Director of  
Early Education

Rev. Dr. **Russell  
Hildebrandt**  
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. **David  
Joeckel**  
Pastor Emeritus

## Lenten Series - Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

This Lent, our life in Christ is being strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we've been meeting villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship as we continue to hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:

**Midweek of Lent 5 (April 6):** Pontius Pilate,  
John 19:1-16

*Soup and Salad Meal - hosted by GLEE*

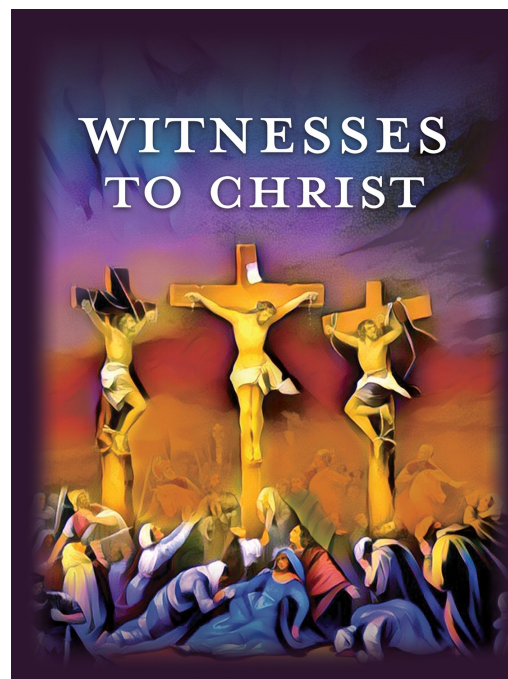
**Palm Sunday (April 10):** The Disciples, John  
12:12-19

**Maundy (Holy) Thursday (April 14, 6:30 pm):**  
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21-30

**Good Friday (April 15, 6:30 pm):** John, the  
Gospel Writer, John 19:25-37

**EASTER - The Resurrection of Our Lord  
(April 17):** Mary Magdalene, John 20:1-18

Wednesday services are being held at 6:30 pm, and meals are at 5:30 pm served in the Family Life Center with a freewill offering. Devotions for study are available in the Narthex, or you can contact the church office to have one mailed to you.



Inside this issue:

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Lenten Series                | 1 |
| Easter Hams                  | 1 |
| Family Ministry News         | 2 |
| Groups Updates               | 3 |
| Engage Community             | 3 |
| Your Elders                  | 3 |
| God of love                  | 4 |
| Memorials &<br>Honorariums   | 4 |
| PushPay                      | 4 |
| Bereavement Ministry         | 4 |
| Explore Grace                | 5 |
| Email<br>jdelcristo@grace.lc | 5 |
| Easter Lilies                | 5 |
| B'days/Anniversaries         | 5 |
| Puzzle                       | 6 |

## It's time to order your Easter Hams!

The Holy Smokers are ready to take orders for Easter hams and sausage.



A signup sheet is in the Narthex, or you can call Ernie Owens 817-247-0747. Orders need to be pre-paid; hams are \$35.00 each and sausage (mild or spicy) is \$7.00 per ring or 2 for \$12.00. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church - memo to Holy Smokers.

The deadline to place your order for hams and sausage will be NOON, Sunday, April 10.

Hams and sausage will be ready for pickup Saturday, April 16 at NOON.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Saturday morning, April 16 around 07:00 AM.

# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** at 9:45 am (between early and late services)

Grace Kids (Grades 1-3 and Preteens Grades 4-6) Meet in classrooms in the preschool hall.

JR. High Youth (Grades 7-8) meet in Meeting Room 4 for Deep End Confirmation.

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12) Youth meet in the Youth Shed.

Biblical Parenting Sunday School (For parents, grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors) meets in the Library.



**grace Youth**  
**PANCAKE**  
*Breakfast*



**Easter Sunday, 7:45 - 10:30 AM**

Family Life Center, Gym  
Free-Will Offering/Youth Fundraiser

**Family Confirmation  
Brunch!**

In the Gym - April 24th,  
9:45 AM

**Vacation Bible  
Camp 2022**



**June 27-30**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**grace kids**  
**Easter**  
**egg hunt**



**Easter Sunday, 9:45—10:45 AM**

Back Field by Age Group - Bring your basket!

**EGG STUFFING Day:** Palm Sunday, April 10th  
from 9:45 am - noon in the Gym,  
and Monday the 11th as-needed.

**Youth and Kids Prep:** Saturday the 16th  
from 9 am - 12 pm

**NOW ACCEPTING** candy and plastic eggs.  
Volunteers wanted for set up/clean up, field hosts,  
egg stuffers, casseroles, and photography.

**NOW RECRUITING:** Crew Leaders and  
Assistants, Admin., Games, Opening/  
Closing, Nurse, Bible Adventure, KidVid  
Cinema, Imagination Station, Photography,  
Craft & Play, Prep, A/V!!!!

**Registration opens @ [vbs.grace.lc](http://vbs.grace.lc) for:**  
**Volunteers on April 1st**  
**Participants on May 1st**

VBC is for Preschool children (3 y/o & potty-  
trained), Pre-K, Kindergarten through Grade  
6 (in the fall of 2022)!

Nursery childcare is available for babies &  
toddlers **OF VOLUNTEERS**. Volunteers &  
Staff are safety trained & background  
checked.



# Groups Updates

Life Groups have been coming to a close this season, and we have some exciting plans coming for the summer! Information on all the groups can always be found on the church website at [grace.lc/get-connected](http://grace.lc/get-connected)

## NEW Outreach Zumba

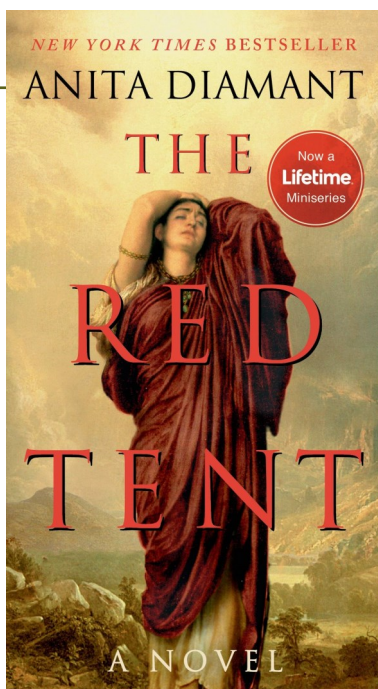
We are moving forward in outreach to the Hispanic community around us through some new ministry partnerships!

One of these is a Zumba class led by Rosibel Portillo de Rubio. We connected with her through the T2C2 ministry and Rev. Juan Zamora (our guest pastor from March 27th)! This is starting in April, happening weekdays (Mon-Fri) from 10:30 am - 11:30 am in the small building at Grace West. Join us for some exercise and connection with our community! [Contact the church office](#) for more information.

## Book Club

*The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant combines rich storytelling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women's society.

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Join us to discuss this month on April 20th at 2 pm in the church library! Contact Ruth Brown [or the church office](#) for more information.



## graceSeniors

### Potluck Fellowship Gathering

April 7, 12 pm, Fireside

**HOSTS:** Ruth B, Don and Sharon

Contact Serena with questions:  
817-274-1626



## Piecemakers

We assemble quilts, dress kits, and health kits to be distributed around the world. Meet with us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 9 am in Church Downstairs Workroom! Coordinated by Donita Spawr, contact at 817-243-5716.

## Engage Community

Are you interested in walking alongside young mothers? How about young parents who are in crisis and are in need of someone to walk with them through a 6-week course? If the Lord places either on your heart, please let Serena know.

## ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Ernie Owens   | A-B |
| Hank Jacobs   | C-E |
| David Swille  | F-H |
| Mike Kennedy  | I-L |
| Mike Curtis   | M-O |
| Ernie Owens   | P-R |
| Joe Masterson | S   |
| Jim Schmidt   | T-Z |

Head Elder:  
Joe Masterson

## Your Elders Are Here for You

If there is any way we can assist you with any spiritual needs or physical concerns do not hesitate to contact your elder. If you need their contact information, please request it by calling the church at 817-274-1626 or email: [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc)

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "F" for example, David Swille would be your assigned elder.

*Joseph C. Masterson*

## God of love - for, with and in us

An ancient heresy — that the God of the Old Testament was a God of judgment and wrath, while the God of the New Testament is a God of grace and love — still persists a bit. Yet God is the same God, with the same characteristics, throughout time. Way back in Genesis 3, God graciously sewed garments to clothe humans, although they had disobeyed him. And even in the Gospels, God's anger was evident through Jesus' response to temple moneychangers cheating the poor.

God always works for life and goodness in all things. Sometimes people misunderstand God's ways; sometimes God, like a human parent, uses "tough love." Mick Brooks writes: "The Old Testament is God for us, the time of Christ is God with us, and the age of the Holy Spirit is God in us" (*Every Day With Jesus*, Sept/Oct 2020). That may be a bit simplistic, but it's a good reminder that while God's ways of interacting with us vary, he — the God of Love — does not.



A **Memorial** is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a living memorial in memory of a loved one or a friend.

An **Honorarium** is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a tribute honoring an achievement, celebration, or deed of a loved one or a friend.

With deep appreciation, we accept the following Memorial and Honorarium gifts given as of March 23, 2022 honoring:

### Benevolence Ministry:

Virgil Patterson by Lou Ann Kersten  
Donna & Bill Hertel by Lou Ann Kersten  
Anna Jessup by Lou Ann Kersten

### Braille Ministry:

Virgil Patterson by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hankins  
Donna & Bill Hertel by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hankins  
Anna Jessup by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hankins, Tommy & Delores Smith  
Dick Jeske by Linda Buck

### Children's Ministry:

Leda Corpie by Polly Hulmes

### General Ministries:

Dick Jeske by Ruth Brown, Walt Baumann, Chaz & Jessica Jeske, Rusty & Trisha Jeske

### GLEE Ministry:

Dick Jeske by Tommy & Delores Smith

### Homebound Ministry:

Donna & Bill Hertel by Tommy & Delores Smith  
Donna Hertel by Mary Siegfried-Borman

### The Rock Church:

Paul Horton by Tommy & Delores Smith

## Pushpay Instruction

1. Use your cell phone text messaging feature.
2. Type (833)630-9900 in the send to line
3. Type GRACELC in the message line.
4. Press to send message.  
*Almost immediately you will receive a message back thanking you for your generosity.*
5. Click the link shown in the message.
6. This takes you to the page where you will see our church logo.
7. You have the option to make a gift to the church's ministries.
8. You can insert the dollar amount of the gift.
9. You can choose the frequency of the gift (one-time gift or recurring gifts).
10. Choose the fund type (tithes, etc.).
11. Click Next.
12. You will be able to confirm the details you just chose, then add your credit card or bank account information, and it can be stored for you or not, as you desire.
13. Check the box to authorize the transaction.
14. Press GIVE, and you are done.



## Bereavement Ministry

The mission of this ministry is to show God's love and care for the families who grieve in the loss of a loved one who was a member of our Grace Lutheran Church Family. We were honored to provide such care in March following the funeral/memorial service for the families of Susan Gunderlach and Richard "Dick" Jeske.

We express our deepest appreciation to Thrivent Action Team Funds, Cynthia Jackson (Director of Operations) and to the following Grace members who so graciously served as the hands of Jesus for these families: Joann Boyle, Ruth Brown, Santa George, Ginny Hankins, Lyn Mangels, Jeanette Patterson, Vickie Rosentreter, Tracey Rukavina, Delores Smith, Patty Smith, Phyllis & Joe Sparks, and Pastor Widger.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Kathy Halliburton
- 4/2 Alan Meyer
- 4/3 Bette Rathjen
- 4/5 Kathy Lauer
- 4/8 Melinda Platt
- 4/8 Nevaeh Richmond-Huzarevich
- 4/8 Shawn Curtis
- 4/9 Nicholas Rubel
- 4/9 Tim Reed
- 4/10 Jessica Pipkin
- 4/11 Leah Whitsitt
- 4/14 Zane Ali
- 4/15 Jon Pelzer
- 4/16 Daniel Runzheimer
- 4/17 Janet Flagg
- 4/17 Paul Wolter
- 4/19 Luke Massie
- 4/21 Donna Wright
- 4/23 Gail Roe
- 4/25 Emily Ott
- 4/25 Lexi Ali
- 4/27 Cyndy Otto
- 4/27 Lisa Watson
- 4/28 Dave Horger
- 4/28 Nathaniel Livesay
- 4/28 Pat Madison
- 4/28 Judye Murrell
- 4/30 David Swille
- 4/30 Joshua Sepulveda
- 4/30 LaJuana Kettler

## Explore Grace

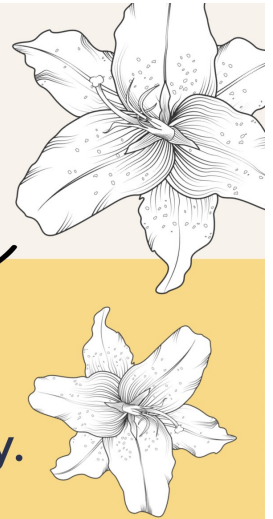
Do you know anyone who has visited or attends our church that might be interested in joining? Consider reaching out to them, or let us know and we can invite them to our next Explore Grace Seminar on April 30th from 9 am - noon!

Did you know that the church calendar is available **ONLINE** at [grace.lc](http://grace.lc)? [CLICK HERE](#) to access it. Any calendar changes and/or additions made in the church office are updated online in real time!

**Glorify our Lord by  
adorning the Altar  
with Easter Lilies.**

*Easter Lilies*

**Sign up today.  
(\$12 each)**



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/2 Marshall & Gladys Moran
- 4/3 Mike & Judy Livesay
- 4/9 Laas & Cecilia Chavez
- 4/20 Devon & Jordan Scoggins
- 4/26 Bob & Kim Bell
- 4/29 Scott & Alease Bodenstab

**Call the church office or  
email [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc)  
to:**

- ◇ Receive a copy of *Portals of Prayer* mailed to your home.
- ◇ Receive a copy of *Witnesses to Christ*, our Lenten devotional, mailed to your home.
- ◇ Be added to the group email list that receives prayer requests.
- ◇ Submit updated address and contact information.
- ◇ Receive a current Church Directory as an active Grace member.
- ◇ Submit and/or update a prayer request.

# PUZZLE

## Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

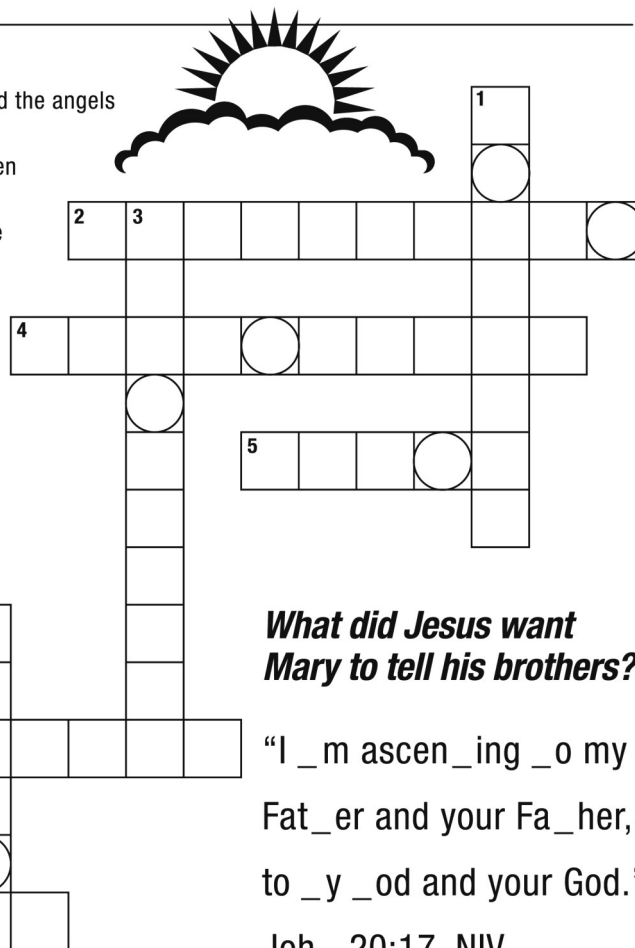
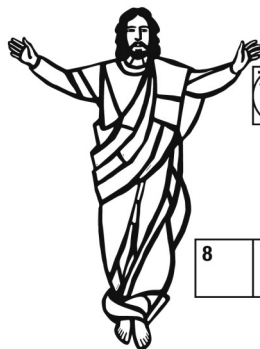
**Directions:** Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

### ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

### DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



**What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?**

"I \_ m ascen\_ing \_ o my  
Fat\_er and your Fa\_her,  
to \_ y \_ od and your God."  
Joh\_ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;  
DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, "I am ascending to my Father and  
your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV