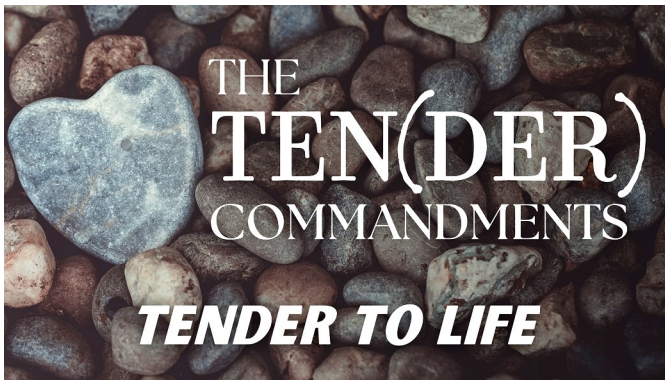


February 9, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service



- Pastor Doug Widger



ALTAR FLOWERS
GIVEN BY:
Jim & Jan Runzheimer,
in honor of
Tessa's 6th birthday



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: God Himself Is Present

LSB #907
vs. 1-3

God Himself is present:

Let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him.

God is in His temple;

All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.

He alone on His throne

Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present:

Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding.

"Holy, holy, holy!"

Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow Your ear to us here:

Hear, O Christ, the praises that Your Church now raises.

Fount of ev'ry blessing,

Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.

Like the holy angels,

Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.

Let Your will ever still

Rule Your Church terrestrial as the hosts celestial.

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Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins unto the Lord:

C: Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness, and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in your holy presence.

P: We have murdered in our hearts.

C: **We have often destroyed our neighbor with our tongues.
We have been quick to uncharitably judge others.
We have considered revenge when we were sinned against.**

P: My friends – hear God’s promise for you today - by the power of the Risen Jesus God forgives you all your sins and declares you his forgiven saint. Live in a new and fresh way, focused on his grace, mercy and love as you serve others.

C: AMEN

Share Grace

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:3-9

- 3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,
- 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,
- 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.
- 6 The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?
- 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”
- 8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.
- 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:30-32

- 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.
- 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message - Dr. Serena Pace

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-24, 38-48

- 21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'
- 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.
- 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
- 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
- 38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
- 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.
- 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.
- 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.
- 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.
- 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
- 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
- 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
- 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
- 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?
- 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Message Song: 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)

Songwriters: Israel Houghton / Jeremy Riddle / Steffany Gretzinger / Ran Jackson / Adam Ranney / Peter Mattis / Mitch Massey
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Message: "Tender to Life" - 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

Special Music: "Center of My Joy"

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (*Heb. 13:20-21*)

C: Amen.

Sending Song: Jesus Shall Reign

LSB #832
vs. 1-5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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Emergency Contact Information Wanted

We never know when hard situations (a fall, accidents...) might occur! Our Elders are collecting Emergency Contact information on ALL of our members. Please provide the church with name, relationship, and phone numbers of at least one emergency contact person. *Cards will be distributed in services on February 9th to help gather this vital information or you can contact Ernie Owens at (817) 247-0747.* Having this information helps our Elders in serving you!

Join Us For Our Prayer Meeting!

Join us for a powerful Prayer Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church on February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Our theme, "Renewal of Expectation", is a reminder that through Christ, we are called to live with hope and anticipation.

Together, we'll seek God's presence, reflect on...
1 Peter 1:3, *"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation."*
1 Peter 1:3 (New Living Translation).

Don't miss this time of prayer, worship, and encouragement!

We need the Lord to give us a fresh expectation of what He is able to do within HIS church and in our lives.

- *Do you ever pray because you know you're supposed to, but you don't actually expect God to answer?*
- *We must not put God in our box of limited expectations.*
- *We need to come humbly before our God and believe that he "is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us?" (Eph. 3:20)*
- *We need to ask boldly and be willing to adjust our lives to what we are praying.*
- *Godly expectation is not merely wishful thinking; it is an assurance of God's faithfulness in showing mercy and grace to His Church.*

We prepare for this Prayer Meeting by praying for those who will lead us in prayer.

- *Encouraging others to attend.*
- *Acknowledge where we must change and adjust our lives.*
- *Raising our own expectations of what the Lord can do.*
- *Remember and give thanks for what the Lord is already doing.*



FAMILY MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT FOOD PACKING EVENT

Saturday, February 22
@ Peace Lutheran—Hurst

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. slot

Eat before arriving.

All ages welcome to participate!

941 Bedford Euless Rd.
Hurst, TX 76053

Partner with U.S. Hunger to make a difference in the lives of people who are food insecure here in the local DFW area! To sign up, let Serena know you are interested, and she will send you the link. space@grace.lc; 817-274-1626, x 1002



~ **Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.** ~

- ♦ The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talk - *Gym*
- ♦ 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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Pastor Steve Roth, Community Care
Dr. Serena Pace, DCE, Director of Ministries
Mrs. Laura Scott, Director of Early Education

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 9, 2025

- 9:30 AM **Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM **The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks** - *Gym*
- 12:00 PM **Couples Workshop: Spanish Service & Fellowship** - *Sanctuary/Gym*

Monday, February 10, 2025

- 7:00 PM **JOY: Philippians Book Study** - *Zoom*

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 9:30 AM **Braille (Smiths' Group)** - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 5:00 - 8:00 PM **Cookie Workshop** - *Kitchen & Fireside*
- 7:00 PM **Board of Directors Meeting** - *Meeting Room 2*
- 7:30 PM **Community Basketball** - *Gym*

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- 10:30 AM **JOY: Philippians Book Study** - *Library*
- 1:00 PM **Braille (Holy Cross Group)** - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 6:30 PM **Embrace Grace** - *Meeting Room 2*
- 6:30 PM **ESL Classes**
- 6:30 PM **Leadership Classes** - *Meeting Room 4*
- 6:30 PM **Joybells Rehearsal** - *Sanctuary*
- 7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal** - *Music Room*

Thursday, February 13, 2024

- 12:00 PM **Grace Seniors Lunch 'N' Learn** - *Fireside Room*

GRACE SENIORS

FEBRUARY 13 **PAIN & STIFFNESS FROM NEUROPATHY**

12 - 1:30PM, **LEARN WHAT IT IS, NUTRITION, & THE LATEST ADVANCES IN TREATMENTS.**

FIRESIDE LUNCH 'N' LEARN

CHICKEN GNOCCHI SOUP, OLIVE GARDEN BREAD, SALAD & DESSERT

DR MEYER, WORLD MEDICAL GROUP

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4:30 - 8:00 PM (Come & Go) **Sisters in Christ Galentine's Gathering** - *Fireside Room*

Friday, February 14, 2024 - Valentine's Day

- 6:30 PM **Spanish Bible Study** - *Fireside Room*

Saturday, February 15, 2025

- 9:00 AM **Altar Guild**
- 11:00 AM **Braille Volunteers Appreciation Brunch** - *Fireside Room & Gym*

Sunday, February 16, 2025

- 9:30 AM **Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM **The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks**
- 12:00 PM **Spanish Worship Service** - *Fireside Room*

COOKIE Workshop

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE COOKIES? JOIN US!

FEBRUARY 11 @ 5:00PM

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Sisters In Christ

Grace Lutheran Galentine's Gathering

FEBRUARY | **13** | 4:30-8PM
(Come & Go)

♥ Food (Soup & Salad) ♥ Fellowship ♥ Fun

R.S.V.P. by 2/9 (in the church lobby) or by phone/email. We will gather in Fireside in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend!

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