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The Journey to the Cross: Holy Week at Grace

As we continue through the season of Lent, we've been invited to slow down, reflect, and draw nearer to Christ. It's been a meaningful time in the life of our church as we walk this journey together.

Now, we look ahead to Holy Week—reminding us of Christ's love, sacrifice, and victory. From the cross to the empty tomb, this is the heart of our faith.

We invite you to join us for these special services as we gather to remember, reflect, and celebrate all that Jesus has done. Invite cards are available in the Narthex—be sure to grab a few and share them with friends, family, or neighbors as we welcome others into this important week.

Each service offers a unique opportunity to reflect, worship, and gather as a church family.

Service Schedule:

- **Palm Sunday**
Sunday, March 29 | 9:30AM
 - **Maundy Thursday**
Thursday, April 2 | 6:30PM
 - **Good Friday**
Friday, April 3 | 6:30PM
 - **Easter Sunday**
Sunday, April 5 | 9:30AM
- Easter Morning:**
Breakfast at 8:00AM
Egg Hunt at 11:15AM

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New Series: Living Grace

When God gives the gift of faith through grace to his people, we assume that people will become like Christ in character. However, this radical change of our nature is impossible to maintain by sheer will or moral restraint. The supernatural power of the Holy Spirit comes and rewires our minds. In this series, we will explore tangible ways in which Grace transforms our character through the Word and Sacraments. Join us for this season of growth!

4/12/2026 | 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 | Week 1: Practical Grace

4/19/2026 | Matthew 18:21-36 | Week 2: Forgiving Grace

4/26/2026 | Ephesians 4:29-5:2 | Week 3: Befriending Grace

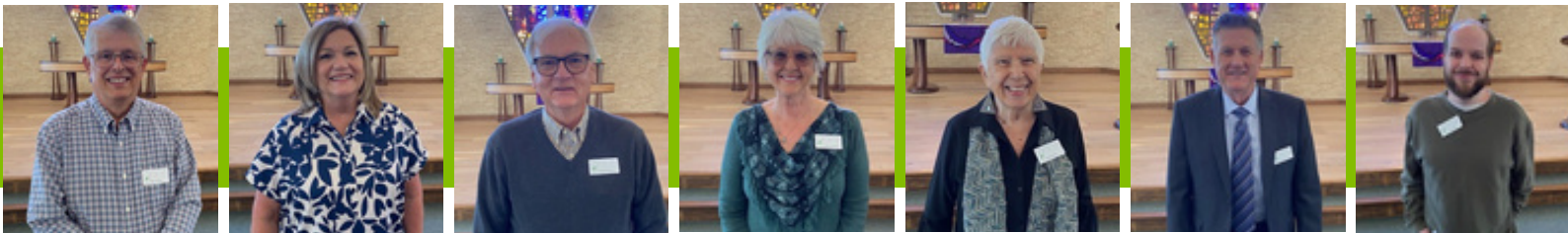
5/3/2026 | Colossians 3:1-15 | Week 4: Resting Grace

5/10/2026 | 1 Corinthians 8:4-11 | Week 5: Receptive Grace

5/17/2026 | 1 Corinthians 3:21-4:7 | Week 6: Self Forgetfulness

5/24/2026 | Ephesians 4:15-26 - Pentecost | Week 7: Passionate Grace

5/31/2026 | 1 Corinthians 9:23-27; 10:11-13 | Week 8: Enduring Grace



New Members

God continues to bless our church with new faces and new stories. We're thankful to welcome seven new members into our church family this month. We encourage you to reach out, say hello, and help them feel at home as we grow together in faith. Please welcome, (from left to right,) Ben Carson, Ann Carson, Anthony Stricklin, Cyndi Stricklin, Edie Harris, Sam Petty, and Ryan Dailey!

Memorials & Honorariums

A Memorial is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a living memorial in memory of a loved one or a friend. From February 21 through March 23, 2026, the following gifts were gratefully received in loving memory of dear ones who have been called to their Eternal Home in Heaven.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

In memory of Cyndy Otto: Susan Malone, Rick & Kim Ross, David Hall, Deanna Kautz, Becky Matthews, Lou Ann Kersten

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

In memory of Cyndy Otto: Mitchell L. Huebner & Kristin Milota, Geraldine Sparks, John & Donita Spawr, Ruth Brown, Mary Thiede, Mark & Lou Ann Rudeseal, Karen Bornsen

Standing with St. Paul Lutheran Church

Pastor Steve Roth is currently being deployed to serve the faithful members of St Paul Lutheran Church in Dallas. They recently experienced the trauma of losing their Sanctuary to fire and Pastor Byron Williams is out of commission for now. Thank you Pastor Steve for bringing the Gospel to our fellow church friends. May God bless the teaching of His Word!

UPCOMING EVENTS & UPDATES



Bible Journaling

Bible Journaling meets the third Saturday of every month via zoom. This is a time of Bible study with a creative response. Please join us on April 18th at 10am as we continue looking at one of the Women in the Bible. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.



Welcome to the Table

WOMEN'S RETREAT
FRI, APRIL 10 @ 4PM
TO SAT, APRIL 11 @ 4PM

Registration Deadline April 6

Mt Lebanon Conference Center
 1701 Texas Plume Rd, Cedar Hill

For details, contact:

Laura Brammer (469-434-0078) or
Paula Ferguson (214-543-2741)

Women's Retreat

Grace Women are invited to attend an overnight retreat with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving. You may also attend for the day. We hope this opportunity may be a blessing to you to connect with other area women.

COST

Bunk-style: \$75
 Motel-style: \$125
 Sat only: \$25

YOU ARE INVITED TO

PREPARE THE WAY

OUR ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT KICK-OFF LUNCH

SUNDAY APRIL 19	AFTER SERVICE 11:00AM	GYM
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RSVP preferred at:
[go.grace.lc/
preparetheway](https://go.grace.lc/preparetheway)

Prepare the Way

We're excited to begin our Accessibility Project—an effort to better welcome all into our church space. Join us for a kickoff BBQ lunch on Sunday, April 19 at 11:00AM to hear the vision, see upcoming plans, and learn how you can be part of this meaningful project. **Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or visiting go.grace.lc/preparetheway**



Loving Liberia

This is one wing of the four wings of our new school in Monrovia, Liberia. The school is scheduled to be completed in May and open in September with students Kindergarten through ninth grade. Tenth through twelfth grade will be added in successive years. The total capacity is for 420 children in four years. Our prayers are for the children who will attend, the Gospel of Jesus will be shared, the staff that will be hired, and all praise and honor to Jesus. We wish to thank you for the generous financial gifts and more importantly for your prayers. This has been a group effort for our church the past fifteen plus years as we have walked with Perry Geevon Smith, founder, who has two schools in Liberia. Loving Liberia is going to a new model of self-support from the local community in Liberia. This means we are closing our board in the United States, and all financial support will be raised in Liberia. We have a video of the ministry of Loving Liberia that will be shared on April 12, 2026, with the congregation in worship. After worship, we will have cake and punch as a thank you for walking with us in our ministry to children in Liberia. To God be all the glory!

Thank you,
 Pastor Hildebrandt

UPCOMING EVENTS & UPDATES



GriefShare

Our Tuesday gatherings continue to help people with their grief journey. If you or someone you know has experienced a deep loss, please consider joining us at 1:00PM in MR2. Contact the church office for any additional information.



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.



Property Sale

The City Council has approved the rezoning of 300 West Park Row, so that the sale can move forward. Projecting closing will occur in the near future.



Pastor Doug's Bible Class

We're currently studying the book of Lamentations, exploring how God meets us in injustice, sorrow, and suffering—and how despair can be transformed into hope.

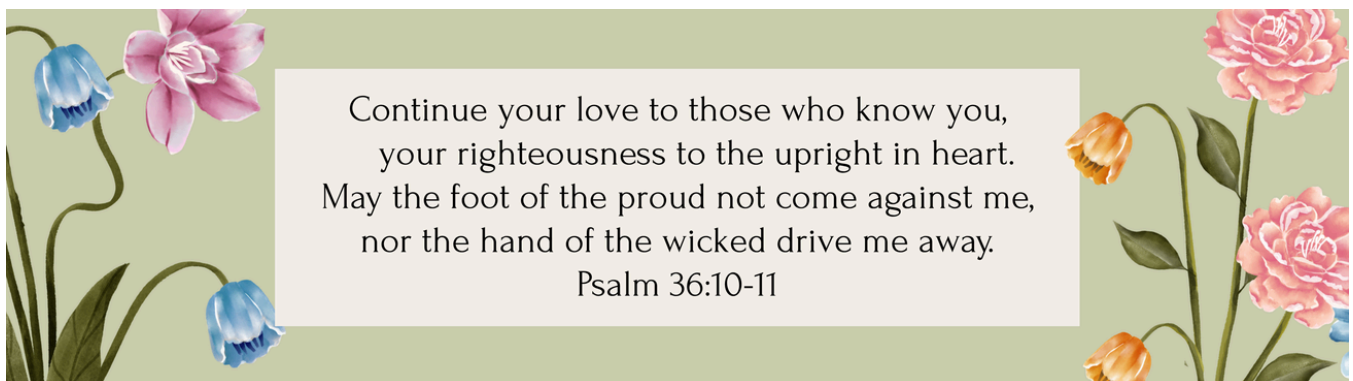
This class offers wisdom and encouragement for those who are hurting and for those who want to comfort others. Join us on Sunday mornings in MR2 at 10:45 AM.



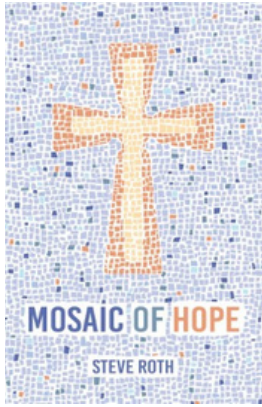
Holy Smokers Easter Orders

Holy Smokers Easter meat orders will be ready for pickup on Saturday, April 4 in the afternoon. You will receive a call with an approximate pickup time as your order is nearing completion. If you have not yet completed payment, cash or checks may be placed in an envelope labeled "Holy Smokers" with your name, or given directly to Cynthia, Ernie, or Brian. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and include "Holy Smokers" in the memo.

Interested in joining the Holy Smokers? You're welcome to come out Saturday morning at 7:00AM —we'd love to have you!



Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.
May the foot of the proud not come against me,
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
Psalm 36:10-11



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>

GRACE LUTHERAN EARLY EDUCATION NEWS



We're excited to share that our preschool is now enrolling for the fall! We offer a nurturing, Christ-centered environment for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, where little ones can learn, grow, and thrive.

If you or someone you know is looking for a caring and engaging place for their child, we'd love to connect. To learn more or to reserve a spot, please contact us—we're happy to answer any questions and help you get started!



Summer Camp registration is now open! Our Summer Camp will run from June 1-July 23, for campers 6 weeks to 5 years old! Registration is available by scanning the QR code. Contact GLEE at (817) 554-4123 for more information!



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Monday-Friday | 7AM-5:30PM

Please keep these contacts handy for RSVPs, questions, and events highlighted in this newsletter. If there's anything else you need, don't hesitate to contact the Church Office—we're happy to help!

GRACE KIDS & YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

10:45—11:45 a.m.

- Babies-3 y/o in Nursery
- Preschool 4's-K in GLEE wing
- Grades 1-5 in GLEE wing
- Grades 6-8 (Confirmation) in Meeting Room 4 (Top Left)
- Grades 9-12 in Youth Shed
- Biblical Parenting Group in GLEE wing



GRACE FAMILY NIGHTS
JUNE 22 24 | 5:30-8:30PM

210 W PARK ROW DR., ARLINGTON, TX 76010

SAVE THE DATE! Grace Family Nights—ALL AGES!

Join us for an immersive, Bible-time, family experience, including dinner, praise time, marketplace shops, family groups, games, dramas, visits with Paul in Rome and MORE!) Travel through Rome with other families and watch God's Word come to life as you experience each day's Bible theme together.

NOW RECRUITING: Actors, Marketplace Interactive Leaders, Family Guides and Other Roles!

Please speak to Serena if interested!

REGISTER starting April 1st at vbs.grace.lc



Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29; 6:30—8PM
Food, Games, Devotion & Prayer
Youth Shed, Grades 6-12
Speak with Serena with questions.

Easter
AT GRACE

SUNDAY
APRIL 5TH

210 W PARK ROW DR.
ARLINGTON, TX 76010

8AM | BREAKFAST
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

FREE WILL DONATIONS FOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER

9:30AM | WORSHIP SERVICE
SANCTUARY

11:15AM | EGG HUNT
BACK FIELD; RAIN OR SHINE
BRING YOUR BASKETS

BLAZE WEEK

JULY 6 - 9 • 8AM - 4PM • FOR GRADES 6-12
A week of local service, Bible Study and fun!

Students will spend their days making a difference in our community through service projects, sharing lunch together, diving into God's Word during Bible study, and ending the day with a fun activity to celebrate what God is doing!

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SAVE THE DATE!
YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT | APRIL 17
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

CONFIRMATION BANQUET FOR STUDENTS
AND PARENTS APRIL 26 | 11 AM | GYM

GRACE YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:45am in the Conference Room

YOUNG ADULTS PLANNING LUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 | 12PM

JOIN US TO HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER & SHARE IDEAS FOR EVENTS, BIBLE STUDIES, AND GATHERINGS THIS YEAR

THE MANGEL'S HOME | RSVP FOR ADDRESS
RSVP WITH LYN MANGELS OR EMILY MASSEY,
OR CONTACT (817) 274-1626 / EMASSEY@GRACE.LC

All are invited!



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.

MOMENTS FROM THIS MONTH

graceSeniors

Thursday, April 10 | 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!

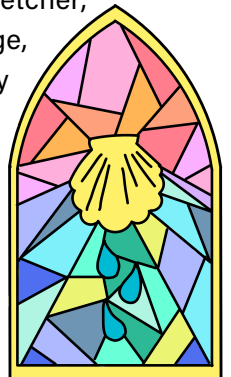


MONTHLY GRACE SENIORS LUNCH



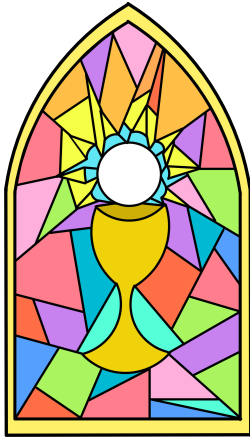
Celebrating Baptism

We rejoice in celebrating the baptisms of Lillikoi, Fletcher, Oliver, Della Jo, George, and Henry! What a joy to welcome them into God's family through this beautiful gift of grace.



Welcoming to the Table

We're excited to celebrate our youth who recently completed their Early Communion class! Through this time of learning, they explored the meaning of Communion and are now prepared to receive this special gift alongside us. We rejoice in welcoming them to the Lord's Table.



Special Dates

- Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, March 29, 2026
- Monday in Holy Week, March 30, 2026
- Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31, 2026
- Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1, 2026
- Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026
- Good Friday, April 3, 2026
- Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026
- Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 5, 2026

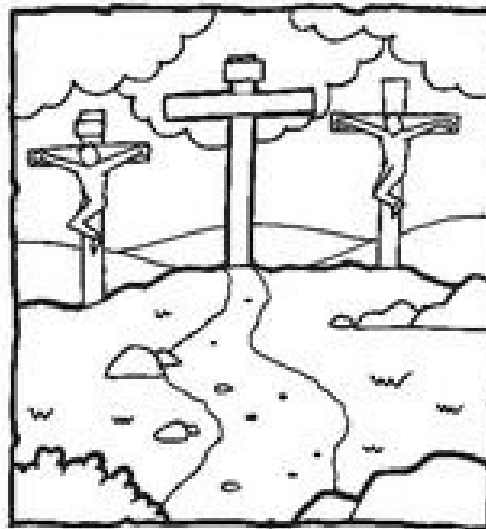
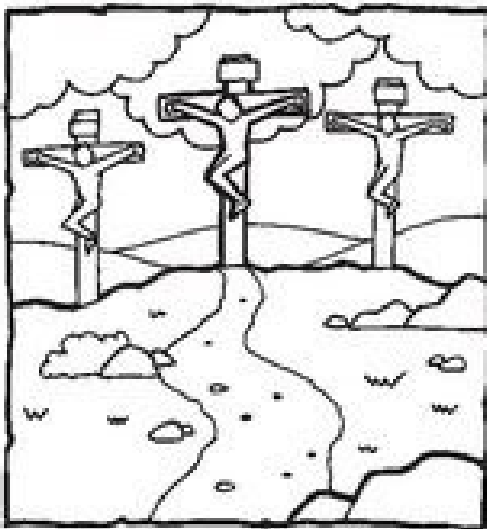
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Alan Meyer — April 2
- Donna Wright — April 21
- Bette Rathjen — April 3
- Ann Carson — April 23
- Kathy Lauer — April 5
- Gail Roe — April 23
- Shawn Curtis — April 8
- Lexi N. Ali — April 25
- Melinda Platt — April 8
- Nathaniel Livesay — April 28
- Tim Reed — April 9
- Joshua Sepulveda — April 30
- Zane A. Ali — April 14
- David Swille — April 30
- Janet Flagg — April 17
- Paul Wolter — April 17



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Judy Livesay — April 3
- Brent & Debbie Burns — April 17
- Devon & Jordan Scoggins — April 20



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you find the 5 differences between these two photos?



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