

*Grace Lutheran Church*

*Welcomes you to*

*The Great Thanksgiving*



*Everyone is Welcome!*

*Taste and See that the Lord is Good,*

*Let us rejoice together!*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

**April 2, 2023**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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Prelude

Announcements

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

See Insert

**Congregation raises their Palms**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace.

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

Processional Hymn      "All Glory, Laud and Honor"      LBW Hymn # 108

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

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**We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!**

**AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:**

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

***We pray always for . . .***

*Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Carolyn Cropp, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass,  
Eugene Rosenthal & Haleigh Werner*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Anna, Vanessa, Meshack & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring  
in Tanzania.*

***Please join us for fellowship in the basement  
following worship ☺***



# Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

## Processional Gospel

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a  
donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had

## Matthew 21:1-11

directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in  
the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled  
out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

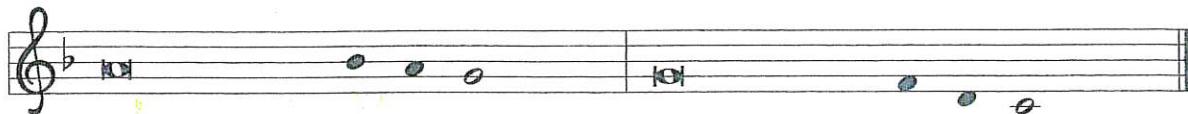
## Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been  
disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?



Have mercy on me, O LORD,  
for I <sup>1</sup> am in trouble;  
    my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
    and also my throat <sup>1</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my <sup>1</sup> years with sighing;  
    my strength fails me  
    because of affliction,  
    and my bones <sup>1</sup> are consumed.  
<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
    when they see me in the street  
    <sup>1</sup> they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup> Like the dead I am forgotten,  
<sup>1</sup> out of mind;  
    I am as useless as a <sup>1</sup> broken pot.

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard  
the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is <sup>1</sup> all around;  
    they put their heads together  
    against me;  
    they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.  
<sup>14</sup> But as for me,  
I have trusted in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.  
    I have said, "You <sup>1</sup> are my God.  
<sup>15</sup> My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me  
from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine  
up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
    save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love."

## Second Reading

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
    did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
    taking the form of a slave,  
    being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
    and became obedient to the point of death—

## Philippians 2:5-11

even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
    and gave him the name  
    that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
    every knee should bend,  
    in heaven and on earth and  
    under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
    that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]

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Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

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If you would like to bring an Easter Lily to share with us, you can bring it at any time. Please sign up at the back of the church and label your Lily for when you come to pick it up

The following Lilies have been donated:

*Kris Ebeler*

*In Memory of Chuck Ebeler*



## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

### **TODAY 4/2/23**

**PALM SUNDAY** Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

### **WEDNESDAY 4/5/23**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation** – 4:00 p.m.

**4/6/23 - Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion  
@ Hope 7:00 p.m.**

**4/7/23 - Good Friday Worship @ Grace 7:00 p.m.  
Includes Service of Healing**

**4/9/23 - Easter Worship w/Communion @ Grace 8:30 a.m.  
(No Sunrise Service, Breakfast or Sunday School)  
Easter Worship @ Hope 10:00 a.m.**