

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!
"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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: Mark 11:1-11

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 pray always for . . .

Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Becky Knake

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring
in Tanzania.*

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

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

***Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the
south office. Church office email grace68329@gmail.com***

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



Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 [not printed]

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to

Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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.

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

⁶I 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.

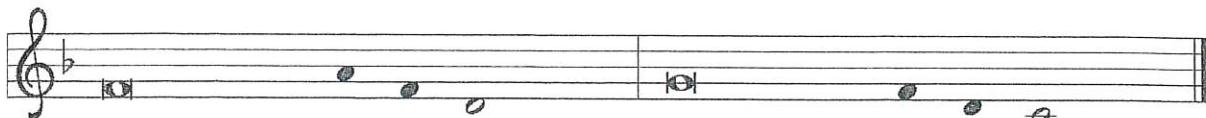
Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

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

⁹It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?



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

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

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point
 of death—
 even death on a cross.

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

Gospel

Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47] [not printed]

Senior members if you wish to share a meal with our Kids for Christ on Wednesday, March 27th, please call the church @ 402-864-4201, by tomorrow noon.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

TODAY 3/24/24

PALM SUNDAY Worship – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY 3/26/24

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

WEDNESDAY 3/27/24

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

3/28/24 - MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship w/Communion
@ Grace 7:00 p.m.

1st Communion for Sheridan Thompson & Charlotte Wellensiek

3/29/24 - GOOD FRIDAY Worship @ Hope 7:00 p.m.
Includes Service of Healing

3/31/24 - EASTER WORSHIP w/Communion @ Grace 8:30 a.m.
(No Sunrise Service, Breakfast or Sunday School)

Easter Egg Hunt to follow Worship – Sponsored by Luther League
Easter Worship @ Hope 10:00 a.m.

Thrivent clients - Don't forget to direct 2023 Choice Dollars® prior to **March 29**! If you're an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars available to direct, please keep our church in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, visit → thrive.com/thrivechoice Need help? Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt or contact your Thrivent financial advisor.

During the month of March, we will be collecting Winter Clothing for men & women for Operation Stand Down, to be taken as Tangible Offering at the ELCW Spring Gathering. See the list in the March Tower Echoes and the back of the church.