

*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

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**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

**April 13, 2025**

**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: Luke 19:28-40

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"

ELW # 344

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 . . .***

*Pastor Steve Billington, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake,  
Axl Walters, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

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

*Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan, and Evance, orphans sponsored in Tanzania.*

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

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***Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the  
south office. Church office email [grace68329@gmail.com](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)***

***If you would like to bring an Easter Lily to share with us, there is a signup  
sheet on the back table and in the SE office.***

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### TODAY 4/13/25

**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/ PALM SUNDAY** Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

### MONDAY 4/14/25

**Bible Study** – 2:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY 4/15/25

**Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY**

### WEDNESDAY 4/16/25

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation** – 6:00 p.m.

**4/17/25 - MAUNDY THURSDAY** Worship w/Communion  
@ **Hope** 7:00 p.m.

**4/18/25 - GOOD FRIDAY** Worship **Grace** 7:00 p.m.  
Includes Service of Healing

**4/20/25 - 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.

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**



# Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

## Processional Gospel

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As

he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the  
Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

## 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

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

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.

<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.

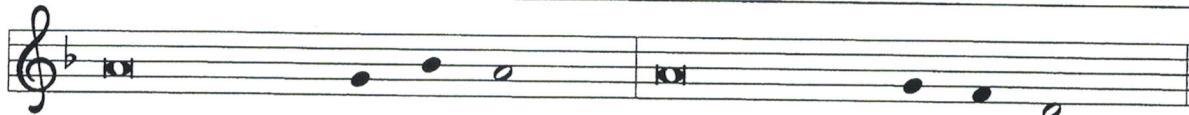
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</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 all my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street  
they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup> Like the dead I am forgotten,  
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

### Philippians 2:5-11

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—  
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

### Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49 [not printed]

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Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18.

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