

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*

*Palm
Sunday*



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 29, 2026

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: Matthew 21:11

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"

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 . . .

Louis & Grace Bentzinger, Gerry Brezenski, Linda Daniels, Julie Effken, Elaine Hauberg, Char Helgren, Kathi Johnson, Diane Roesener, Ginger Rowe & Joan Wellensiek

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan & 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, there is a signup sheet in the SE office.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

TODAY 3/29/26

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/ PALM SUNDAY Worship – 8:30 a.m.
Special Congregational Meeting following worship
Coffee & Fellowship following worship
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY 3/31/26

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

WEDNESDAY 4/1/26

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

4/3/26 - MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship w/Communion
First communion for Brylee Cropp, Cooper Kuhl & Dean Wellensiek
@ **Grace** 7:00 p.m.

4/4/26 - GOOD FRIDAY Worship@ **Hope** 7:00 p.m.
Includes Service of Healing

4/5/26 - 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.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting following Worship Today, March 29th to discuss and to vote and approve the installation of a new water line to Grace Lutheran Church.



Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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 the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens,
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.

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 in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

TANZANIAN STUDENTS

We have 2 new Tanzanian Students for 2026 – Jackline Thomas and Charles Kisanga. Juliana and Hassan are continuing students who were sponsored by us last year. The Nronga and Mtakuja Secondary Schools are owned & operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Northern Diocese, located on the south side of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Student information is on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Juliana Thomas is in Form 2 this year and she is studying at Nronga Secondary School. Her parents are deceased and her guardian is her neighbor who is a farmer. Her interests are singing church music in the choir. Her Career Goal is to become a pastor.

Hassan Mmbaga is a Form 2 student at Nronga Secondary School. Her father is deceased and her mother is a Small Businesswoman. She enjoys singing and reading Novels. Her Career Goal is to become a Lawyer.

New Students

Jackline Thomas (not related to Juliana) is a Form 1 student also studying at Nronga Secondary School. Her mother is deceased and her father is a peasant, her guardian is her grandfather who is a farmer. She also has interests in Singing Gospel Music and her Career Goal is to become a Lawyer

Charles Kisanga is a Form 1 student at Mtakuja Secondary School. His interests are playing football and reading story books about space. His Career Goal – “I want to be a weather and climate specialist in order to help my family and my country.” His parents are peasants.

If anyone would like to send a letter to the students they need to be delivered to Sheridan Lutheran Church by Sunday, April 12th. The letters can also be emailed to tzscholarship@sheridanlutheran.org