

Grace Lutheran Church
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11:00 AM

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Welcome! It's our joy to gather together in worship and we are eager to share the love of God in Christ this day with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or anyone else, for that matter! We pray God's richest blessings on your worship today!

As Lutheran Christians we confess that Christ's Body and Blood are truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins. This meal is of benefit to those who acknowledge their own sin and have placed their trust in Christ alone for salvation. For where Christ's true body and blood are present, so also is the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Baptized and instructed Christians who share in this teaching are welcome to join in this meal that our Lord offers us for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is:
"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we bring people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ."

Serving Us Today

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Jonathan Dinger</i>
<i>Elder of the day</i>	<i>Phil Anderson</i>
<i>Worship Asistant</i>	<i>Dave Reichelt</i>
<i>Song Leader</i>	<i>Scott Elliott</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Sherrie Weerheim, Tami & Cliff Cummings</i>
<i>Communion Servers</i>	<i>D. Scott, D. Reichelt, E. Naftzger, B. Schuerman, R. Shelton-Davis</i>



Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion



Pre-service song

Hosanna

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise!
Be exalted, O, Lord, my God hosanna in the highest!

Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of Kings! Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of Kings!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise!
Be exalted, O, Lord, my God hosanna in the highest!

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Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Jonathan Dinger

Invocation

P: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: If we keep silent, the rocks will cry out:

C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Palm Sunday Reading of the Triumphal Entry

Luke 19:28-31, 35-37

P: Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'" They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

C: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Opening Song

Mighty To Save

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations. *chorus*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now I surrender. Yes I surrender! *chorus*

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Children's Message

Kristin Black, Children's Minister

Drama ~ "The Easter Habit"

The Reading of the Passion of Our Lord

According to St. Luke, chapters 22 and 23

(congregation reads parts in bold type)

Jesus' Arrest

Luke 22:39-53

Evangelist: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not enter into temptation.

Evangelist: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.

Evangelist: And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them,

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

Evangelist: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

Evangelist: And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said,

Disciples: **Lord, shall we strike with the sword?**

Evangelist: And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.
But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Evangelist: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him,

Jesus: Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

Song You are so Good to Me

You are beautiful my sweet sweet song. (sing 3X)

And I will sing again.

You are so good to me. You heal my broken heart. You are my father in heaven.

You are so good to me. You heal my broken heart. You are my father in heaven.

Peter's Denial

Luke 22:54-65

Evangelist: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said,

Servant Girl: This man also was with him.

Evangelist: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Evangelist: And a little later someone else saw him and said,

Servant: You also are one of them.

Peter: Man, I am not.

Evangelist: And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying,

Servant: Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.

Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about.

Evangelist: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus: Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.

Evangelist: And he went out and wept bitterly.
Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers: **Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?**

Evangelist: And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

Song **You are So Good To Me**

*You are beautiful my sweet sweet song. (sing 3X)
And I will sing again.*

*You ride upon the clouds. You lead me to the truth. You are the spirit inside me.
You ride upon the clouds. You lead me to the truth. You are the spirit inside me.*

Before Pilate and Herod

Luke 22:66 - 23:12

Evangelist: When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said,

Council: **If you are the Christ, tell us.**

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Council: **Are you the Son of God, then?**

Jesus: You say that I am.

Council: **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.**

Evangelist: Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying,

Chief Priests: **We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.**

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You have said so.

Evangelist: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no guilt in this man.

Evangelist: But they were urgent, saying,

Chief Priests: He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.

Evangelist: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Jesus Sentenced

Luke 23:13-25

Evangelist: Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.

Evangelist: But they all cried out together,

Crowds: Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas—

Evangelist: a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting,

Crowds: Crucify, crucify him!

Evangelist: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.

Evangelist: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Song You are So Good To Me

You are beautiful my sweet sweet song. (sing 3X)

And I will sing again.

You poured out all Your blood. You died upon the cross, You are my Jesus who loves me.

You poured out all Your blood. You died upon the cross, You are my Jesus who loves me.

CHORUS

You are my Father in heaven, You are the Spirit inside me.

You are my Jesus who loves me.

The Crucifixion

Luke 23:26-38

Evangelist: And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Evangelist: And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying,

***Bystanders:* He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!**

Evangelist: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying,

***Soldiers:* If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

Evangelist: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Anthem

"The Old Rugged Cross"

solo, Mike Sanders

Jesus' Death and Burial

Luke 23:44-56

Evangelist: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!

Evangelist: And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent!

Evangelist: And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Same Old Story”

Pastor Jonathan Dinger

The Gathering of our Offerings and Connection Cards

Offering Song

Beautiful Scandalous Night

Go on up to the mountain of mercy, to the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more, go under and be purified.

Follow Christ to the holy mountain, sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse you heart and your soul in the fountain that flows for you and for me and for all.

At the wonderful, tragic mysterious tree, on that beautiful scandalous night you and me,
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white on that beautiful scandalous night.

On the hillside you will be delivered, at the foot of the cross justified
And your spirit restored by the river that pours from our blessed Savior’s side. (chorus)

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The Prayers of the Church

after each petition: P: Lord, in your mercy.
 C: **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Prayer of Confession for Preparation for Holy Communion

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Dearest Lord Jesus, we stand before You in humility today, we have heard the account of Your suffering, and we are guilty, for we know that our voices mingle with those who cry out against You. In our sinful wanderings we have betrayed and dishonored Your name. It was our sin that drove You to the cross. Forgive us we pray, and help us to know the full extent of Your love for us. In Your most holy name we pray. Amen

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P: Our God has heard the cries of His people and has had mercy on us. Jesus Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, so that through faith in Him you could receive life and salvation. It is in His name, the name that is above every name, that I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution (spoken by Pastor)

The Distribution of Holy Communion

(As you come to the Lord's table to receive Christ in the bread and wine of Communion, ushers will invite you to come forward. Please fill in the rail beginning at the center, and kneel if you are able. If you wish to receive, extend your hand for the bread. You may then receive the wine, either by individual or common cup. White grape juice is available for those who wish it in the center of each tray. Those not baptized or instructed in the biblical teaching of Holy Communion which recognizes the physical presence of Christ's body and blood within the bread and wine are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, if desired. Simply cross your arms to receive the blessing. "Come, for all has been made ready!" (Luke 14:17))

Songs during distribution *(see song lyrics on screen)*

I Kneel Down

By His Wounds

I Love You Lord

The Wonderful Cross

The Communion Blessing

P: Christ has come among us! He has revealed His glory in humility. He has given to us forgiveness and life eternal in His own body and blood. May it give you His strength to live as His people this day and always.

C: Amen

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Song **Hosanna**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise!

Be exalted, O, Lord, my God hosanna in the highest!

Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of Kings! Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of Kings!

Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise!

Be exalted, O, Lord, my God hosanna in the highest!

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GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER SHEET

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE DEALING WITH LOSS

Connie Siebe, grieving the loss of a son and grandson

PRAYERS FOR THOSE DEALING WITH ILLNESS OR SURGERY

Mark (Cheryl Anderson's brother-in-law), prostate cancer

Corinne Laurence, healing and relief from neck pain

Zachary Kirk (friend of the Hans), having leg removed due to bone cancer

Marjorie Gomes (Phoebe & Shawn Curran's grandma), healing from knee surgery March

Dean Lowry, healing from traumatic brain injury

Marsha Eastvold, healing from aneurysm surgery

Ronda Jenneiahn, for healing from cancer

John Hill, healing of heart condition

Roxie Lammers, breast cancer

Larry Orada, upcoming brain tumor surgery

Klarin Koompin, for cancer to remain in remission

Denise Richardson (Melinda Criddle's sister), starting chemotherapy for colon cancer

Carter Naftzger, continued swift recovery from shoulder surgery

Bob Bayn (Betty Sigler's friend), needs kidney transplant

Delfina Colby, relief from continued health problems, and for her mother, Mary

Bertha Allsberry, for continued recovery and strength, recovery from eye surgery

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Travis Carter, Matt Ganschow, Christopher Toop, Kathy Winter, Karli Cumber, Ethan Dillon, Kaylyn Fiscus, Lois Marquette, Carl Powell, Mark Arrowood, Greg Anderson, Kayla Ellis

Those celebrating baptismal birthdays this week:

Loren Mast, John Sigler, Tami Cummings, Jason Leiseth, Metgan Leiseth, Joni Loftin, Tammy Mai, Ardith mark, Lydia Porath, Joshua Von Busch, Shelby Von Busch, Nick Williams, Jennilee Claassen, Lisa Lammers, Lynette Mitchell, Kody Kirkland, Lynette Kirkland, Meika Kirkland, Wana Reier

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:

Robert & Betty Zitterkopf