

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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## Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

**“By His Grace you are saved through faith”**

Ephesians 2:8



**Image:** “They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” (John 12:13)

**Welcome to Grace!**  
**We're Glad You've Joined Us!**

**WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS**

**Worship bulletins** (age 3-6) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our Church Narthex and Entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the Prayer Request Sheet found on the podium in the narthex.

**We're glad you're with us.** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

**As We Gather- *"The Plot Thickens"***

Sunday, "*the eighth day of the week,*" is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

## Order of Service...Divine Service Setting 3, pg. 184

### We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer** (Suggested prayers prior to worship may be found on the opening page of your hymnal) and meditation. Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

#### ✂ PREPARATION ✂

**CHILDREN'S PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION WITH PALMS**—(Pastor Taggatz and the children of our congregation will parade around the sanctuary to remember how the crowds of Jerusalem gave praise to Jesus as He entered into Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins, adults of our congregation are welcome to wave their palm branches too during the Palm Sunday Procession).

#### Processional Hymn 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 1-3)



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang,  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best,  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait,  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel—John 12:12-19**  
*(The triumphal entry)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
 C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

*Stand*

✠ WORD ✠

**Introit**

*Ps. 24:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

**We bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
**that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?\*

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
**that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?\*

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

**We bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

*(The coming King of Zion)*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\*  
**thus securing an eternal re- | demption.**  
Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*  
**so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.**  
He sent redemption to his | people;\*  
**he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*(Every knee should bow at the name of Jesus.)*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may remain seated during the extensive reading of the Passion of our Lord...*

## Verse for Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion

*“He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”  
(Philippians 2:8)*

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 14:1–15:47*

*(The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth & fifteenth chapters.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

<sup>3</sup>And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup>And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup>He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” <sup>30</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” <sup>31</sup>But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” <sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole

Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup>But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right

and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

<sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

<sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

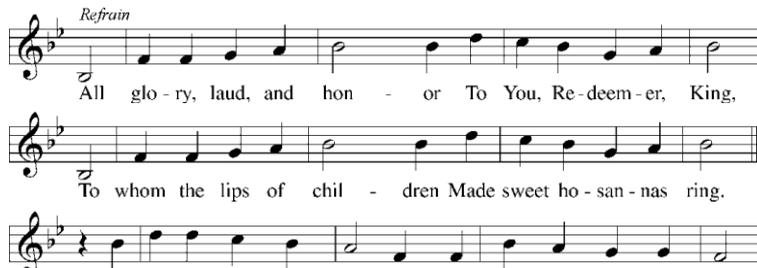
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

**Children’s Message—“Director of the Passion Play” (Mark 14:1-15:47)** *The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. Please note—parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)*

**Sermon Hymn 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 1-5)**

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;  
 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

*Sit*

**Sermon** “The Lord Comes in Humility” (John 12.12-19)

*Stand*

**Offertory**

LSB 192

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Offering** During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord’s Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It’s easy, fast, and secure. If you’re able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly/ monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write ‘online giving’ on the outside and place it in the offering plate.)



**Prayer of the Church** (After each petition the Pastor will say, “Lord in Your mercy,” and the congregation responds saying, “Hear our prayer.”)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**Preface**

LSB 194

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**
- P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

- C **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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### We celebrate the Lord's Supper

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord's Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to "*Celebrate, Teach, and Confess*" the Good News of God's Grace!

**Grace Continuous Line Communion**-During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor Taggatz and the Elder on duty will be using a mask and hand sanitizer before and after communion, and if you would like the Elder and Pastor to commune you in the pew, please be sure to let an Elder or an Usher know.

## Distribution Hymn

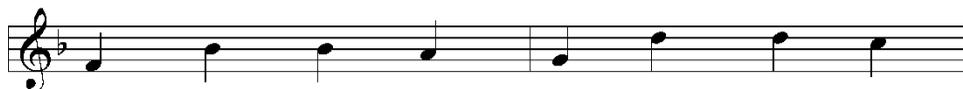
### 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow (vs. 1-5)



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,  
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,  
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!  
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing  
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!  
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary  
gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same  
in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 547 The Lamb (vs. 1-5)

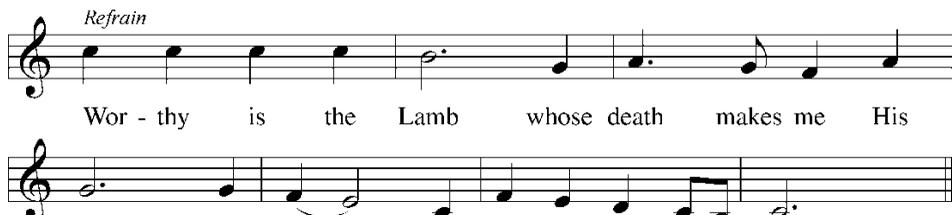


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will, On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

## Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!  
People: **Thanks be to God!**



### Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

	<u>Thursday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Heinz Poellet	Mark Olen	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Connie McKeag	Glenn Dotson	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Acolytes</u>		Madilyn Hundt	Payton Weirich
<u>Communion Set Up</u>		Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.* **Judy** (hospitalized with stroke) Amber Kendrick’s Grandmother; **Tiffany** (miscarriage) Amber Kendrick’s friend; **Morgan Parker** (healing & strength) Pauline Parker’s Granddaughter, **Logan** (healing & strength) Great Grandson of Pauline Parker, **Pastor Bill Wurm**, Pastor Taggatz’s father-in-law, **Angela Strasse** (cancer) friend of Taggatz family, **Leigh Schmeiser** (healing), **Julia Oelke** (Army National Guard Medic and her Unit deployed) Debbie Oelke’s daughter; **Dave Vitek** (serving on the Greenfield Police Department) **and Milwaukee Police Officers, Norma Manoil** (cancer), **Tom Janes** (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik’s brother, **Cindy Riemer** (cancer), **Ronnie Boyd** (healing & strength), **Art Hartsmandorfer** (healing & strength) friend of Doc Medek, **Paul Carpenter** (healing & strength) relative of Stephanie Gulizia, **Valinda** (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson; **Virginia Schmeiser** (healing & strength); **Pat Groth** (healing & strength); **Myles King** (blood disorder) son of Meredith & Matthew King; **Bev Buretta** (healing & strength); **Sharon McCaigue** (healing & strength) sister of Doc Medek & sister-in-law of Ron Savarino, **David** (seriously ill) brother of Suzie Miranda.

*For our Homebound Members at Grace:* Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

We Mourn with the families of **Raymond Kozlowski**, Brother-in-Law of Pauline Parker, and **Anthony Bartlein**, Dena Guziewicz's brother (Dena is our School Secretary), as they mourn their recent deaths. Let us pray. Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with the families of *Raymond and Anthony*, and all who mourn their deaths that, casting every care upon You, they may know the consolation of Your love; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue;***

**Hear our prayer.**

**We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing:**

Paulinemom@aol.com

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship:		Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am-3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

### **Pastor Taggatz Office Hours for Grace Lutheran Church**

**Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Tuesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Wednesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Thursday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Friday (Pastor's Day Off)**

**Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons**

***For appointments, call Grace Lutheran's church office or Pastor's cell phone.***

***For emergencies, call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231***

**Sarah Anderson, Church Secretary: T-W-Th, 8:15 am-1:15 pm**



### **Choir Practice!!**

Choir practice is starting up again. Please join us on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:00 p.m.

**Grace Lutheran School PTLS Virtual Book Fair ~ March 22 – 31, 2021**

- All shopping will be done on-line at: <https://1107272.myubam.com/2045030>
- All items ordered will be shipped directly to you withing 3-5 business days.
- Just in time for Easter baskets.
- Your orders will help our school purchases new books for our library.
- Grace Lutheran School will earn 50% of the total dollar value of books sold.

**The Grace Lutheran Easter Socially Distanced Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 3rd at 3:00pm.** This Easter Egg Hunt will be for Preschool through 4th Grade and it will be held at Grace Lutheran School. We will be in need of the youth group members and their parents to help out with this event. We are asking for donations of plastic Easter Eggs and candy for this event. Our plan is to have the Preschool through Kindergarten in one group. Then, we will have the 1st-2nd grade in another group hunting for eggs, and finally the 3rd-4th graders in a group. We are inviting the families from our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center to attend this socially distanced event. We want the Grace Lutheran Youth Group members to arrive an hour early on Saturday, April 3rd to help with setting up for the Easter Egg Hunt, so we are asking them to come to the Grace Lutheran School parking lot by 2:00pm on Saturday, April 3rd.



OUR LATEST GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL PANTHER NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR ANY PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PICK IT UP TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

**GRACE LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP BOWLING AT SOUTH SHORE BOWL**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 18th from 1:30-4:00pm, the Grace Lutheran Youth Group will be having an event at South Shore Bowl. South Shore Bowl is located at: 3620 E Carpenter Ave. Cudahy, WI 53110. The youth that attend the bowling event are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to our local food bank. Also, the cost for bowling is \$5 for two games along with bowling shoe rental. We hope to see you there!!! If anyone needs a ride please contact Jennifer Poellet at 414.759.5685.



**Scrip Coordinator needed for the church.** If you are interested, please contact our church office at 414.762.8990. It will require only a minimal amount of work. Scrip is Fundraising while you shop. Grace Lutheran Church will raise money instantly when families use retail gift

cards to pay for everyday purchases, like gas and groceries, instead of credit or debit cards, cash or check. *This volunteer must be a member of Grace Lutheran Church.*

### **Greeting Card Ministry**



There are cards, stamps, names of shut-ins, prayer lists for anyone to take and send cards to shut ins and those on the prayer line, especially those on the long term prayer list, on the table in the narthex. Pauline Parker has applied to Thrivent Action Team and they will give us \$250 for stamps and cards. Thrivent has approved this project. In a couple of weeks, there will be t-shirts and note pads as well, to keep track of those who you send cards to.

Please feel free to take the cards, stamps and list of names and a copy of the prayer list, send out the cards even if you don't know the people just to let them know they are being prayed for and that we at Grace care.

### **Power Point Team**

Pastor Taggatz is looking for a few people that would like to help him with running the Power Point during our worship services. If interested, please contact him directly at 715-467-1231 or [jtaggatz@yahoo.com](mailto:jtaggatz@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for you to choose which worship service you would like to help with PowerPoint during worship. We have had two people sign up to help run PowerPoint so far. However, we still need individuals to help out for the 8:00am worship service on Sunday mornings and the 6:30pm Thursday night worship service as well.

**Private Communion Service-**We would like to encourage those that have not been attending worship services due to COVID19 to come and partake in private communion. We will provide this service once per month. The next service will be on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm. We have eight 15-minute time slots available so that you and/or your family can come and take communion. Social distancing and thorough cleaning will occur between each visit. Please contact Sarah Anderson...Tuesday-Thursday between 8:15am-1:15pm to reserve your slot. If this date does not work for you, please contact Pastor Taggatz directly at 715.467.1231, and he will arrange a visit with you for to receive private communion.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR - "Got You Covered" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.** When you're in a pinch and out of options and someone says they've got you covered, it's good news. (Mark 15)

**The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "listen now."** Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM

**Stewardship Minute-** The Apostle Paul wrote the Corinthians about the unity we find in the Lord's Supper, "*Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread*" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Jesus receives us in this meal with forgiveness and, in His love, we receive each other. We live in a time when partisanship and suspicion increasingly become a wedge between true relationships. By faith in Jesus, we have an honest and true relationship with God and with each other. Jesus lived life together with us as the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1). As we live together in unity as the body of the church, we use our gifts to support the body of believers and work through this body to reach out to others.

**SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT WE ARE TO BE CHANNELS OF OUR MONEY, NOT STOREHOUSES.**

*"Whoever trusts in His riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf"* (Proverbs 11:28).



**Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church**  
***"Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures."***

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Join us for this exciting series as we meditate upon Christ's passion in dying on the cross to save us from our sins.

**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm with Communion-Maundy Thursday: The New and Better Passover Meal of Meals, Exodus 12:1-14**

**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship no communion**

**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm Tenebrae Service-Good Friday: Christ, the Firstborn, Is Sacrificed, Exodus 12:21-32**

**Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, No Communion**

**Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am & 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service with communion**

## IN THE WORD FOR PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

**Catechism:** Table of Duties—Of Civil Government: Romans 13:1-4

**Verse of the week:** 2 Corinthians 8:9, “*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 111

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 451) “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (stanzas 1-4)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

Sunday— The Passion According to Mark—Mark 14:1—15:47

Monday—Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest—John 18:1-27

Tuesday— Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40

Wednesday—The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace—Daniel 3:1-25

Thursday—Jesus Is Crucified—John 19:1-24

Friday—Good Friday: Jesus’ Side Is Pierced—John 19:25-42

Saturday—Daniel Is Cast into the Den of Lions—Daniel 6:1-24

“Good Friday shows us—in case there was any doubt before—that something is wrong with the world, something worth mourning deeply ... There will be a time when God wipes all of these tears from our eyes. We are not there yet, but we can surely take heart in the knowledge that God is close to the brokenhearted.” *Derek Caldwell - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

### Growing In Grace March 18 and 21, 2021

#### Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$3,704.25	<i>Attendance-Thurs 3/18</i>	<b>24</b>
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	1,099.76	<i>Attendance-Sun 3/21</i>	<b>103</b>
<i>Missions</i>	0.00	<i>Communed</i>	<b>70</b>
<i>Debt Fund</i>	0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	60.00		

<i>Lutheran High</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,864.01</b>

### OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	3/28	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b>
		9:15 am	NO Sunday School
		9:15 am	NO Adult Bible Study
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b>
Monday	3/29	2:00 pm	Confirmation Class: school children
		6:30 pm	Confirmation Class: public school
Tuesday	3/30	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	3/31	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
<b>Thursday</b>	4/1	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service w/communion</b>
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	4/2	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship, no communion</b>
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</b>
Saturday	4/3	3:00 pm	Youth Group Easter Egg Hunt @ school
<b>Sunday</b>	4/4	<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service w/o communion</b>
		<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Festival Service</b>
		9:15 am	NO Sunday School
		9:15 am	NO Adult Bible Study
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Festival Service</b>
			<b>w/communion (First Communion)</b>

## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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