# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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# **Maundy Thursday**

March 28th, 2024

"By His Grace you are saved through faith" Ephesians 2:8

Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace





Image: "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." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." (Mark 14:22-24)

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

# **WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS**

Worship bulletins & worship activity bags (age 2-8) 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 your child is using the bathroom during the worship service, we ask that you monitor them so that they are using it in a timely manner. We are glad that you're here!!!

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 "Hey, It's Not about Me!"

The whole salvation story, woven throughout the pages of sacred Scripture, leads to a feast. As we gather for worship this Thursday of Holy Week, we experience the same: everything leads us to a feast. Who are the ones welcomed to this feast? Only those who are poor, crippled, blind, and lame are invited (Luke 14:21). Only the bankrupt are welcome here. Only those who know they can never repay the Host of this Meal for His loving kindness are welcome to sit at His Table. "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God" (Luke 14:15). How blessed we are to eat His bread and drink from His cup together this day! For in the sacred feast our nail-scarred Host has prepared, we who lack so much are given everything we could possibly need.

# 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. 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.

# Order of Service...as outlined in the bulletin

## **№ PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN** "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435 vs. 1-4)

Stand

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Luke 18:13*

Pastor: By means of His Word and Supper, we gather together this day to receive our Savior's mercy and respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and deed, we are spiritually bankrupt and unworthy of the grace we receive. Yet at the invitation of our loving Redeemer, we come to His Table and take our place with Him. Acknowledging our sin, let us find refuge in our God of grace and say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

In silent prayer, we reflect on God's Word and confess our sins to the Lord.

Pastor: Together, let us pray:

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life, that we may enjoy the fullness of Your presence at the feast You have prepared for all who trust in You. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise again for you so that you may be redeemed and restored. You have been invited to the eternal banquet, the heavenly feast, where our Savior and Host delights us with the richest of fare, the forgiveness of sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a servant of Christ and your pastor, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \*\sim Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## ₩ WORD ₩

**INTROIT** *Psalm 116:1-4*; *antiphon: v. 5* Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: our God is merciful.

Pastor: I love the LORD, because He has heard People:my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: Because He inclined His ear to me,

People: therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

People: I suffered distress and anguish.

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the LORD: People: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: our God is merciful.

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of

Your passion.

People: Grant that we who can never repay You for Your mercy may be blessed as we eat with You in the kingdom of God;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.** 

Sit

Grace Choir—"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

# OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 24:3-11 (The blood of the covenant was offered for God's people.)

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

Pastor: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus

securing an eternal redemption.

People: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People: He has commanded His covenant forever.

**EPISTLE LESSON** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

(A participation in the body and blood of Christ)

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE John 13:1b

Pastor: Having loved His own who were in the world,

People: He loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 14:12-26

(Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 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, 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?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. 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." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. 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."

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." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 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." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Nicene Creed

People: 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 

of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

SERMON HYMN "O Lord, We Praise Thee" (LSB 617 vs. 1-3)

SERMON "Hey, It's Not about Me!" (Luke 14:12-14)

### OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also 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 by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site at graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or 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.



Stand

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us lift up our hearts and voices to the God of all mercy as He has invited us to pray to Him in the name of our Savior and in the way in which He has taught us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, look with mercy upon us, for without Your aid we are spiritually poor, crippled, blind, and lame. Grant us grace that Your holy name is kept sacred among us and that, in all the world, Your Son may be known through the preaching of Your Word to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: King of kings, may Your rule and reign come to us and expand throughout the world. Bring all who are blinded by sin and bound by death to know Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Work through our earthly leaders and public servants so that Your hand of blessing may be known to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that by faith we cling to the One who was betrayed and handed over to death for us. Into Your care we commend those who have needs in both soul and body, [especially . . .]. For these, and for all those we name before You in the silence of our hearts, we ask that Your will may be done among us [silence]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: How blessed we are to eat bread in Your kingdom, O God! Lord Jesus, You alone are the Bread of Life, and You alone satisfy our hungry hearts. Grant to us our daily bread and help us to realize that You daily and richly provide for all that we need according to Your own riches and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us. Center our hearts and minds on You alone. As we recognize that we are spiritually bankrupt without Your mercy, grant that the spirit of unforgiveness be removed from us so that we live in peace with You and with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us to take refuge in Your grace. On this very night, You were betrayed by one of Your own and handed over to death. Direct us to follow You to the cross of Calvary, where You laid down Your life to deliver us from the evil one and all his works and all his ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We belong to You, O Lord. Renew us, guide us, and lead us so that we may bless Your holy name and celebrate the feast You have prepared for us,

People: for Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

### **₩ SACRAMENT**

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, 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 invites the poor, crippled, blind, and lame to take their places at His feast. Only those who can never repay Him are invited to the Table, where His mercy is freely given to us all. 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 208, Divine service setting 4

C Holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Luke 14:15

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Because He is the very Bread of Life who satisfies our hungry hearts, we say with the Scripture:

## People: Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!

Pastor: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of Christ's cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

People: 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 Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20;

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: 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 № 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 № 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI LSB 210, Divine service setting 4

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
  - 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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! In the Bible, the Apostle Paul wrote: Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread, and drink of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28). Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner, and am sorry for my sins? (Prov. 28:13; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-9)
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins? (Romans 5:8; Col. 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 1 John 1:7)
- Do I believe that I receive the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine (not merely symbolically present?) (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Cor. 11:24-25)
- Do I desire to turn from my sinful ways and live a God pleasing life by the power of the Holy Spirit? (Isaiah 1:16; John 8:11; Rom. 6:12)

If you are unable to answer yes to these questions, please talk to the pastor before communing, as participating without a proper understanding of Holy Communion can be spiritual harmful (1 Cor. 11:27-29). If you can answer yes to these questions, then come with a repentant heart and join us in the reception of the Lord's Supper. Adults and children not yet instructed about Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PRACTICE—We are offering altar/rail communion as our communion practice. While you are at the altar, please let us know if you would like to receive the Common Cup. Individual communion cups are also available to you. You also have the option to kneel or remain standing during altar/rail communion. Gluten Free communion wafers are also available upon request. If it is physically difficult for you to commune at the altar rail, please speak to the Pastor or an elder about receiving communion in your pew.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

- -"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (LSB 618 vs. 1-5)
- -"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" (LSB 434 vs. 1-3)

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211, Divine service setting 4

O 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,

Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Savior, we can never repay You for the grace You have shown us in this sacred Meal. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of Your final coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the feast in Your kingdom, which knows no end; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: 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 ₱ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (LSB 436 vs. 1-4)

Sit

#### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(As Psalm 22 is spoken by the congregation with the Pastor repeating the antiphon, the Communion ware, the paraments, candles, and all the altar appointments are removed and placed into the sacristy. The chancel is to remain bare through Good Friday. The congregation sits in silence if the Psalm is completed before all items are removed.)

Pastor: They parted My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing.

People: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them. To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

Pastor: They parted My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing.

People: But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
All who see Me mock Me;
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;
"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"
Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;
You made me trust You at My mother's breasts.
On You was I cast from My birth,
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.
Be not far from Me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

Pastor: They parted My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing.

People: Many bulls encompass Me; strong bulls of Bashan surround Me; they open wide their mouths at Me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

> I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast; My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws; you lay Me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feetI can count all My bones they stare and gloat over Me; they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

Pastor: They parted My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing.

People: But You, O LORD, do not be far off!
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!
Deliver My soul from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog!
Save Me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You: You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from Him, but has heard, when He cried to Him.

Pastor: They parted My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing.

People: From You comes My praise in the great congregation;
My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and He rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

Pastor: They parted My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing.

**RECESSIONAL** In silence, the minister and congregation leave their places and wait until the narthex to greet one another.

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# Holy Week Schedule for Grace Lutheran Church



- 1. March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:30pm (with communion) "Hey, It's Not about Me!" Luke 14.12–14 Maundy Thursday
- 2. March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (no communion) Good Friday "Our Lord Did This for You!" Psalm 22, 12pm-Noon Day Service
- 3. March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (no communion)
  "Real Life after Good Friday"
  Mark 15.33–34
  6:30pm Tenebrae Service (no communion)
- 4. March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (no communion)
  "Larger than the Stone"
  Mark 16.1-8
  6:00am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
- 5. March 31st, 2024 (with communion)
  "A Startling New Reality!"
  Mark 16:1–8
  8:30am & 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service

# 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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