

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*

Good Friday NOON

March 29th, 2024

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

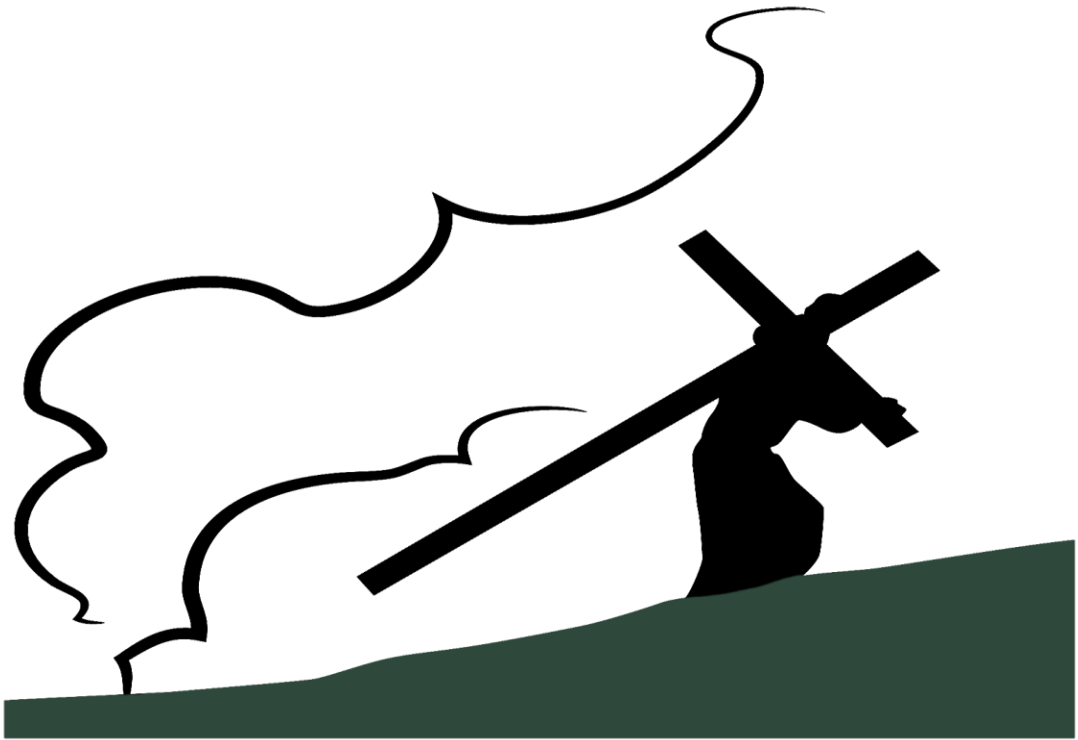


Image: "But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed."
(Isaiah 53:5)

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 “Our Lord Did This for You! Psalm 22”

Psalm 22 has a long association with the services of Good Friday. The parallels of the psalm with the experience of Jesus on the cross are unmistakable. Such specific references as “*they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots*” (v. 18) are exact parallels to the details of the crucifixion shared by the Gospel writers. “*And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots*” (Matthew 27:35). Although there is a full element of suffering and agony included in the psalm, it concludes with a sense of serene confidence of the will of God being completed. That graciousness and wondrous love of God is most fully expressed in the suffering and death of Jesus, the Son of God, on our behalf.

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 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (LSB 449 vs. 1-4)

Stand

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 53:1-6*

Pastor: Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

People: For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.

Pastor: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

People: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Pastor: But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to His own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Sit

HYMN "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" (LSB 419 vs. 1-4)

Stand

INTROIT *Psalms 38:1-4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

People: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath!

Men: For Your arrows have sunk into me, and Your hand has come down on me.

Women: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Men: For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Women: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, giver of every good gift and source of our salvation,
People: may we see the full measure of Your love for us in the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, knowing that all He has accomplished is for us and for our redemption. Increase in us faith and hope so that our penitence may be sincere and our confidence sure that we are reconciled with You for time and for eternity;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

HYMN “Jesus, Remember Me” (LSB 767 vs. 1)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Hosea 6:1-6*
(The Lord will revive His people.)

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a; Isaiah 53:4*

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; He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

EPISTLE LESSON *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

(Jesus, the great High Priest, serves His people.)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need...

...In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *John 19:17-22*

(The crucifixion of Jesus is commanded and begins.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

and [*Jesus*] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but

rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Apostles’ Creed*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This” (LSB 543) [*Interspersed with readings from Psalm 22*]

People: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Pastor: 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. 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.

People:When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Pastor: 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 feet—I can count all My bones—they stare and gloat over Me; they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. 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!

People:To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Pastor: 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. 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.

People: And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

SERMON "Our Lord Did This for You!" (Psalm 22)

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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OFFERTORY "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LSB 422 vs. 1)

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: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church around the world, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the work of Your Church. Asking that there may be divine blessing upon all ministers of the Word and upon all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bending from Thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

Pastor: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty: O merciful Father in heaven, because You have ordained all the powers that exist, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants in offices of public trust. Asking that there may be blessing upon all who serve in positions of leadership, civic service, education, and law enforcement that we may lead peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bending from Thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

Pastor: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to uphold all things. We pray that we may be made ready by your grace to receive Your blessing on all the bounty of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need. Asking that heavenly benediction may rest on all who are engaged in agriculture, the fishing industry, and all those whose labor brings food to our tables, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bending from Thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

Pastor: Let us pray for all those with special needs and for those in spiritual distress that God may grant them peace, health, protection, and assurance according to their needs. Almighty God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayer of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort. Asking that we may be people whose care extends to those around us in the name of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bending from Thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

Pastor: Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith as we anticipate our joyful reunion with them in the kingdom promised by our Lord: Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, we bless You for the faithful witnesses in the faith who have pointed us to the cross of Your Son, our Savior. Grant us grace to follow in their footsteps that we at last may attain the joys of heaven with all of the redeemed. These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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.

Sit

HYMN "Were You There" (Sts. 1-2: *LSB 456*)

People: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh . . .
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh . . .
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Pastor: We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(All leave in silence.)





Holy Week Schedule for Grace Lutheran Church

1. March 29th, 2024 (no communion)
Good Friday
“Our Lord Did This for You!” Psalm 22
12pm-Noon Day Service
2. March 29th, 2024 (no communion)
“Real Life after Good Friday” Mark 15.33–34,
6:30pm Tenebrae Service
3. March 31st, 2024 (no communion)
“Larger than the Stone” Mark 16.1-8,
6:00am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
4. 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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