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## **Looking Ahead**

- April 13 Palm Sunday; Coffee with the Disciples
- **April 14** Pray & Play
- **April 17** Maundy Thursday
- **April 18** Good Friday
- April 20 Easter Sunday
- April 21 Easter Holiday Office Closed
- April 24 Safer Sack Luncheon in PBH
- April 27 Holy Humor Joint Worship & Brunch
- April 28-May 11 Pastor Stephanie Vacation

- May 2 Office Closed
- May 15 ImpactLife Blood Drive at Grace
- May 17 Synod Assembly
- May 26 Memorial Day Office Closed
- May 30 Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- June 23-27 VBS Day Camp at Trinity, PV
- June 23-July 3 Annie Vacation
- July 4 Independence Day, Office Closed

## Calling All Instrumentalists

Once again, Grace instrumentalists will come together to enhance our Easter worship service. We will have three rehearsals:

> Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 am

Easter Orchestra is open to all Grace instrumentalists, 8th grade and up. Come and be a part of our worship as we praise our risen Lord in a unique and exciting way! Contact Sally Meier at 563-796-0773 or 309-292-0281 so that she can have a part ready for you!

#### Coffee with the Disciples Adult Education Sundays

Led by Paul Lewellan: Through the use of scripture, biographical information,

**TODAY April 13** 

Philip, Nathanael, James (Son of Alphaeus), and Judas (Son of James) Who are these guys? Do you remember anything about any of them? Get to know these complicated men.

# and creative questioning, the class will get to know these complicated men.





## **Maundy Thursday**

We are in need of a couple more volunteers for our Maundy Thursday worship service (March 17, 7pm). We need two greeters and one or two people to do hand-washing (pour a small amount of water over hands, dry with a towel - easy peasy). Let the office know if you'd like to help.

## Grace Member **Directories**



An updated Grace Member Directory was emailed out, and there are a few of the large-print versions available

in the narthex. I am working on a smaller booklet-style directory and that should be available soon both at church or mailed upon request. Thank you for your patience!

## **Social Ministry** Lenten Collections



This Lenten season, the Grace Social Ministry Mission are collecting items needed for families working with Lutheran

Services in Iowa (LSI). Items needed include: diapers (all sizes) and cleaning supplies (sponges, PineSol, bath cleaner, dish detergent, SOS Pads, Clorox/Lyson wipes, etc.). Bring your donations now through Easter.



Grace members donated blood five times in February and five in March. The yearto-date total is 35. **The next in-house** blood drive is Thursday, May 15.

# Changing The World Together

## VBS Day Camp! June 23-27

For ages 4 thru grade 6 | 8am-4pm each day Where: Trinity Lutheran Church (18137 Criswell St. Bett)

Cost: \$40 before April 15 (\$50 after April 15) Registration closes June 1 Staff from Camp Ewalu will lead the kids in our own local camp experience with crafts, games, music, and more! Register online at bit.ly/GraceVBS2025. Contact Pr. Kirsten <u>pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org</u> for more info. Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential.

## **Have a Funny** Story to Share?

Pr. Stephanie is looking for a few funny/humorous stories to share during our Holy Humor worship service on April 27. Please contact her if you'd like to share a story.

#### **Sunday, April 13**

#### **Palm Sunday**

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee with the Disciples10:30am Contemporary Worship1:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal

#### Monday, April 14

8:30am Pray & Play to 4:00pm

10:30am Staff Meeting4:30pm Centering Prayer

#### **Tuesday, April 15**

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex 10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH 11:00am WELCA Kitchen Cleaning

#### Wednesday, April 16

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Narthex

5:30pm Grief Support Group 7:00pm Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, April 17**

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

#### Friday, April 18

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Good Friday Worship

#### Saturday, April 19

8:30am Page Turners (offsite) 9:00am Orchestra Rehearsal

#### **Sunday, April 20**

#### **Easter Sunday!**

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

#### Monday, April 21

#### Office Closed for the Easter Holiday

4:30pm Centering Prayer

5:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

#### **Grace Lutheran Church**

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## **On-Going Ministries**

#### **Naomi Circle**

Next Gathering: April 15 Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May, at 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber 563-340-0350 or marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com.

#### **Grief Support Group**

Next Meeting: April 16 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

#### **Page Turners Book Group**

Next Meeting: April 19 We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). April Book: Britt Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman Host: Sally Haugen 563-514-9335 Location: Vibrant Coffee ( 3230 Ridge Point, Bettendorf )

#### **Service Day Quilters**

Next Meeting Dates: May 13-14 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. The quilts & projects made are donated to the community and LWR. Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 or <a href="mailto:langeig1@msn.com">langeig1@msn.com</a> or Kathy Miller 563-676-0914 or <a href="mailto:kathyk1679@aol.com">kathyk1679@aol.com</a>.

#### **THE STORY Bible Study**

**Weekly -** Wednesdays at 11am (resumes May 14) **Monthly -** First Thursdays, 7pm (resumes May 15)

THE STORY helps people understand God's Word and powerfully engages with Bible reading like never before. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at anytime during the series. Pr. Stephanie can answer your questions.

### Men's Lunch

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at <a href="mailto:boehmed@aol.com">boehmed@aol.com</a> or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

#### **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

#### Scan this QR Code for the Current Weekly Update Email





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Paul Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

# Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

## Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us! Congregational response in bold.

#### **Prelude**

All Glory, Laud and Honor...... Teschner, arr. Cindy Berry

## **Processional Gospel** | Luke 19:28-40

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Acclamation**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** 

## **Processional Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor..... ELW 344

#### Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*
- To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## **Blessing of Palms**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** 

#### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

## **Call to Offering**

We are invited to worship at God's table, where our mourning turns to dancing, our affliction is met with comfort, and our rejection turns to belonging. Out of God's gift of abundance, we offer gratitude. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in praise.

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **Heart & Voice Choir Anthem**

Hosanna! Blessed Is He......John F. Wilson

Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

"Hosanna in the highest," this ancient song we sing, To Jesus our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven and King! O may we always praise Him with heart and hand and voice, And in His holy presence eternally rejoice!

Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray. Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.** 

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Announcements**

## **Prayer of Thanks for a Diaconal Anniversary**

Deacon Nancy Boehme - 25 years

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants to be deacons in the church of Christ, especially for Nancy, and we pray that she continues to exemplify the gospel in word and deed. Grant that we, with Nancy, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Children's Message (Part 1)**

## THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Verses to the tune of "Were You There" ...... ELW 353

## SCENE ONE | Mark 14:1-9

Sing

Were you there when she blessed him into death?
Were you there when she blessed him into death? Oh......
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when she blessed him into death?

#### **Anointing Jar**

On Wednesday of that week, I was there. I am the jar that held the costly ointment that was used to anoint Jesus. The disciples did not understand, but my mistress did. They scolded her for taking the ointment that I held and pouring it over Jesus, telling her that it was wasteful because the ointment was worth so much money. But my mistress knew. She knew that when Jesus said he was going to be killed and die, that he was speaking the truth. So, she poured the ointment over him beforehand, knowing she would not have a chance to do it after his death. She believed him, believed in a way that even his disciples did not.

## **SCENE TWO** | Mark 14:10-21

Sing

Were you there when his friend betrayed his trust? Were you there when his friend betrayed his trust? Oh...... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when his friend betrayed his trust?

#### Silver

I was there. I am the silver that was paid to Judas. I lived in the earth for centuries until I was dug up, melted into coins, and then passed around from person to person. This particular day, I was in the hands of some religious leaders. Suddenly, I heard Judas come rushing into the temple. He seemed really jumpy as he asked, "What will you give me if I hand Jesus over to you?" The chief priest said, "We'll give you 30 pieces of silver." He smirked as he held me up in front of Judas. Judas grabbed me and took off.

## SCENE THREE | Mark 14:22-25

Sing

Were you there when they shared the bread and wine? Were you there when they shared the bread and wine? Oh...... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they shared the bread and wine?

#### **Bread and Wine**

We were there. We are the bread and wine. On that Thursday evening, we became symbols of the food that nourishes the body and soul of each one of you. During the meal, Jesus blessed us and gave us to his disciples. He said, "Take and eat this bread. It is my body, given for you." And then he thanked God and said, "Drink this wine, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, poured out for the sins of many."

## **SCENE FOUR** | Mark 14:32-42

Sing

Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?
Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God? Oh......
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?

#### Rock

I was there. I am from the Garden of Gethsemane, as peaceful a place as there is anywhere. God's presence is truly felt in the garden. Jesus came that night with his disciples. He left some to sit and wait but he took Peter and James and John to come with him to pray. He said, "I am in deep sorrow, even to death. Remain here and stay awake with me." Then he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "God please, please, if it's possible, get me out of this. Still, it's not what I want, it's what you want that matters."

Then Jesus got up and went back to the 3 disciples, but they were asleep! He has trusted them to be there for him, but they couldn't even stay awake. Then he went and prayed two more times, but each time he came back and found them asleep. The last time he said "enough. My time has come. The Son of Man is about to be given into the hands of sinners. Get up and let us be going. My betrayer is here."

## **SCENE FIVE** | Mark 14:53-72

Sing

Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled? Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled? Oh...... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled?

#### **Sword**

I was there. I am a metal sword. I look forward to the day when all swords will be made into tools for planting, and weapons are used no more. I was in the hands of a person who came with the religious leaders to find Jesus that night. I arrived just in time to see Judas go up to Jesus, calling him Rabbi and greeting him with a kiss. This was the sign for them to come and arrest him.

But one of Jesus' followers had a sword as well, and he injured one of the priest's servants. Jesus said, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as if I were some kind of criminal? Every day I sat with you in the temple teaching, but you didn't arrest me then. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." Suddenly, all of the disciples fled, leaving Jesus alone with those who had come to arrest him.

## **SCENE SIX** | Mark 15:1-19

Sing

Were you there when they screamed for him to die? Were you there when they screamed for him to die? Oh...... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they screamed for him to die?

#### **Purple Cloth and Crown**

I was there. I am the robe that the soldiers put on Jesus as they called him names and struck him with a reed and spit on him. Pilate had asked Jesus if he was indeed the King of the Jews, and Jesus said, "you say so". The religious leaders accused Jesus of many things, but he would not answer the charges, and finally, Pilate said to the crowds, "what do you want me to do?" And they yelled "Crucify him! Crucify him!" That is when the soldiers took me and placed me on the shoulders of Jesus as they beat him, and then led him outside the city, to the place where he was to die.

## SCENE SEVEN | Mark 15:20-39

Sing

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

#### **Cross**

I was there. I am the cross on which Jesus died. I was lifted from a pile of lumber and made into a tool for execution. Upon me Jesus was lifted up next to two other rebels. People yelled insults at him and mocked him. They challenged him to prove who he was and save himself. After a day of agonizing pain, I heard Jesus cry out, that guttural, from deep inside cry and then he took his last breath.

It seemed as though the earth stood still and shattered at the same time. In what seemed a moment of silence, I heard a Roman soldier, someone who worked against Jesus say, "Surely, this man was the Son of God."

## **Hymn**

- O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
- What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
  Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
- 4 Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die; remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh. These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move; for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

## **Children's Message (Part 2)**

## **Closing Litany**

Christ is going before us, even now, on the road to the cross. Christ goes before us as the way, the truth, and the life. Let us feel the light of his love, even as we enter the darkness of this Holy Week, when the people stood yelling,

#### **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

It breaks our hearts every time. For Jesus' death occurs every time someone is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.

#### **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

This tears away at God's Beloved.

## **Hymn**

Jesus, Remember Me (sing through three times)...... ELW 616





Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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The worship service for today ends, but the story continues Thursday at 7pm. Join us as we gather at the Last Supper and remember Jesus' greatest commandment.

## Junior Bible S Each week we

#### Junior Bible Study | Today: Palm Sunday

Each week we will hear familiar Bible stories and enjoy the beautiful illustrations from THE STORY for Kids and Little Ones. We meet after the children's message at both Sunday services.

**Interested in Joining Grace?** Please contact the church office <u>office@gracewelcomesyou.org</u>, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. We would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

**Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email?** Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

**Sparkhouse Magazines** Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God.

**Serving in Worship** 

	Pr. Kirsten Lee
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Greeters	Sue & Jim Cruchelow
Ushers	Mark & Ann Jepson
Sound System	Chuck Lehman
Prayer Writer	Nancy Boehme
Altar Guild	Gloria Lange
Tech Assistant	Vey Rodriguez
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten, Denise Eads
Coffee & Treats	Ann Lorentzen
Healthy Snack	Sue & Jim Cruchelow
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish

#### **Join us for Holy Week Services:**

Maundy Thursday April 17, 7pm Good Friday April 18, 7pm

Easter Sunday April 20, 8:30am and 10:30am

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