

Worship Folder
Service of Palms and the Passion
March 23 & 24, 2024

Hosanna!



Grace Lutheran Church

Holy Communion

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Children and families who wish to process may gather in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

(the assembly stands)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

R344

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 are 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635 This selection is in the public domain.

GREETING

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The assembly may be seated.)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, “You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus’ humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Christ’s Passion according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 14:10-25

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” ²²While they were

eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Hymn "My Song is Love Unknown" vs 1

R343

1. My song is love un - known, My
 2. He came from his blest throne, Sal -

Sav - ior's love to me, Love to the love - less
 va - tion to be - stow, The world that was his

shown That they might love - ly be. O
 own would not its Sav - ior know. But

who am I That for my sake My
 O my friend, My friend in - deed, Who

Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 at my need His life did spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c.1624-1683
 Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, 6 6 6 6 4 4 4; John Ireland, 1879-1962, © John Ireland Trust Public domain.

Mark 14:26-72

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same. ³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to

them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?"³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."⁴² Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him.⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit?"⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled.⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him,⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree.⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,⁵⁸ "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.'" ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree.⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" ⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death.⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by.⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or

understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Hymn “My Song is Love Unknown” vs 2

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(hymn printed on page 6)

Mark 15:1-5

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Hymn “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” vs 1

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915 This selection is in the public domain.

Mark 15:6-20a

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him.

Hymn “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” vs 2

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(Hymn printed on page 8)

Mark 15:20b-32

Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Hymn “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” vs 3

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(Hymn printed on page 8)

Mark 15:33-47

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. ⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(the assembly stands)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(the assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...God our provider,

C: **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

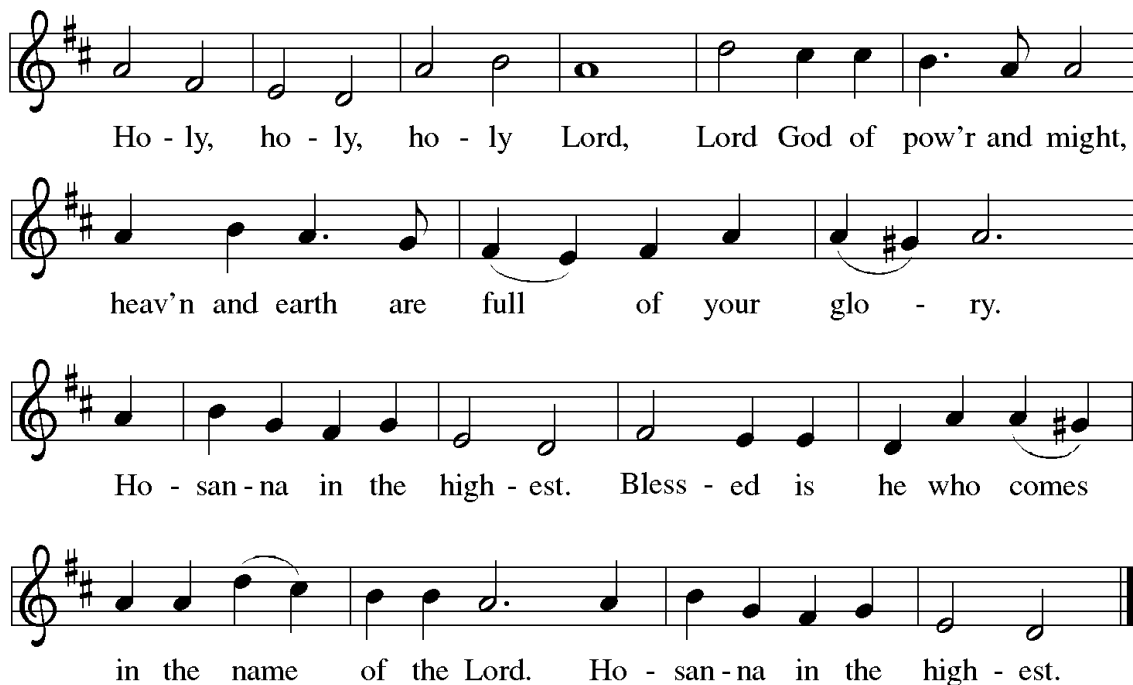
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: ...

Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual This selection is in the public domain.

(the assembly stands)

P: Let us pray...Embodied God,
 at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our
 hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
 and touch the world with your love. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the
 light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpinus, 1570–1615 This selection is in the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C:** Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

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We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of Rosalia's First Birthday
Given by Janet & Gary Bettega

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Katherine Rettell -- Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Youth and Family Ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/ Millersburg, Rev. Mary Hughes and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CE FOR MARCH 24

Community of Christ

We are adding them to our Honoring Our Neighbors Faith series and having a local member, Dr. Lynn Field, come in to talk to us. Originally named the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, it comes from the Mormon tradition, yet it also has made some significant changes in its theology and tradition. Join us in the Lounge at 11 as we learn more about this denomination.

COMMUNION FOR HOME ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion will be available on Maundy Thursday, March 28 for anyone who will not be able to participate in the Maundy Thursday service. The times for pick-up will be from 11:30 AM through 1:30 PM. Please let the office know how many communion packets you need and the approximate time you wish to pick up.

CARDS TO SIGN FOR LOVING CARE MEMBERS

Please be sure to sign the Easter cards for our Loving Care Members this weekend. Cards are located on the table in the Office Lobby.

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK

We are planning an Easter Breakfast Potluck following our 9:30 am Easter Worship Service on March 31. Sign-up sheets for the potluck (#attending, dish you are bringing, help with clean up) are located in the Office Lobby. **Please sign up by March 24 if you plan to attend and if you are able to help.** Thanks!

IT'S COMING - HOLY HUMOR RETURNS ON APRIL 13 & 14

Be Prepared. Start thinking of your jokes to share. And get them to Pastor Tom so they can be put in the right spot at the services.

UPCOMING DATES FOR FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY

April 15 at 5:30 p.m. and May 20 at 5:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY KITS

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for LWR. A list of items needed can be found on the table in the Office Lobby. These items will be collected from April through mid-May.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS! GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Make your reservation as seats are limited for our 150th celebration dinner on April 28. Cost is \$20 a person for dinner catered by JJ's. We will have our dinner after our Sunday morning service on April 28. Festivities acknowledging our church's history will also be celebrated. (Saturday worship service is cancelled so everyone can be together on Sunday.)

*For your convenience, Janet Bettega and Elsa Phillips will be available after church services to make your reservation and collect your fee. (You may also contact Janet Bettega by email at: janetbettega@yahoo.com). **In-person reservations may be paid by cash or check (payable to Grace Lutheran Church). The last day for reservations and payment will be SUNDAY, APRIL 14.***

ON THE MENU: strawberry spinach salad with pecans and feta cheese, chicken piccata, meatballs with beef sauce, pan style twice baked potatoes, wild rice, glazed carrots, steamed asparagus, soft rolls and homemade cake (donated by Pam Kirchoff).

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - GIFTS OF LOVE - ON THE FARM

During the Lenten Season, Grace will be participating in the LWR Gifts of Love On the Farm program. We will be collecting funds to donate various farm animals and farming seeds through Lutheran World Relief. You can use the pew envelopes, designate or include an amount in your regular church contribution, or drop a donation at the office. Please indicate the amount as LWR-FARM.

As funds are collected, we would like to donate one or more of each of the following gifts: \$45 - piglet; \$80 - hen and chicks; \$100 - goat; \$100 - sheep; \$220 - one goat, three hens and 18 chicks; \$240 - two goats, 1 hen, and 6 chicks; \$265 - a goat, a sheep, a piglet, a hen and three chicks; \$265 - a goat, a piglet, a hen, and 6 chicks; \$300 - high - quality, drought-tolerant seeds for a farming community; \$530 - two goats, two sheep, two piglets, one hen and six chicks. **Amount donated to date is \$940.**

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE

Christ in Our Home devotionals for April through June are in. Pick one up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

A list of March birthdays and anniversaries can be found on the “News” page of our website at www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/2024-birthdays

PASTOR GERALD (JERRY) ANDERSON TURNS 90 ON APRIL 12

Pastor Anderson served at Grace from 1960-1964. His son, Mark, writes that he and his siblings think it would mean a lot to Pastor Anderson if parishioners and friends would send a birthday greeting and a brief note. **He especially enjoys funny cards.** Cards may be sent to 992 Westfield Ln., Neenah, WI 54956-1330. Mark writes that his mother, Sharon, died in October 2022, after suffering a stroke in April 2020.

PEACE GATHERING

You are invited to the Alpena Peace Community's Peace Gathering from 7-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 at Grace Lutheran Church. Come and take part in an evening of gentle music provided by Mr. David Usher followed by intermittent readings and quiet reflection.

2ND ANNUAL FREE COLLABORATIVE PIANO TRAINING

Thunder Bay Arts invites your music ensemble to a free collaborative workshop on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, 201 S. 2nd Ave., Alpena. This event begins with a classical voice and piano performance on Friday night, followed by a Saturday morning workshop teaching collaborative techniques to local registered ensembles (an ensemble consists of a pianist and music conductor, a pianist and choir, or a pianist and vocalist or instrumentalist). Registered space is limited. Ensembles will come with a prepared piece of their choice. Both events are open to the public. **Ensembles must register at office@thunderbayarts.com by April 1.**

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6 pm Soup Supper/7 pm Worship Service
at Trinity Episcopal Church
Rev. John Shipman, Preacher

Good Friday, March 29

12-1:30 pm
at First United Methodist
Rev. Gene Bacon, Preacher

Easter Worship at Grace

March 30 ~ 5 pm
March 31 ~ 9:30 am

Easter Breakfast Potluck follows the 9:30 am Sunday service

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 24th

9:00 am Sunday School
9:30 am **Worship**
11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge

Monday - 25th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Tuesday - 26th

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday - 27th

8am-noon Church Office Open
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Thursday - 28th

8am-noon Church Office Open
6:00 pm Soup Supper &
7:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten
Worship at Trinity
Episcopal

Friday - 29th

8-11 am Church Office Open
11:15 am Community Choir
Warm Up at 1st
United Methodist
12-1:30 pm **Good Friday Worship**
At 1st United Methodist

Saturday - 30th

5:00 pm **Worship**

SERVING MARCH 23/24

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
Recorded Accompaniment..Kat Tomaszewski
Lector Dawn Anderson
Comm. Asst...... Joe Gentry/Wayne Lewis
Ushers..... Dale Schultz (Sun.)
..... Diane Prevost (Sat.)
Greeters Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry
Altar Guild..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters.....Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Dale & Pat Schultz

SERVING MARCH 30/31

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director Claire Witt
Recorded Accompaniment..Kat Tomaszewski
Lector Sharon Engstrom
Comm. Asst...... Joe Gentry/Wayne Lewis
Ushers..... Dale Schultz (Sun.)
..... Diane Prevost (Sat.)
Greeters Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips
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Counters.....Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour Easter Breakfast Potluck

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

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