

Apríl 3, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

Holy Communion Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gathering Music

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

Prelude

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



<u>Kyrie</u>

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy God,

In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

Word

Psalm 146

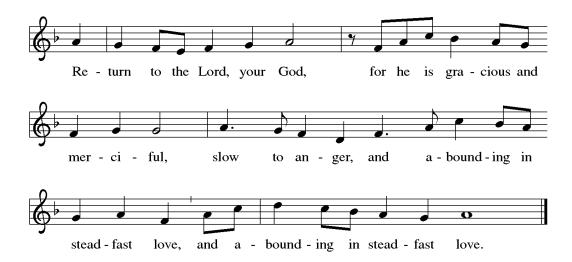


Cantor sings odd verses; congregation sings even verses.

Praise the LORD, | O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there I is no help. ⁴When they breathe their last, they re-¹ turn to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish. ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob [|] for their help, whose hope is in the | LORD their God; ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that [|] is in them; who keeps promis- | es forever; ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹ those who hunger. The LORD sets the | captive free. ⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked. ¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all | generations.

Congregation stands

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 19:1-16a

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

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¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated

Children's Message	Pastor Radecke			
<u>Sermon</u>	Pastor Radecke			
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.				
The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.				
Hymn of the Day: "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me" #325, Page 9				
Apostle's Creed				
With the whole church, let us confess our faith.				
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.				



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Prayers of Intercession

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Meal

Peace

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The congregation remains standing as able.

Offering

During this transitional time of Covid, the Offering is collected in the narthex (back of the worship space) as you enter the building prior to worship. An offering plate is on a table for your use.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

Offertory

The congregation stands

(The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen 10

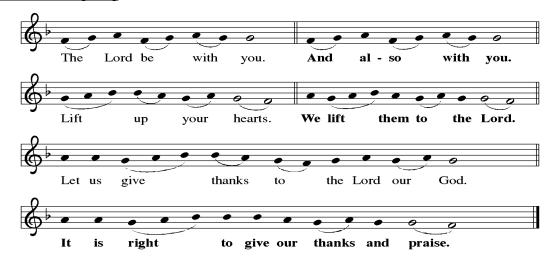


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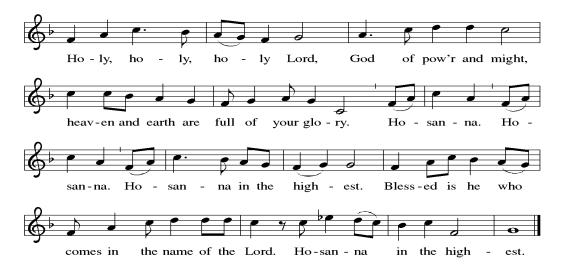
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Great Thanksgiving



Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life; Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come Holy Spirit.**

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. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled. **Thanks be to God**

The congregation may be seated.

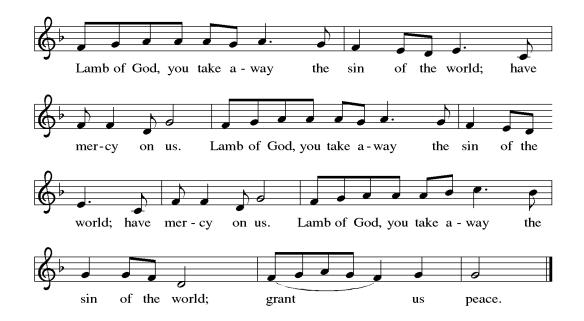
The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



Communion Music

After the Holy Communion concludes, the congregation stands.

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen Sending

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

<u>Blessing</u>

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God, + bless you this day and always. Amen

Sending Song: "Praise the One That Breaks the Darkness"

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The Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today Altar Flowers: Altar Guild: Lisa and Glen Gray Assisting Minister: Marsha Howard Communion Assistant: Kathy Bump Linda Meyer Council Person of the Week: Kim Hull Covid Monitor: Carolyn Hite Offering Stewards: Pat Brady Robin Crowder Ushers: Gail Johnson Jerry Kite



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Psalm 24 John 19:16b-22



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Sandra Hoy David Proctor Ingrid Sevigny

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Ann Bednarczyk, Friend of Tripp and Jean Franklin Nell Howell, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht Carrie Peters, Niece of David and Nancy Schwiesow Joe Sumilus, Friend of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns	Fred Brower
Marie Brown	Phyllis Kite
Bob Knemoller	Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer	Barb Susen

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)Janice Collins, Friend of GraceNancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's WifeKyle Getler, Member RelativeDarren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma GrafRegan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy BumpSandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy SchwiesowJoshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy TrauschtHelen McClung, Cousin of Nancy SchwiesowGeorge Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

 Members/Friends Grieving

 Family of Audrey Bibb, Friend of Lee and Sharon Lynch and Marsha Howard

 Family of Sherly Smith

 Family of Redd Fitzgerald

 Family of Dick Tomey, Grace Member

 Family of Nancy Fitzgerald, Grace Member

 Family of Jeff Freeman, Former Grace Member

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year Karen Walck Quinn Franklin Laura Shaw Amy Warren

The Needs of the World

The War between Russia and Ukraine -For millions of refugees now in Poland, Austria, etc., for those in combat, for peace.

For our nation: For civil discourse when we disagree, for the common good, for God's wisdom to prevail in decision making

For the many churches in our area caring for Afghan refugees, including Westminster and Grace as we prepare to begin.

Covid-19—our patience and vigilance at a time of weariness

Famine in the Horn of Africa—27 million at risk

For victims of tornado, flooding, or fire in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi

For the families of the 132 dead in China Airlines crash.

The Church

Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the Community

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James, Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Tree Streets



The Season of Lent and Holy Week- The glory of the new life we have in Jesus Christ, the truth that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son," and the joy of Easter and the resurrection, CANNOT be understood fully apart from the journey of Lent and Holy Week, which brings us to Jesus on the cross. You are invited to participate in the full story of Jesus' death and resurrection, which is our Lenten journey:

Wednesdays in Lent -

April 6th - Golgotha and the Garden of Tombs - Mark 15:29-31, 42-43 - at Zion - 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Wes Smith preaching



Procession of Palms NEXT SUNDAY! For the first time in two years, we will be joined outside next Sunday for a Palm Sunday Liturgy and Procession of Palms! First Baptist, St. John Episcopal, St. John Roman Catholic, Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, and First Presbyterian Church will join to give God praise and continue our journey with Jesus to the cross and tomb. *Please note that Worship will begin at 10:15 a.m.*



Palm/Passion SundayApril 10th10:15 a.m. (Please note the change in time)Procession of Palms with neighboring congregations on the front lawn

Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. April 14th Worship Service of Holy Communion Stripping of the Altar

Good FridayApril 15th3:00 p.m.Stations of the CrossWe walk Wayne Avenue with 14 meditations on the Way of the Cross,
with St. John Episcopal and other ecumenical friends in Christ.7:00 p.m.The Passion of our Lord Jesus

Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m. April 16th Service of Light Holy Communion

Easter - The Resurrection of our LordApril 17th8:30 a.m.Worship Service11:00 a.m.of Holy Communion

- , Welcome to Worship! A letter was sent by email and U.S. Mail announcing a change to our masking policy at Grace:
 We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship. If our area is in an Orange (high risk) condition, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) condition: those who are not vaccinated or are immune-compromised are encouraged to mask, while those who are vaccinated and boosted are "mask optional, but welcome."
- This applies to Worship, Meetings, Classes, VMA, other users of the facility, etc.
- We are currently in a **GREEN** (low risk) condition.



Many Thanks! To Pastor Mark Radecke, our preacher and presider this morning. Pastor Radecke is one of our two (2) Sabbatical pastors during Pastor Paul's upcoming Sabbatical.



A Book Group for Women—Grace Women's Book Group has chosen the book for April. It is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. All women are welcome. Stay tuned for more information or contact Kathy Bump at kcbump0621@gmail.com.



Mission Endowment Fund Grants Available - Find information in the Narthex about Grace's Mission Endowment Fund, and a Grant application to make use of almost \$30,000 in funds for community, regional or national needs. As we heard from the March 27 Temple Talk, this your Fund to be a blessing at Grace! Grant applications are due by May 8.



Altar Guild - We need regular volunteers for our Guild to not overburden current members. Can you volunteer, even once per guarter? Contact Nancy Dowdy, Church Office, or Jean Morgan, jc321morgan@ntelos.net, chairperson of the Altar Guild.



Altar Flowers—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office. The following dates are currently available: April 24, May 1, May 15, May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, and June 26.



ELCA Disaster Response—Ukraine—if you would like to help refugees in Eastern Europe, make a check out to Grace with "Eastern Europe Crisis" in the memo line. 100% of your donation goes to relief.



Life of Grace Church April 3-10, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
		9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)
FIFTH SUNDAY La Lent	04/03	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Mark Radecke, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	04/04	7:00 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Study
		9:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	04/06	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		6:00 p.m.	Season of Lent Evening Prayer (Zion Lutheran)
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
Thursday	04/07	Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	04/09	10:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
		9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)
POCESSION OF THE	04/10	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
UF VY		of Communion 10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Genesis 49:1-28 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1 Mark 7:24-37 Psalm Morning 145, Evening 6

Tuesday

Genesis 48:29—50:14 1 Corinthians 11:2-34 Mark 8:1-10 Psalm Morning 146, Evening 91

Wednesday

Genesis 50:15-26 1 Corinthians 812:1-11 Mark 8:11-26 Psalm Morning 147:1-12, Evening 51

Thursday

Exodus 1:6-22 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Mark 8:27—9:1 Psalm Morning 147:13-21, Evening 102

Friday

Exodus 2:1-22 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3 Mark 9:2-13 Psalm Morning 148, Evening 130

Saturday

Exodus 2:23—3:15 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Mark 9:14-29 Psalm Morning 149, Evening 143

Members of Grace Congregational Council

Robin Crowder, President Jerry Kite, Vice-President Bob Barrette, Fred Biggers, Kathy Bump, Kim Hull, Jean Morgan, Nancy Schwiesow, Andrew Sell, Amy Warren Ron Almarode, Treasurer Vivian Proctor, Secretary Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor—Email: pastorpingel@gmail.com Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music—Email: mickhdking@aol.com Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary—Email: Grace.lc@comcast.net Office Hours: 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

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