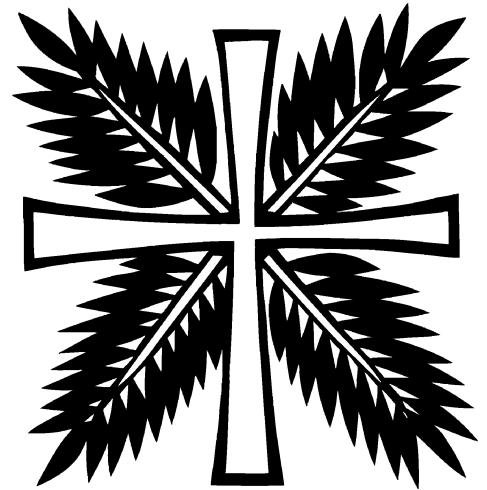


Grace Lutheran Church
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Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024
Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Barker
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ASL interpreter: Dottie Watts
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GATHERING

ACCLAMATION

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

- P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1–11

P God meets us in God's Word.

C **Open our hearts to this meeting.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, *Jesus* sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' "

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

They told them what *Jesus* had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to *Jesus* and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

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

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor

David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then 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.

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

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM: "Declaring Glory (The Earth Sings Its Refrain)"

1: *When I was young*

You woke me with the sound of song

*The wind and rhythm drew me along
I echoed in the hymn of the dawn
Chorus 1: I turned and turned
This dance that all the planets learn
In circles 'round the stars as they burn
I praise you as I orbit and turn
Declaring glory
Declaring glory*

*2: The mountains rise
The forests grow before my eyes
The moments and the seasons unwind
Then turn again embracing the tide
Chorus 2: The waters fall
And carve their way across my soil
Their canyons cutting deep in my soul
I praise you while the rivers still roll
Declaring glory
(I praise my in Maker in every age)
Declaring glory*

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.
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.
- C** **Amen**

WORD

GOSPEL: Mark 11:12–22

P God meets us in God's Word.

C **Open our hearts to this meeting.**

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, *Jesus* was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching.

And when evening came, *Jesus* and his disciples went out of the city.

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON — Rev. Jonathan Barker

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Drive Out the Darkness"

Refrain: *Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come Jesus come*

1: *Ev'ry year under the thorn
Ev'ry wrong that we have known
Ev'ry valley will be raised
The ancient ruins will be remade*

2: *Ev'ry weapon made for war
Ev'ry gun and ev'ry sword
Will be melted in the flame
To be used for gardening*

3: *In the emptiness of grief
Through the night of suffering
Ev'ry loss and in the tears
God our comfort O be near*

Ending: *Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come and end all the violence
Come and do not be silent
Come we cling to Your promise
Come You'll break all injustice
Come Jesus come*

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SONG: "Song of the Nations"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

[P] Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

[P] Aware of your presence within us strengthen us to renew your good creation, renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

[P] Aware of your presence within us empower us to do our part to establish peace and justice among the nations, hold to account any with authority to judge others. Empower each one of us to do our part to advocate that courts, legislatures, and local governments serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

[P] Aware of your presence within us lead us to bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Help us make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Help us reunite families enduring separation. And let us show love to

any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care. Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

[P] Aware of your presence within us let us encourage our pastor, worship leaders, and musicians so they can be full of energy and joy. Bless baptismal candidates, especially our dear sister Kortni. Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

- Darlene Bard
- Kate Barker
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Eric Berge (Paul's brother)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Andrew Calvert
- Cameron Carr (Karen Cassiday's nephew)
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield
- Todd Detert (Dottie's grandson-in-law)
- Jan Dugdale
- Barb Ehlen
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Ginger Helgeson
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Bob Kauffman (Dick's brother)
- Dick Kauffman
- Norma Larson
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Mary Jean Preston
- Rex Reeve
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytosh
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- John Schatzman (friend of Karen Cassiday and Don Cornelius)
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Patti Shields
- Jill Swails
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Henry, Florence, and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's brother and sisters)

- Charles and Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Pam Wisse
- Kristi Weiss.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- [P]** Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. (*We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo*)

Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.) Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

- [P]** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

[C] **Amen.**

PEACE

- [P]** The peace of Christ be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

- [P]** Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- [P]** Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

[C] **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

- [P]** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 debts

As we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom

The power and the glory forever

And ever. Amen

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- [P]** Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

COMMUNION

- [P]** The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

R7 Amen.

COMMUNION SONG 1: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" (ELW #413)

**1: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

2: **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

3: **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

4: **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky
and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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COMMUNION SONG 2: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (ELW #855)

1: **Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

3: **Crown him the Lord of love—
behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

5: **Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever
sweet.**

6: **Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
- C** Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Hosanna Song"

1: **With one breath Hosanna we cry
With the next one we say Crucify
With one voice we praise Your name
With the same voice we condemn You to
shame**

Chorus: **Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna to the Lord**

2: **With palm leaves we welcome Your reign
With twisted thorns we crown You with pain
You wash our feet to show us Your love
We wash our hands of Your innocent blood**

3: **We claim You when You come in power
But we leave You in Your terrible hour
We hail You for victory won
But we mock You as You say It is done**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

G Thanks be to God.

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Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, March 24 Passion of Our Lord	Pastor Barker at church	9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
		10:55 am	Pot luck brunch	tbd
		7:00 pm	NA	Rainbow Room
Monday, March 25 The Annunciation	Pastor Barker at church	9:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
		9:00 am	Prayer group	library
Tuesday, March 26	Pastor Barker at church. Paul in office 9:00-2:00	8:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
		4:00-5:30 pm	Welcome Center food pantry	courtyard, parking lot
Wednesday, March 27	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00			
Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday	Paul in office 9:00-2:00	8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room
		2:00-5:00 pm	Infant Moses diaper ministry	Room 102
		6:30 pm	Maundy Thurs. worship service	sanctuary
Friday, March 29 Good Friday	Paul in office 9:00-12:00	8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room
		6:30 pm	Good Friday worship service	sanctuary
Saturday, March 30	Pastor Barker at church			
Sunday, March 31 Resurrection of Our Lord	Pastor Barker at church	9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
		7:00 pm	NA	Rainbow Room

Holy Week worship services at Grace:
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday March 28 and
Good Friday March 29.

The church office will close at noon on
Good Friday.

Kenosha ELCA's Good Friday service will
be held at Lord of Life, 5601 Washington
Road, on Friday, March 29 at 12:00 noon.

Sensory toy baskets have been placed in
our sanctuary and lobby for those who are
neurodiverse. Please help us make our
space welcoming for everyone by
returning the toys to the baskets for future
use.

Our Monday morning prayer group is
looking for a new time to meet that would
be convenient for more people. If you're

interested in joining our Monday morning
prayer group but can't make it because of
scheduling, please talk to us and let us
know a better time.

We invite everyone to sit in the first eight
pews on each side of the sanctuary—this
will make the acoustics of our
congregational singing much stronger.

Attendance March 17: >31 in person + >4
on line

The compressor for the church building's
heating system has been repaired. The
repair cost is \$4,100; so far, members and
friends have designated \$2,525 in gifts
toward this. We appreciate everyone who
has generously donated towards this
repair already, and we hope those who
have not donated will consider making a

donation—every donation helps get this paid for.

Sister Karen will undergo two surgical procedures this spring and early summer. We need someone to step up to weed our courtyard garden in her absence until July. Please see the green sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Men's Group is planning a chili fund raiser on April 6. Tickets are \$10 and are available from the Men's Group and the church office.

Receipts last Sunday:

General offering \$ 1,401.00

Benevolence \$ 210.00
Initial offering \$ 3.00
Maundy Thursday \$ 10.00
Good Friday \$ 10.00
Easter \$ 10.00
Compressor \$ 25.00
Infant Moses Ministry \$ 1,100.00
Easter lilies \$ 40.00
From friends of the congregation:
Grace Welcome Center \$ 25.00
Chili tickets \$ 280.00
Holy Assembly building use \$ 500.00
Sunday night NA \$ 40.00
Parking \$ 80.00
Minus internet transaction fees \$ (0.00)
Total \$ 3,734.00



AN INVITATION
From the Women of St. Mary's Lutheran Church
To the Women of Grace Lutheran Church
To Attend

High Tea

In honor of mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and friends.
Come, enjoy, and celebration our 150th Anniversary with us on
Saturday, April 20, from 1-3 pm.
DOORS WILL OPEN AT 12:30pm.

Time to find those white gloves and hats from the past, should you so wish.
Remember also to bring your special teacup and saucer.

Reservations are \$10.00 and can be made by calling SMLC office.
Or drop by to make your reservations by April 14th.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "WELCA, ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN."

Tables can be reserved for 6 to 8 people.

Office phone number: 262-658-3555
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9am to 3pm
Wednesday: 12pm to 6pm
Friday: 9am to 12pm

**Country
Crafts 'n
Cook'n Salad
Luncheon** 

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

All-You-Can-Eat Salad Buffet Luncheon
Served from 11:00am-1:00pm

Bake Sale - Crafters - Vendors
Open from 10:00am - 1:30pm

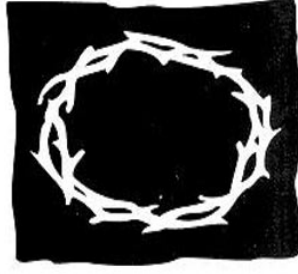
Men are welcome too!

Luncheon Tickets \$17 / \$6 ages 4-12

Call Kenda at 262-498-9532 or Rhonda at 262-308-6704 for ticket information or reservations for groups of 8 or more



Holy Week at Grace Lutheran Church



Palm Sunday * March 24

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Pot luck brunch at 10:30



Maundy Thursday * March 28

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday * March 29

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday * March 31

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHILI FEST

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Grace Lutheran Church,

2006 60th Street, Kenosha

Admission: \$10 per person or pay what you can

Family fun activities:

- Bounce house
- Special carnival-style activities for kids
- Complete all activities to enter raffle for exciting prizes!
- Groove to live music
- Enjoy tunes from our church band



join us for a 90th Birthday Party in honor of
Dorothy Watts
Saturday | April 20th, 2024 | 12pm
12-1pm Buffet, 1-4pm Music
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