



This Sunday

*8:30am Pastor's Study of
Hebrews
(Fellowship Hall)*

*9am Sunday
Discussion Group
(Campus Ministry Center)*

*9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)*

*10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)*

*11:30am Breakfast or
Lunch Together (BOLT)
(Kickback Jacks)*

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Passion/Palm Sunday



David H. Brooks, Pastor

*We go with Good News, teaching, serving,
and sharing Christ with our neighbors.*

*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" - Luke 19:38*

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

Worshiping with us for the first time?

*Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself.
If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!*

*We welcome children in worship services.
Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.*

INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). He "goes as it has been determined" (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father's plan for the salvation of sinners. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

P Blessed is He Who comes as King, Who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

C Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts
whereby You have given us life everlasting; through Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40 (*Pew Bible, pg. 878*)

Reader: Beverly Hudgins

²⁸ And when He had said these things,
He went on ahead, going up to
Jerusalem. ²⁹ When He drew near to
Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount
that is called Olivet, He sent two of the
disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in
front of you, where on entering you will
find a colt tied, on which no one has
ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here."
³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you
untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord
has need of it.'" ³² So those who were
sent went away and found it just as He
had told them. ³³ And as they were
untying the colt, its owners said to them,
"Why are you untying the colt?"
³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing
their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on
³⁶ And as He rode along, they spread their
cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As He was drawing
near—already on the way down the Mount
of Olives—the whole multitude of His
disciples began to rejoice and praise God
with a loud voice for all the mighty works
that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the
King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in
the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke
your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered,
"I tell you, if these were silent, the very
stones would cry out."

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.** (*continues on next page*)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P We praise and thank You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path.

We ask that You bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (442)



2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.

And we with all cre - a - tion 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.

O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 32:36–39 (*Pew Bible, pg. 175*)

Reader: Elizabeth Brown

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 32nd Chapter of Deuteronomy.

³⁶ The Lord will vindicate His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷ Then He will say, “Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!
³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Refrain : **Congregation Sings**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with lyrics underneath. A descant section is marked with a bracket and the word "Descant:". The melody then continues with a "Melody:" label. The lyrics are: "Ab - ba, Ab - ba, I put my life in your hands. Ab - ba, Ab - ba, I put my life in your hands." The score includes repeat signs and first, second, and third endings.

mp
Ab - ba, Ab - ba, I put my life in your
Descant:
Ab - ba, Ab - ba, I put my
Melody:
hands. Ab - ba, Ab - ba, I put my
life in your hands. 1.- 2. 3.
life in your hands.

1 In You, O Lord I take refuge;
Let me never be put to shame.
In Your justice rescue me,
In Your hands I commend my spirit.

Refrain.

2 For all my foes reproach me;
All my friends are now put to flight.
I am forgotten, like the dead,
Like a dish that now is broken.

Refrain.

3 I place my trust in You;
In Your hands is my destiny.
Let Your face shine upon Your
servant, in Your hands I will
place my life. **Refrain.**

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EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:5–11 (*Pew Bible, pg. 980*)

Reader: Emma Pollard

The Epistle Lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of Philippians.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22-23

Reader: Joe Milko

P The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

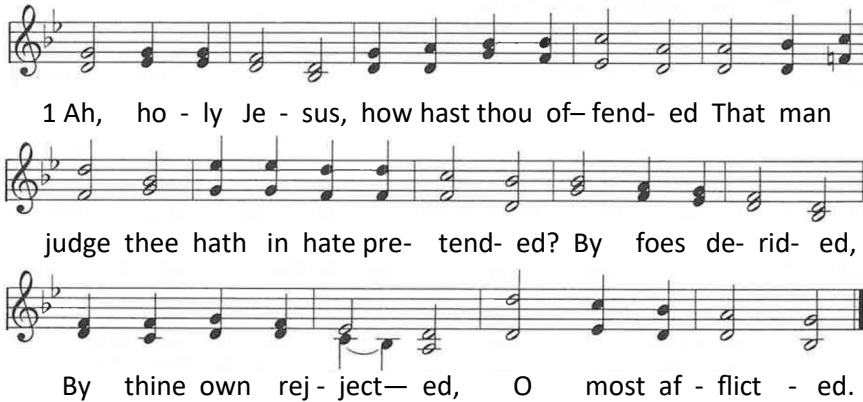
If you would like to follow along as the Passion is read, you may turn to page 881 in the Pew Bible.

...²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.

²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

Congregational response (see next page)

Congregational Response: Ah, Holy Jesus (LBW 123) Verse 1



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of- fend- ed That man
judge thee hath in hate pre- tend- ed? By foes de- rid- ed,
By thine own rej- ject- ed, O most af - flict - ed.

Reader: Kristina Urberg

...³³ Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

³⁴ Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Congregational Response: Ah, Holy Jesus (LBW 123) Verse 2

- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.**

Reader: Joel Beaudry

...⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

Congregational Response: Ah, Holy Jesus (LBW 123) Verse 3

- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.**

Reader: Marie Snyder

²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted.

²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Congregational Response: *Ah, Holy Jesus (LBW 123) Verse 4*

**4 For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter Passion, for my salvation.**

Reader: Laura Kmitch

...⁵⁵The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Congregational Response: *Ah, Holy Jesus (LBW 123) Verse 5*

**5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee;
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

✝ *Silence for meditation on the mystery of the Passion.* ✝

NICENE CREED *(spoken in unison)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation,
He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was
buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic † and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .

After each prayer, the congregation responds

- P** Lord in Your mercy,

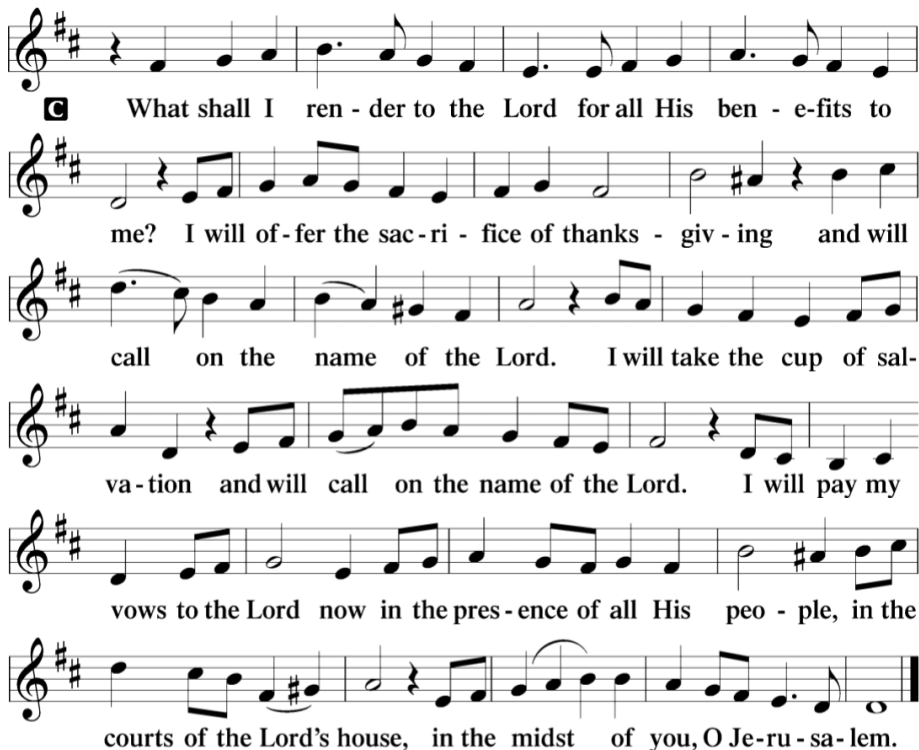
C Hear our prayer.

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



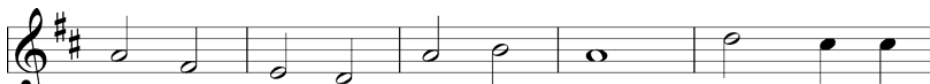
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C 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.

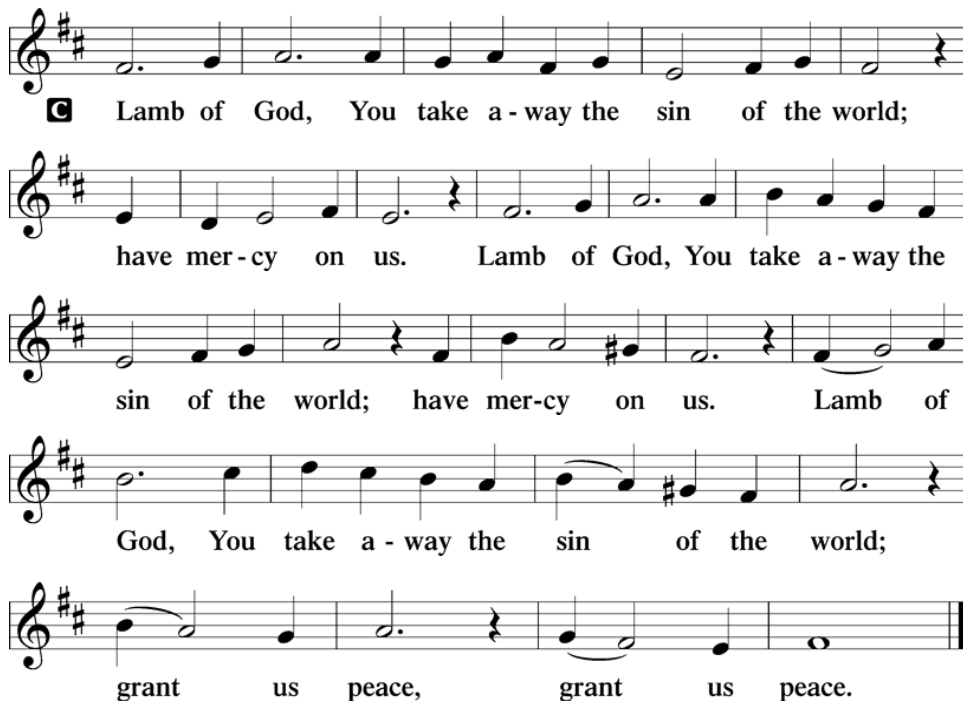
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
...All honor and glory are Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in Your
holy Church, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16).

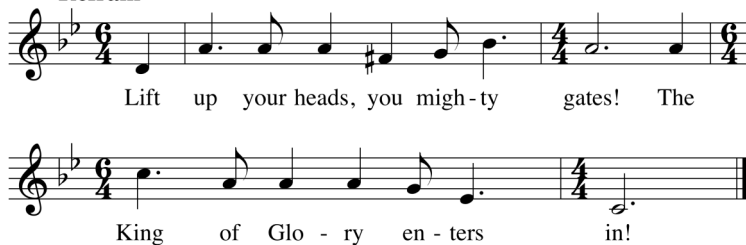
We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive.

First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion. Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. *For silent prayers before and after receiving communion, please see next page.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Who is this King of Glory?*

Randall Sensmeier
Herman G Stuempfle

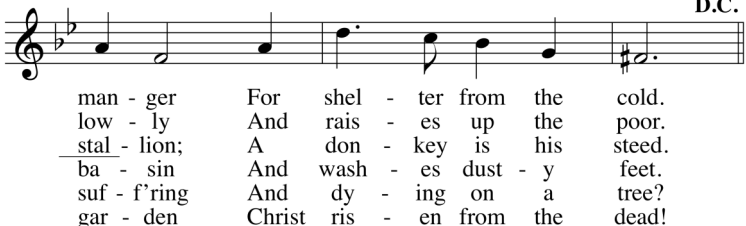
Refrain



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* (LSB 592)



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com-
 2 Your com-mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
 3 There-fore we have come to You, In our arms this
 4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your
 5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
 hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
 May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
 Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let
 May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield-ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.
 now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.
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[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having With my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN — *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (LSB 398)



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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DISMISSAL

- P** On the evening of that [Easter] day,...Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”
(John 20:19-21)
- C** **We go in the power of the Resurrection,
to be ready to be witnesses to our Lord’s work and to bless our neighbors
in daily life, for we seek to be Church wherever we are.**
- P** Go with Good News! Teach what you have learned!
Serve as you have been served! Share what you have been given!
- C** **To the glory of God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Organist: Erin Hodge

Ushers

Drew Young
Tom McGill*
*Acolyte

Readers

Beverly Hudgins
Elizabeth Brown
Emma Pollard
Joseph Milko
Kristina Urberg
Joel Beaudry
Marie Snyder
Laura Kmitch

Communion Assistant

Jenna Young

Greeter:

Kathy Peterson

Altar Guild

Dede Crosmer,
Setup and clean up

A/V Operator

John Kolba

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Monday, April 14th

Pastor's Brown Bag Bible Study (11:30am)

Tuesday, April 15th

Growing Thru Grief (4pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

Wednesday, April 16th

LWML Quilting Group (10am)

Choir Practice (6:30pm)

Thursday, April 17th

Maundy Thursday (7pm)

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday Stations of the Cross (12pm)

Good Friday Vespers Service (7pm)

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Sunrise Vigil (6:30am)

Potluck Breakfast (8am-10am)

Easter Sunday Worship (10:10am)



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