

Sunday of The Passion/ Palm Sunday

Our Mission: Love Jesus and help others love Him through word and actions.

Grace Lutheran Church

Contemporary Worship



Palm
Sunday

March 29, 2026
9:00 a.m.



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We are happy you're here. We pray that the Lord will bless your time of worship with us and give you peace in the week ahead. Newcomers are our special guests and we ask that you sign the register at the entrance to help us get to know you and be sure to pick up a gift bag from our welcome desk at each entrance.

We will gather in the Memorial Garden to process into church waving palms as we celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem!
If its raining we will gather in the Fellowship Hall.

Introduction to the day

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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.**

***The congregation will follow the Pastor as we process into the church.
You may come to the altar and then go to the pews, or go straight to
the pew.***

Processional Song: *Hosanna*

REFRAIN

D A/C# D G/D A^{SUS} A

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in__ the high - est. Ho -

5 D A/C# D G/D 1. A^{SUS} A 2. D Fine

-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na to__ the King.____ King.

VERSE

10 C Em A C Em

1. Praise Him as He en - ters the gates: Praise to Je - sus, our

King! D.C. al Fine

Blest is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -

GATHERING

After everyone has entered the sanctuary we will sing the songs:

Gathering Songs

Hosanna (Praise Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

PRE CHORUS

CHORUS 2x



King of Heaven

Verse 1

Jesus let Your kingdom come here
Let Your will be done here in us
Jesus there is no one greater
You alone are Savior show the world Your love

Chorus

King of heaven come down
King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of heaven come
King of heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save in Your mighty name
King of heaven come

Welcome

***We Gather To Worship**

L: The story of Palm Sunday tells of how people removed their cloaks

C: They spread them in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

L: The cloak we wear every day to face the world is both the persona we wish to present,

C: and our defense against the elements.

L: As we come to worship may we be willing to lay down our defenses and disguises,

C: at the feet of the One who sees us we really are. And then, set free for worship, may we offer our praises

Verse 2

We are children of Your mercy
Rescued for Your glory
We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You
That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

King of heaven come
King of heaven come
King of heaven come
Oh King of heaven come

Repeat Chorus

***Opening Prayer**

L: Friends in Christ: For the five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's suffering and death. Today, together with the whole church, we begin this holy week by welcoming our Messiah. So, like the people of long ago, let us welcome Jesus and follow him to the cross.

Let us pray. Lord, as we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise you every day, by living always in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Young Person's Song *Rejoice in The Lord Always* Pg. 16

Young Person's Message

WORD

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Congregation will be “The Crowd”

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

Betrayal and Arrest

Narrator (Reader 3) ⁴⁷While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived—accompanied by a great crowd with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸Judas had arranged to give them a signal. “Whomever I embrace is the one,” he had said; “take hold of him.” ⁴⁹He immediately went over to Jesus and said, “Shalom, Rabbi!” and embraced him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to Judas,

Jesus (Reader 1) “Friend, just do what you’re here to do!”

Narrator (Reader 2) At that moment, the crowd surrounded them, laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those who accompanied Jesus drew a sword and slashed at the high priest’s attendant, cutting off an ear. ⁵²Jesus said,

Jesus (Reader 3) “Put your sword back where it belongs. Those who live by the sword die by the sword. ⁵³Don’t you think I can call on my Abba God to provide over twelve legions of angels at a moment’s notice? ⁵⁴But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen this way?” Am I a robber, that you have come armed with swords and clubs to arrest me? Every day I sat teaching in the Temple precincts, yet you never arrested me.”

Narrator (Reader 1) ⁵⁶All this happened in fulfillment of the writings of the prophets. Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled.

Jesus before Caiaphas

Narrator (Reader 2)⁵⁷ Those who had seized Jesus led him off to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the religious scholars and elders had convened.⁵⁸ Peter followed at a distance as far as the high priest's residence. Going inside, Peter sat down with the guards to await the outcome.⁵⁹ The chief priests, with the whole Sanhedrin, were busy trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put him to death.⁶⁰ They discovered none, despite the many false witnesses who took the stand.

Narrator (Reader 3) Finally two came forward⁶¹ who stated, "This man has declared, 'I can destroy God's sanctuary and rebuild it in three days.'"⁶² The high priest rose and addressed Jesus, "Have you no answer? What about this testimony leveled against you?"⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest then said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath, before the living God, whether or not you are the Messiah, the Firstborn of God?" Jesus replied,

Jesus (Reader 1)⁶⁴ "You have said it yourself. But I tell you: soon you will see the Chosen One seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Narrator (Reader 2)⁶⁵ At this, the high priest tore his robes and said, "Blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? You yourselves have heard the blasphemy.⁶⁶ What is your verdict?" They responded, "He deserves death!"⁶⁷ Then they spat at his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped Jesus,⁶⁸ saying, "Play the prophet for us, Messiah! Who struck you?"

Peter Denies Jesus

Narrator (Reader 3)⁶⁹ While this was happening, Peter was sitting in the courtyard. One of the attendants came over and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean too, weren't you?"⁷⁰ But Peter denied it in front of everyone. He said, "I don't know what you're talking about!"⁷¹ When Peter went out to the gate, another attendant saw him and said to those nearby, "This one was with Jesus of Nazareth."⁷² Again he cursed and denied it: "I don't know him!"

Narrator (Reader 1)⁷³ A little while later, some bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You certainly are one of them! Even your accent gives you away!"⁷⁴ At that, Peter began cursing and swore, "I don't know the man!" Just then a rooster began to crow,⁷⁵ and Peter remembered the prediction Jesus had made: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." Peter went out and cried bitterly.

Jesus Sent to Pilate; Judas Despairs

Narrator (Reader 2) ^{27: 1}At daybreak, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took formal action against Jesus to put him to death. ² They bound him and led him away to be handed over to Pilate, the governor.

Narrator (Reader 3) ³When he saw that Jesus had been condemned, Judas, who had betrayed Jesus, felt remorse. He took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, ⁴and said, "I have sinned! I have betrayed innocent blood!" "What's that to us?" they answered. "That's your affair!" ⁵So Judas flung the money into the sanctuary and left. Then he went off and hanged himself. ⁶The chief priests picked up the silver, observing, "It's against the Law to deposit this in the Temple treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷After some discussion, they used the money to buy Potter's Field as a cemetery for foreigners. ⁸ That is why that field, even today, is called Blood Field. ...

Narrator (Reader 1) ¹¹ Then Jesus was arraigned before Pontius Pilate, the governor, who questioned him. "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied,

Jesus (Reader 2) "You say that I am."

Narrator (Reader 3) ¹²Yet when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no reply. ¹³Pilate said to Jesus, "Surely you hear how many charges they bring against you?" ¹⁴But Jesus did not answer Pilate on a single count, much to the governor's surprise.

Narrator (Reader 1) ¹⁵Now, on the occasion of a festival, the governor was accustomed to release one prisoner, whomever the crowd would designate.

¹⁶At the time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷So when the crowd gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you wish me to release for you? Barabbas? Or Jesus, the so-called Messiah?" ¹⁸Pilate knew, of course, that it was out of jealousy that they had handed Jesus over. ¹⁹While Pilate was still presiding on the bench, his wife sent him a message:

Pilate's Wife (Reader 2) "Have nothing to do with that innocent man. I had a dream about him last night which has been troubling me all day long."

Narrator (Reader 3) ²⁰But the chief priests and elders convinced the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas, and have Jesus put to death. ²¹ So when the governor asked them, “Which one do you wish me to release for you?” they all cried,

Crowd “Barabbas!”

Pilate (Reader 3) ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what am I to do with Jesus, the so-called Messiah?”

Crowd “Crucify him!”

Pilate (Reader 1) ²³ “Why? What crime has he committed?” Pilate asked. But they only shouted louder,

Crowd “Crucify him!”

Narrator (Reader 2) ²⁴Pilate finally realized that he was getting nowhere with this—in fact, a riot was breaking out. Pilate called for water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, declaring as he did so, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. The responsibility is yours.” ²⁶At that, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

Jesus Humiliated, and taken to the Place of Crucifixion

Narrator (Reader 3) Pilate had Jesus whipped with a cat-o’-nine-tails, then handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷ The governor’s soldiers took Jesus inside the Praetorium and assembled the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped off his clothes and wrapped him in a scarlet military cloak. ²⁹ Weaving a crown out of thorns, they pressed it onto his head and stuck a reed in his right hand. Then they began to mock Jesus by dropping to their knees, saying, “All hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ They also spat at him. Afterward they took hold of the reed and struck Jesus on the head.

Narrator (Reader 1) ¹Finally, when they had finished mocking him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes and led him off to crucifixion. ³²On their way out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon, whom they pressed into service to carry the cross. ³³ Upon arriving at a site called Golgotha—which means Skull Place— ³⁴they gave Jesus a drink of wine mixed with a narcotic herb, which Jesus tasted but refused to drink. ³⁵Once they had nailed Jesus to the cross, they divided his clothes among them by rolling dice; ³⁶ then they sat down and kept watch over him. ³⁷Above his head, they put the charge against him in writing: “This is Jesus, King of the Jews.”

The Cross

Narrator (Reader 2) ³⁸Two robbers were crucified along with Jesus, one at his right and one at his left. ³⁹People going by insulted Jesus, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying,

Crowd “So you are the one who was going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Save yourself, why don’t you? Come down off that cross if you are God’s Own!”

Narrator (Reader 2) ⁴¹The religious authorities also joined in the jeering:

Crowd ⁴²“He saved others but he cannot save himself! So he’s the King of Israel! Let’s see him come down from that cross, and then we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God rescue him now! after all, he claimed to be God’s Own!”

Narrator (Reader 2) ⁴⁴The robbers who had been crucified with Jesus jeered at him in the same way.

Jesus Dies

Narrator (Reader 3) ⁴⁵At noon, a darkness fell over the whole land until about three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶At that hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus (Reader 1) “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Narrator (Reader 2) ⁴⁷This made some of the bystanders who heard it remark, “He is calling for Elijah!” ⁴⁸One of them hurried off and got a sponge. He soaked the sponge in cheap wine and, sticking it on a reed, tried to make Jesus drink. ⁴⁹ The others said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see whether Elijah comes to his rescue.”

Narrator (Reader 3) ⁵⁰ Once again, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, then he gave up his spirit.

We will observe a moment of silence for silent prayer

Narrator (Reader 1) ⁵¹Suddenly, the curtain in front of the Holy of Holies was ripped in half from top to bottom. The earth quaked, boulders were split ⁵² and tombs were opened. Many bodies of holy ones who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After Jesus' resurrection, they came out of their tombs and entered the holy city, and appeared to many.

Narrator (Reader 2) ⁵⁴ The centurion and his cohort, who were standing guard over Jesus' body, were terror-stricken at seeing the earthquake and all that was happening, and said, "Clearly, this was God's own!"

Narrator (Reader 3) ⁵⁵ A group of women were present, looking on from a distance. These were the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee as ministers to him. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary of Magdala; Mary, the mother of James and Joseph; and the mother of Zebedee's children.

Burial

Narrator (Reader 1) ⁵⁷ When evening fell, a wealthy man from Arimathea named Joseph, who had become a disciple of Jesus, ⁵⁸ came to request the body of Jesus; Pilate issued an order for its release. ⁵⁹ Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in fresh linen ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own tomb, which had been hewn out of rock. Then Joseph rolled a huge stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ But Mary of Magdala and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

We will observe another moment of silence.

Song

Holy Forever

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in
worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been
redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His
name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Repeat Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Tag

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Time of Offering *If you would like to give electronically please scan the PayPal QR code
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Offering Response Song

Instrumental

Prayer of thanks for our offering

L: Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world—nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city. Yet we have brought what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Community and Our World

L: Gathered together in the spirit, ...Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great

***Confession**

L: Gracious and Loving Lord,

C: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own.

***Words of Assurance**

L: The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Even we shall believe, even we shall be led back to faith, by the grace and mercy of the one who never stops seeking after this beloved Creation. We are loved, we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

MEAL

***Dialogue**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

Lord's Prayer

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

**C: 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.**

Communion Invitation

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

We will commune beginning with those people on the right side of the sanctuary, facing the altar. We will serve communion via intinction; meaning, you will receive a piece of gluten free bread and then dip the bread either in the wine or grape juice. Pastor will serve the wine. The worship leader will serve the grape juice. When the last person in the row in front of you has vacated their pew, please follow behind them. Once all on the right side has communed, the left side begins. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to commune. If you prefer a prepackaged communion, it is located on the left side, first pew in a bowl. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

***Communion**

Communion Song

Spirit of The Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Repeat 2x

Communion Blessing

P: ... strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Sending Message

*Sending Song

This is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings
(Chorus)

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy *(Chorus)*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Remember Fellowship after each service in the Fellowship Hall. Come and have some snacks and chat a bit.

Invitation

Please join us again in worship and fellowship! You have an open invitation to be a part of our ministries. Speak with the members and pastor to learn more about our family of Grace and visit our website at www.graceoakridge.org.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 awakens—awakens 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?

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ¹ am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.
¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.**
¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.
¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, ¹ out of mind; I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot. R**
¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.
¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD. I have said, “You ¹ are my God.**
¹⁵ My times are ¹ in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.
¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant; save me in your ¹ steadfast love.” R**

Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Viva Senior Care: June Peishel

The Groves: Evelyn Lorenz

Homebound: Julia Stockstill, Sy Moua, Kris Brenner, Pam Williams, Caryl Thompson, Penny Frew, Annie Long, Lois Szluha, Dawn Pennington.

If you have a minute — Please send a card to one of our members who is homebound or in assisted living.

Members: Brian Joesten, Terry Domm, Vickie Kitts, Stan & Annie Long, James Bauman, Julia and Scott Stockstill, Evelyn Lorenz, Lois Szluha, June Peishel, Valerie Hansen, Pam Williams, Caryl Thompson, Dawn Pennington, Sy Moua, Brittany Moua, Anne Douglas, Penny Frew, Kris Brenner.

Friends and Family: Mildred Bartlett, Mary Stager, Teresa Mustaffa, Saylor Lopez, Bernice Moore, Jim Crumley III, Betty Dreyer, Zoe Moore, Pat Ryan, Rafael & Jennifer Rivera, Elizabeth Stone.

Missionaries: David and Alicia Brondos, and all members of Grace Church.

Our Guatemalan Companion Synod Partners: Pastor Karen Castillo, her sister Ms. Beatriz Castillo and son Diego.

God in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Upcoming Commemorations

Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824 Sunday, March 29, 2026

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

John Donne, poet, died 1631 Tuesday, March 31, 2026

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589 Saturday, April 4, 2026

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday & Tuesday, March 30-31, 2026—

Stations of the Cross—5:00—7:00pm

Join us for a self-guided walk through the first floor of our building to remember the Stations of the Cross.

Starting in the Fellowship Hall. Each station features a modern version video depicting each station and you are invited to take your own pace to remember all that Jesus endured as he walked the road to Calvary!

Thursday, April 2, 2026—Maundy Thursday at 6:15pm

Join us for a traditional Maundy Thursday service. We will offer an opportunity to experience the washing of feet and remember the Last Supper. Holy Communion will be shared.

Friday, April 3, 2026—Good Friday at 6:15pm

6:15pm service: We will remember the somber experience of the death of Jesus through the reading of the Passion story.

Resurrection Sunday

April 5, 2025—Resurrection Sunday at 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:15am

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

7:00am Service—will be a Sunrise service in our Memorial Garden outside.

9:00am—Contemporary Service

8:00am to 10:30am—Easter Brunch—Open to all

11:15am—Traditional Service Special music will be offered at all services.

This Week at Grace

Monday, March 30

10:00 –12:00pm	ESOL Beginners Class	Room 210
5:00-7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	Grace
7:00pm	Poetry Pie	Online
7:00pm	Boy Scouts	Pavilion

Tuesday, March 31

9:00–11:00am	ESOL Intermediate	Room 101
9:30 –11:30am	ESOL Beginners Class	Room 210
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Early Intermediate	Room 213
5:00-7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	Grace
6:00– 8:00pm	ESOL Beginners Class	Room 210

Wednesday, April 1

9:30-11:30am	ESOL Early Intermediate	Room 213
5:00pm	Ringspiration	Sanctuary
6:00-8:00pm	ESOL Intermediate Class	Room 210
7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2– Maundy Thursday

9:00– 11:00am	ESOL Intermediate	Room 101
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Early Intermediate	Room 213
10:00-2:00pm	Pieces of Grace	FH
6:15pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary

Friday, April 3– Good Friday

9:00am	Russian Class	Online
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Advanced	Room 101
10:00-12:00pm	Food Pantry	
6:15pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
7:00-9:00pm	TWRA Boating Safety Class	Room 101

Saturday, April 4

10:00-12:00pm	Grace Writers Room	Room 101
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Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

7:00am	Sunrise Easter Service	Memorial Garden
8:00-10:30am	Brunch	FH
9:00am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
11:15am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Grace's Purpose Statement

Grace Lutheran is a Christian church dedicated to
proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to a diverse community
by loving our neighbors as ourselves,
developing vibrant ministries to meet current and emerging needs,
and helping people know Jesus.

Serving Today

Preaching and Presiding Pastor: Rev. Rosalina Rivera

Reader: Paul Gurecki, Donna Gurecki, Betty Dagley

Worship Leader: Donna Gurecki

Young People's Message: Lisa Sipes

Offering Stewards: Lorraine Huynh, April Fritts

Altar Guild: Nahida Jallouk, Barbara Sparks

Flower Guild: Palms

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