

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

## **Sunday of The Passion Palm Sunday**

April 13, 2025

11:15 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 either 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.*

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## GATHERING

### Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 256

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

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

P: The processional Gospel is from Luke chapter 19.

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: in the name of Christ. 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*

## \*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.

## Gathering Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor VS 1,3,5 Only*

ELW Hymn 344

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - them - s be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.  
Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**



## \*Kyrie

## Cantor/Assembly

## Kyrie A

David Allen Ensley,  
adapted from Communion 2  
Lamb of God by Rev. John Tirro

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: ...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Young People's Message

## Gospel Acclamation

David Allen Ensley



Intro

Let your steady-fast love come to us, O

Lord! Let your steady-fast love come to us, O Lord! Save us as you

promised, we will trust your word. Let your steady-fast love come to us, O

Lord!

***Congregation will respond to bolded print.***

## The Passion Reading

Luke 22:14—23:56

P: The Passion reading according to the Gospel of Luke chapter 22 & 23.

### **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

<sup>28</sup> “You are those who have stood by me in my trials; <sup>29</sup> and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup> so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>33</sup> And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup> He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “No, not a thing.” <sup>36</sup> He said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup> For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.” <sup>38</sup> They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied, “It is enough.”

<sup>39</sup> He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” <sup>41</sup> Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” <sup>43</sup> Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup> In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. <sup>45</sup> When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” <sup>49</sup> When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” <sup>50</sup> Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup> When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup> Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup> Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup> Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; <sup>64</sup> they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup> They kept heaping many other insults on him.

<sup>66</sup> When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. <sup>67</sup> They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup> and if I question you, you will not answer." <sup>69</sup> But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." <sup>70</sup> All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup> Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"<sup>23:</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." <sup>5</sup> But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup> He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. <sup>11</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

<sup>18</sup> Then they all shouted out together, **“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”** <sup>19</sup> This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, **“Crucify, crucify him!”** <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” <sup>23</sup> But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

<sup>26</sup> As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup> For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

<sup>50</sup> Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup> had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup> The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup> Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

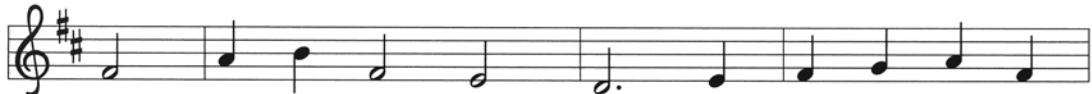
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

\*Hymn of the Day

*My Song Is Love Unknown* VS. 1,3,4 Only

ELW Hymn 343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its  
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that  
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my  
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is  
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!  
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.  
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

P: Together, let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: 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.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

**A: God in your mercy,**

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offering

### Offering Music

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

by Healey Willan

### \*Offering Response

*Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW Setting 4 pg. 152



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### \*Offering Prayer

A: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

## \* Great Thanksgiving

## \*Dialogue

## \*Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW Setting 4 pg.153

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.

## \*Thanksgiving At The Table

### Words of Institution

Pastor:

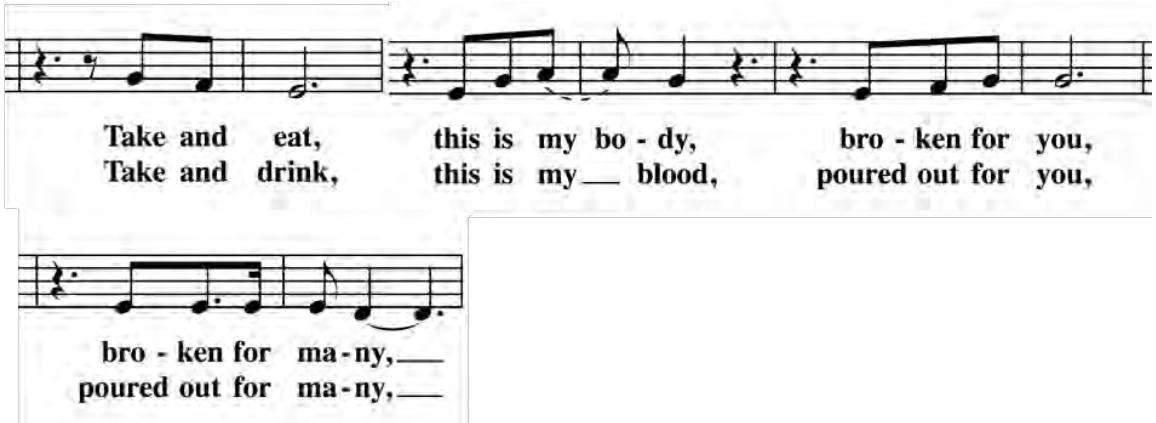


1. On the night he was be-trayed, Je-sus took bread, gave  
2. On the night he was be-trayed, he took the cup, gave

thanks, broke it, and said, \_\_\_\_\_ "Take and eat, this is my bo-dy  
thanks, and raised it up, \_\_\_\_\_ "Take and drink, this is my blood

brok-en for you. Brok-en for ma-ny.  
Poured out for you, poured out for many.

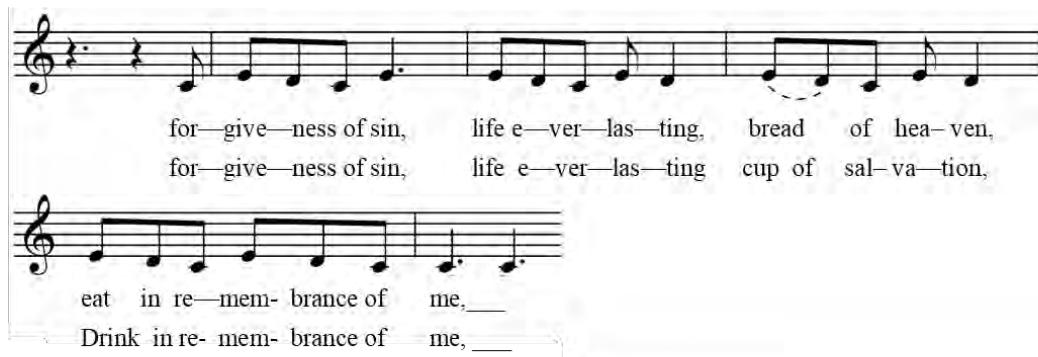
Congregation:



Take and eat, this is my bo-dy, bro-ken for you,  
Take and drink, this is my blood, poured out for you,

bro-ken for ma-ny,  
poured out for ma-ny,

**Pastor:**



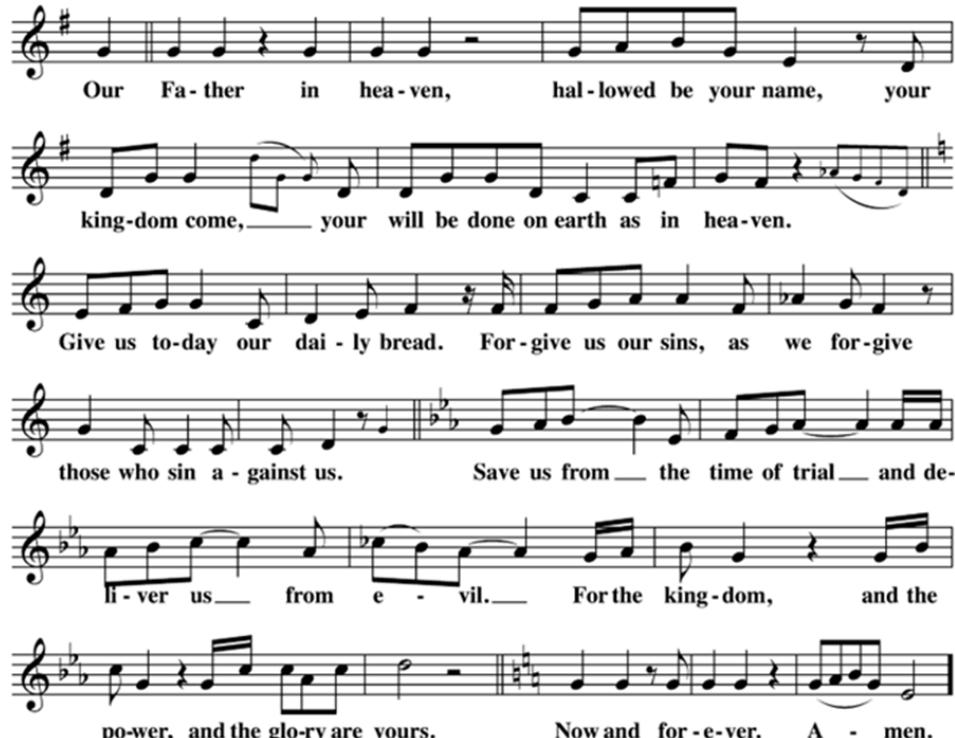
for give ness of sin, life e ver las ting, bread of hea ven,  
for give ness of sin, life e ver las ting cup of sal va tion,  
eat in re mem brance of me,  
Drink in re mem brance of me,

**Congregation:**



in re mem brance of me."  
in re mem brance of me."

**\*Lord's Prayer**



Our Fa ther in hea ven, hal lowed be your name, your  
king dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea ven.  
Give us to day our dai ly bread. For give us our sins, as we for give  
those who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de  
li ver us from e vil. For the king dom, and the  
po wer, and the glo ry are yours. Now and for e ver. A men.

### \*Invitation to Communion

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Those members on the right side of the sanctuary will go to the back of the altar rail on the right side to commune. Those on the left side of the sanctuary will go to the front of the altar rail on the side. Once at the railing, you may kneel or stand to receive communion. Your empty cup may be discarded in the baskets at the end of the front row. There are pre-packaged communion cups with wafers available in bowls on the front left pew of the sanctuary if you do not wish to receive the bread and individual cup. All who believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior are welcome to receive the bread and cup. All wafers are low gluten and are approved for celiac disease and bread is gluten free.

### Communion Song



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.

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

### \*Post Communion Blessing

P: ...strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Prayer after Communion

A: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Blessing

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*There in God's Garden* VS 1 & 4 only

ELW Hymn 342

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

**\*Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Viva Senior Care (formerly Commonwealth): June Peishel

Homebound: Sy Moua, Pat Hunsicker, Julia Stockstill

The Groves: Claudia Lever

The Reserve at Spring Hill TN: Vicki Quraishi

**If you have a minute** — Please send a card to one of our members who is homebound or in assisted living. They've been isolated from family and friends for months, and are struggling with loneliness.

**Members:** Pr. Steve Damos, Julia Stockstill, Pam Williams, Claudia Lever, Vicki Quraishi, June Peishel, Caryl Thompson, Brittany Moua, Sy Moua, Pat Hunsicker, Penny Frew, Greg Long, James Bauman, Becky Ball, Kris Brenner.

**Friends and Family:** Reina Piñero, Caroline Fragoso, Eli and Becki DeYoung, Luis & Maria Teresa Vega, Elizabeth Edwards, Stephen & Kathleen Thompson, Kase Brooks, Cheryl Scappaticci, Elizabeth Stone, Grace Hansen, Alan & Bonnie Becker, Zoe Moore and family.

**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.

### Upcoming Commemorations

**Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church**

**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

For the young at heart

# The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"  
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



S P R E A D O D E A E E Q R X  
Y K I D D Y E R S S Y D K C S  
H U M W Y S K E I H V V T G M  
L N O U S T L A L D I O H A V  
X R Z E F P R N O E L I M X F  
C E L T I P M X R D L C U U Y  
C B L C N P P R D N A E B R C  
H O S L X A V E L V G S O P L  
C I O U Z F M R A P E L F E O  
D U G R O A D E N C G W I O A  
S X I H H E A V E N E H E P K  
B S Y D E J E S U S M H U L S  
X U D Z C S C Y V A H N I E V  
B F A V Y J T K C R O Z H L P  
N Y B M I R A C L E S T C K L

BLESSED	MIRACLES	HIGHEST	HEAVEN	CROWD
SPREAD	GLORY	PRAISE	VILLAGE	PEOPLE
DISCIPLES	CLOAKS	VOICES	LORD	PEACE
NAME	ROAD	JESUS	HILL	COLT

# This Week at Grace

## **Monday, April 14**

5:00-7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	Grace
5:30pm	Administering Meeting	Room 210
7:00pm	Boy Scouts	Pavillion

## **Tuesday, April 15**

5:00-7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	Grace
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## **Wednesday, April 16**

5:00pm	Ringspiration Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:15pm	Healing Service	Sanctuary
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## **Thursday, April 17**

10:00-2:00pm	Blanket Workshop	FH
6:15pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary

## **Friday, April 18**

10:00-Noon	Food Pantry	Drive thru
6:00-9:00pm	Boating Safety Class	Room 101
6:15pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

## **Saturday, April 19**

2:00pm	Grace Photographers	Room 101
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## **Sunday, April 20- EASTER**

7:00am	Sunrise Easter Service	Memorial Garden
8:00-11:00am	Brunch	FH
9:00am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
10:00am	New Creation Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00am	Adult Sunday School	Room 101
10:05am	Sunday School	JL, Room 254
11:15am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

*Altar Flowers on April 13*

*Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God by Stacey  
Garrick in loving memory of David James.*

## Grace's Mission Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to worship God,  
Love our neighbors as ourselves, and  
Inspire others to seek Jesus and  
Experience God's grace in their lives.

## Serving Today

**Preaching and Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Rosalina Rivera

**Reader:** Joyce Fox

**Liturgist:** Stacey Garrick

**Young People's Message:** Pr. Rosy

**Offering Stewards:** Donna Hoglund, Carol Donath

**Altar Guild:** Pam Asher, Gloria Caton

**Flower Guild:** Palms

## 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](http://www.graceoakridge.org).

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