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Welcome to Grace!

April 14, 2019

What We Believe:

✠ As Lutheran Christians we stand with the church of the ages and confess the faith of the **Holy Bible**, which is **God's Word**.

✠ We believe that our **Triune God** created man and woman holy; however, since we sinned and still sin we cannot free ourselves from **sin and death**. Therefore God sent His Son **Jesus Christ**, who is our **only way to salvation**. By His death and resurrection and through no work or decision of our own, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation.

✠ We joyfully receive these gifts in His Word, and in the holy sacraments of **Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**.

✠ In all our teaching and preaching we seek to be faithful to God's holy **Law** which shows our sin, and to proclaim His precious **Gospel**, which is the good news of our **salvation in Christ!**

✠ We subscribe also to **Luther's Small Catechism** and the other documents in the Book of Concord of 1580 because they faithfully confess these biblical truths.

Guests and Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Holy Communion is also a statement of our unity in Christ (*community*). Those who receive the Lord's Supper at Grace Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

For this reason, *only members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* are ordinarily communed at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine of Close Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the service.

Nursery: If your child becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Nursery downstairs.

Friendship Pad: Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the offering.

Fellowship Time: Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Large Print Hymnals: Are available from the ushers!

Electronic Devices: PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

May the Lord bless your worship today!

Palm Sunday or Sunday of the Passion
April 14, 2019 – Divine Service, Setting Three

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

PROCESSION OF PALMS

All stand and face the processional cross.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

G Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion,
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

♪ **Processional Hymn – All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

LSB 442

(Please stand, turn, and face the processional cross as it passes.)

Greeting

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

Sit

Grace Choir Anthem – Palm Sunday Proclamation

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 32:36–39

Pew Bible, p. 175

³⁶The 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.

³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸who 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!"

³⁹See 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.”

Epistle – *Philippians 2:5–11*

Pew Bible, p. 980

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.

The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.

Holy Gospel – *John 12:20–43*

Pew Bible, p. 899

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 192 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Luther's Small Catechism, LSB 325

Fourth

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (*Romans 6:4*)

♪ A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

Offering – *Guests/members please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, check appropriate columns, and print clearly including children's names.*

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface

LSB 194

♪ Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

♪ Pax Domini

LSB 197

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Distribution – *If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed inside the cover of the Friendship Pad. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. If possible, please sit near the center aisle, and it will be brought to you at the conclusion of the distribution.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪ **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** **LSB 443**
♪ **Jesus, I Will Ponder Now** **LSB 440**
♪ **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed** **LSB 437**
♪ **Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed** **LSB 560**

♪ **Nunc Dimittis** **LSB 199**
♪ **Thanksgiving** **LSB 200**
♪ **Salutation and Benedicamus** **LSB 201**
♪ **Benediction** **LSB 202**

♪ **Recessional Hymn – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty** **LSB 441**
(Please turn and face the processional cross as it passes)

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF April 14th THROUGH April 21st

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers' Class (AIC)
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 PM	Board of Christian Care Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:00 PM	Safety and Security Team Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Grace Choir Practice
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 PM	Set-up for Easter Breakfast
	6:30 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
<u>FRIDAY</u>	12:00 – 3:00 PM	Tre-Ore Service at Racine Lutheran High School <i>(The Grace Choir will sing at 2:00 PM.)</i>
	6:30 PM	GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE VESPERS
<u>SUNDAY</u>	7:00 – 8:30 AM	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Our Partnership in the Gospel

Grace's Mission: We are friends in God's family through Jesus, strengthened by His Spirit to represent Christ in our daily lives, our community and the world.

Grace's Vision: To be an active, growing Christ-centered congregation offering youth and adults traditional Lutheran worship, Bible study and fellowship while reaching out especially to our neighbors, families and friends with the Gospel invitation.

2019 Theme: *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

Our Worship Attendance:

April 3, 2019: 55

April 7, 2019: 100