

Paul Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

# Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church † Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood



# Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

## Prelude

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor.....* Robert Lau

*Congregants will gather outside the sanctuary.*

## Proclamation Gospel | Mark 11:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Entrance into the final days.*

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

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

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Acclamation

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**  
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# Processional Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*..... ELW 344

## Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

*Kids are invited at this time to lead our walk into church and then go to Jr Bible Study, returning for the children's sermon.*

# Blessing of Palms

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. Amen.**

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## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Call to Offering

We are invited to worship at God's table, where our mourning turns to dancing, our affliction is met with comfort, and our rejection turns to belonging. Out of God's gift of abundance, we offer gratitude. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in praise.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Sovereign God, **you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

*Hosanna! Sing Praises!.....* Dave Moody

# Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

**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.**

## Children's Message

# THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## SCENE ONE | Mark 14:1-9

**Sing**

*Were you there when she blessed him into death?*

*Were you there when she blessed him into death? Oh.....*

*Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when she blessed him into death?*

### Anointing Jar

On Wednesday of that week, I was there. I am the jar that held the costly ointment that was used to anoint Jesus. The disciples did not understand, but my mistress did. They scolded her for taking the ointment that I held and pouring it over Jesus, telling her that it was wasteful because the ointment was worth so much

money. But my mistress knew. She knew that when Jesus said he was going to be killed and die, that he was speaking the truth. So, she poured the ointment over him beforehand, knowing she would not have a chance to do it after his death. She believed him, believed in a way that even his disciples did not.

## **SCENE TWO | Mark 14:10-21**

**Sing**      *Were you there when his friend betrayed his trust?  
Were you there when his friend betrayed his trust? Oh.....  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when his friend betrayed his trust?*

### **Silver**

I was there. I am the silver that was paid to Judas. I lived in the earth for centuries until I was dug up, melted into coins, and then passed around from person to person. This particular day, I was in the hands of some religious leaders. Suddenly, I heard Judas come rushing into the temple. He seemed really jumpy as he asked, "What will you give me if I hand Jesus over to you?" The chief priest said, "We'll give you 30 pieces of silver." He smirked as he held me up in front of Judas. Judas grabbed me and took off.

## **SCENE THREE | Mark 14:22-25**

**Sing**      *Were you there when they shared the bread and wine?  
Were you there when they shared the bread and wine? Oh.....  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they shared the bread and wine?*

### **Bread and Wine**

We were there. We are the bread and wine. On that Thursday evening, we became symbols of the food that nourishes the body and soul of each one of you. During the meal, Jesus blessed us and gave us to his disciples. He said, "Take and eat this bread. It is my body, given for you." And then he thanked God and said, "Drink this wine, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, poured out for the sins of many."

## SCENE FOUR | Mark 14:32-42

### **Sing**

*Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?  
Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God? Oh.....  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?*

### **Rock**

I was there. I am from the Garden of Gethsemane, as peaceful a place as there is anywhere. God's presence is truly felt in the garden. Jesus came that night with his disciples. He left some to sit and wait but he took Peter and James and John to come with him to pray. He said, "I am in deep sorrow, even to death. Remain here and stay awake with me." Then he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "God please, please, if it's possible, get me out of this. Still, it's not what I want, it's what you want that matters."

Then Jesus got up and went back to the 3 disciples, but they were asleep! He has trusted them to be there for him, but they couldn't even stay awake. Then he went and prayed two more times, but each time he came back and found them asleep. The last time he said "enough. My time has come. The Son of Man is about to be given into the hands of sinners. Get up and let us be going. My betrayer is here."

## SCENE FIVE | Mark 14:53-72

### **Sing**

*Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled?  
Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled? Oh.....  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled?*

### **Sword**

I was there. I am a metal sword. I look forward to the day when all swords will be made into tools for planting, and weapons are used no more. I was in the hands of a person who came with the religious leaders to find Jesus that night. I arrived just in time to see Judas go up to Jesus, calling him Rabbi and greeting him with a kiss. This was the sign for them to come and arrest him.

But one of Jesus' followers had a sword as well, and he injured one of the priest's servants. Jesus said, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as if I were some kind of criminal? Every day I sat with you in the temple teaching, but you didn't arrest me then. But let the scriptures be

fulfilled." Suddenly, all of the disciples fled, leaving Jesus alone with those who had come to arrest him.

## **SCENE SIX | Mark 15: 1-19**

**Sing**      *Were you there when they screamed for him to die?  
Were you there when they screamed for him to die? Oh.....  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they screamed for him to die?*

### **Purple Cloth and Crown**

I was there. I am the robe that the soldiers put on Jesus as they called him names and struck him with a reed and spit on him. Pilate had asked Jesus if he was indeed the King of the Jews, and Jesus said, "you say so". The religious leaders accused Jesus of many things, but he would not answer the charges, and finally, Pilate said to the crowds, "what do you want me to do?" And they yelled "Crucify him! Crucify him!" That is when the soldiers took me and placed me on the shoulders of Jesus as they beat him, and then led him outside the city, to the place where he was to die.

## **SCENE SEVEN | Mark 15:20-39**

**Sing**      *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh.....  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

### **Cross**

I was there. I am the cross on which Jesus died. I was lifted from a pile of lumber and made into a tool for execution. Upon me Jesus was lifted up next to two other rebels. People yelled insults at him and mocked him. They challenged him to prove who he was and save himself. After a day of agonizing pain, I heard Jesus cry out, that guttural, from deep inside cry and then he took his last breath.

It seemed as though the earth stood still and shattered at the same time. In what seemed a moment of silence, I heard a Roman soldier, someone who worked against Jesus say, "Surely, this man was the Son of God."

# Hymn

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* ..... ELW 351

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish,  
which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever,  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.
- 4 Lord, be my consolation;  
shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing  
die safely in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

# Children's Message (Part 2)

## Closing Litany

Christ is going before us, even now, on the road to the cross. Christ goes before us as the way, the truth, and the life. Let us feel the light of his love, even as we enter the darkness of this Holy Week, when the people stood yelling,

**Crucify him! Crucify him!**

It breaks our hearts every time. For Jesus' death occurs every time someone is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.

**Crucify him! Crucify him!**

This tears away at God's Beloved.

## Hymn

*Jesus, Remember Me* (sing through 3 times) ..... ELW 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*The worship service for today ends, but the story continues Thursday at 7pm. Join us as we gather at the Last Supper and remember Jesus' greatest commandment.*

## Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:office@gracewelcomesyou.org), for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

## Do You Receive the Weekly Update?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

## Sparkhouse Magazines

Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage children and families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God. We currently deliver these to our LIFT families. If you have grandchildren or friends of your family that would enjoy a copy of this magazine, please feel free to pick one up.

## Junior Bible Study



At both worship services, following the children's sermon, kids will have 20 minutes to join the fun and talk about Bible stories in their own space set apart from the worship service. Join us for laughter and learning. See Pastor Kirsten if you would like to volunteer or have questions. **Today: Palm Sunday**

## Serving in Worship

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<b>Healthy Snack</b>	Claire Johansen
<b>Heart &amp; Voice Choir Director</b>	Sally Meier
<b>Organist</b>	Susan Senn
<b>Pianist</b>	Kathi Parrish

## Join us for Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday	March 28, 7pm
Good Friday	March 29, 7pm
Easter Sunday	March 31, 8:30am and 10:30am



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# HOLY

*Week at Grace*  
2024

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, and the central focus is his commandment that we live out His promise.

March 28 | 7:00pm\*

## GOOD FRIDAY

Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world, as Christ's death offers life to all. *Includes dramatic readings.*

March 29 | 7:00pm\*

## EASTER SUNDAY

Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

March 31 | 8:30am\* | 10:30am

\*These services will be livestreamed at our YouTube channel: Grace Lutheran Davenport.



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## Calling All Instrumentalists

Once again, Grace instrumentalists will come together to enhance our Easter worship service. **We will have three rehearsals:** Sunday, March 24 at 1pm; Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm; Saturday, March 30 at 9am...Easter Orchestra is open to all Grace instrumentalists, grade 8 and up. If interested, contact Sally Meier at 796-0773 or 309-292-0281.

## IFF Brunch | April 21

IFF will gather for brunch on Sunday, April 21, at the home of Kathy Shriver (6211 Whispering Hill Ct, Bettendorf). Hosts are Kathy Shriver and Janice Gibbs. We will begin serving mimosas at 11:30am and will eat around noon. Anyone interested in joining us, even if you have never or rarely attended, is most welcomed. Can't bring a dish to share...no problem. There is always plenty of food and we are just happy to have you join us! RSVP to: [kdsriver51@gmail.com](mailto:kdsriver51@gmail.com) or call 563-332-9390 and leave a message.



## Lunch & Conversation | Noon Wednesdays

**Men's "Lunch & Conversation"** meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace! You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or [boehmed@aol.com](mailto:boehmed@aol.com) to be added to the email list.

## Grief Support Group | April 3

Our Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

## Centering Prayer Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart--our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Cheryl Kritsch facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update). Please contact Cheryl with any questions at 563-343-0135.

## Church Email Transition

We are in the process of transitioning our bulk email service, and you may notice that emails start to look a little different. If you're unsure about an email, click on the sender and it should be from one of the staff emails ending in "gracewelcomesyou.org". (Also, **be sure to check your spam folders, and mark these emails as "safe" or "not spam"** so you can see them directly in your inbox.) *Thanks for your patience - we hope to be fully transitioned sometime in April.*

## Redeemer Organ Concert | April 7, 2pm

You are invited to a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Redeemer Bedient Organ held at Redeemer Lutheran Church (1107 Tanglefoot Lane, Bettendorf) Sunday, April 7, 2pm, followed by a reception. For more information or questions, please contact Karen VandeWostine at [musicredeemberbett@gmail.com](mailto:musicredeemberbett@gmail.com) or 563-529-3690. (The organ has also often been serviced and maintained by our very own Levsen Organ family.)

## National Faith and Climate Forum | April 16



St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport invites all to a live stream of the National Faith and Climate Forum. The event includes nationally recognized speakers, including Dr. Neddy Astudillo, faculty at Pacific Lutheran. Subtitles will be in Spanish. There will be time for breakouts and discussion. Plus, several local groups working on climate change issues will have displays. All are welcome, this event is free.

**When** Tuesday, April 16, 11am -4:00pm

**Location** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport

**Register to attend** (to help with planning) [nationalfaithandclimateforum.org/register](http://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org/register)

**Questions?** Contact Becky Wiese [rlawmd@yahoo.com](mailto:rlawmd@yahoo.com)

# Single Use Plastics (SUP) Challenge for Lent Week 6: Next Steps

Lent and the SUP Challenge ends soon, but the calling to be good stewards of creation continues. It takes practice and a community. We learn and grow together, little by little. Below are ideas for continuing and deepening your practice of giving up single-use-plastics:

## **In the bathroom:**

- Skip the bottle. Soap, shampoo, conditioner and even lotion bars can be found in many stores or online.
- Use a natural loofah or washcloth

## **In the kitchen:**

- Skip single serving packages and go for bulk or purchase products with the least amount of packaging as possible. Shop local - farmer's markets are a great place to cut down on plastics
- Eat fresh! The less processed your food is, the more you can avoid extra packaging
- Grow some of your own food

## **Around the house:**

- Use refillable pens and pencils rather than buying new plastic ones each time
- Use powdered detergent in your washing machine and dishwasher. It usually comes in cardboard boxes which are easier to recycle
- Look for natural cleaning alternatives - vinegar and baking soda work wonders and cut down on the number of cleaning products you need