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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Looking Ahead

- **March 29** Palm Sunday
- **April 2** Maundy Thursday
- **April 3** Good Friday
- **April 5** Easter Sunday
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- **April 17** Safer Sack Lunch Orders Due
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- **April 25** Faith + Climate Forum
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- **May 19** In House Blood Drive
- **May 25** Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **May 29** Hope at the Brickhouse
- **May 30** Wellnitz 60th Anniversary Party
- **June 1** Pray & Play
- **June 2** Primary Election Polling Location
- **June 15-19** VBS Day Camp

VBS Day Camp! June 15-19



For ages four through grade six

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Cost: \$40 before April 15 (\$50 after April 15)

Registration closes June 1

Grace kids will take a bus from Grace to Trinity each day, and staff from Camp Ewalu will lead the kids in our own local camp experience with crafts, games, music, and more! Register online at [bit.ly/GraceVBS2026](#). Contact Pr. Kirsten for more info. Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential.



National Faith + Climate Forum

Saturday, April 25 | St. Paul Lutheran
(2136 N. Brady Street, Davenport)

Through dynamic workshops, energizing conversations, and powerful storytelling, we will explore how communities of faith can lead with courage, compassion, and hope. Together, we will learn, connect, and catalyze action toward a more sustainable and equitable world. For more info and to register go to: [nationalfaithandclimateforum.org](#).

Large Print Bulletins by request - ask an usher.

Palm Sunday

March 29 | 8:30* & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday

April 2 | 7:00pm*

HOLY WEEK

Grace Lutheran Church | 1140 E High St | Davenport, IA

*This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel: Grace Lutheran Davenport

Good Friday

April 3 | 7:00pm*

Easter Sunday

April 5 | 8:30* & 10:30am



GRACE'S GREEN BAG PROJECT

We are currently most in need of*: pasta, spaghetti sauce (in plastic or cans), and canned chicken.

We have plenty of soup and granola bars for now. Please see the list below for additional items to donate.

Questions? Paul Lewellan, paullewellan@mac.com.

- ***Jars of Spaghetti sauce** (in plastic or cans)
- single-serve applesauce
- box macaroni & cheese
- ***pasta or spaghetti**
- oatmeal packets
- canned green beans
- ***canned chicken** or tuna
- single-serve cereal
- canned corn
- peanut butter sandwich crackers
- canned fruit



Pray & Play Helpers

Our wonderful helpers at Pray & Play are vital to the program's success. You can volunteer for as little or as long a time as you'd like, and helpers are needed both on-site with the kids or behind the scenes (like preparing snacks/lunch, wiping tables, clean up, etc.). **Next dates: April 6, and June 1**, and Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.



Food Pantry Sunday

Our next food pantry collection is Sunday, April 5.

With grocery prices soaring the need is greater than ever! Suggestions for donations are in the Grace Notes newsletter. Bring your non-perishable donations on Sunday and set them before the altar.

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, March 30

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, March 31

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, April 1

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

Thursday, April 2

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 4

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, April 6

Office Closed

Pray & Play 8:30am-4:00pm

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, April 7

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting
5:00pm Property Committee Meeting
6:00pm CYF Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9

Safer Sack Lunches - Orders Due April 17



As Safer Foundation celebrates 50 years of impact in the quad Cities, we're proud to mark the 21st year of Safer Sack, an easy and meaningful way for you to support safer, stronger communities. For more than two decades, Safer Sacks has helped transform lives right here in the Cities. 100% of proceeds directly support our local programs, including Employment Services, Pathway Home, and the Youth Empowerment Program, helping individuals build stability, opportunity, and a path forward. Grace provides a lunch for four Tuesdays during the Youth Empowerment Program series.

Lunches include: club sandwich with ham, turkey, and cheese on a croissant, condiments, chips, cookie, and fruit. Lunches are \$10. **If you are interested, please contact Hollie Swain (563-514-4022 or k75hollie@gmail.com) before Friday, April 17.** Lunches will be delivered to Grace on Thursday, April 23, at 11:30am.



Coffee Hour Hosts

Sign up at the coffee kiosk to be a host for coffee hour. You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks, or even all three if you wish. Maybe you'd like to celebrate an anniversary, a birthday, or any special occasion (I always signed up to host on my kids' baptismal anniversaries to mark the occasion with something special.) **Anyone is welcome to help out - and we can show you how the coffee pots work, where the supplies are kept, etc. Contact the church office if you'd like some pointers.**

Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

Men's Lunch Group

The Men's Lunch Group meets at noon every Wednesday at church. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group

Next Meetings: April 1 & 15 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month **5:30pm** in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: April 14 & 15 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home cutting squares, sewing, finishing, etc. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: April 18 We meet at **8:30am** the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **March Book: Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry (second half)**
Host: Carol Keller 563-340-9013 **Location:** Hickory Gardens (3311 Hickory Grove Rd, Dav)

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: Tues, April 21, 9:00am Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month September through May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us!

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the current
Weekly
Update email



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 29, 2026 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card for worship. Cards are available in the pews.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**



Prelude Music

All Glory, Laud and Honor by Melchior Teschner, arr. by Robert Lau

Processional Gospel* | Matthew 21:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The 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!"

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

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!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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Hosanna in the highest!

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*

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.**

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Peace*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

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 Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart..... ELW 186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Hosanna in the Highest..... Audrey Snyder

*Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayers of the People*

Let us pray. Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **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.

Announcements

Children's Message (Part 1)

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Verses to the tune of "Were You There" ELW 353

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, Crown, and Nails

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

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.

Closing 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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You may depart at the end of the hymn. 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.



Junior Bible Study | Today: Palm Sunday

Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children’s sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. During Lent, we will be learning about communion during our JBS time and will take the place of a first communion class. If you have a child who you feel is ready to take communion, please speak with either one of the pastors for more info.

Interested in Joining Grace? Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. We would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email? 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.

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Serving in Worship

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| Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry | Pr. Kirsten Lee |
| Acolyte | NEEDED |
| Crucifer | NEEDED |
| Assisting Minister | Paul Lewellan |
| Readers | Pr. Stephanie, Paul Lewellan, Deb Kirby, Ken Krumwiede |
| Greeters | Jackie Cain, Kathy Higgins |
| Ushers | Mark Jepson, Chuck Lehman |
| Sound System | Russ Finkler |
| Prayers | Sundays & Seasons |
| Altar Guild | Gloria Lange |
| Tech Assistant | Vey Rodriguez |
| Jr Bible Study | Pastor Kirsten |
| Coffee | OPEN |
| Treats | Carol Keller |
| Healthy Snack | Jane Krumwiede |
| Heart & Voice Choir Director | Sally Meier |
| Organist | Susan Senn |
| Pianist | Kathi Parrish |

Join us for Holy Week Services:

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| Maundy Thursday | April 2, 7pm |
| Good Friday | April 3, 7pm |
| Easter Sunday | April 5, 8:30am and 10:30am |

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