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Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Bell Choir

<u>Congregation responses in Bold Print</u>
Welcome and Announcements

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

Pew Bible p 854

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

CHILDRENS PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

ELW 344

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.
- 2 The company of angels are praising you on high;

- creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

5 Their praises you accepted; great author of all goodness, accept the prayers we bring, O good and gracious King.

CHILDREN SINGING & MESSAGE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Luke 19: 39-40)

May we remain here to whisper our hosannas throughout this week in every moment. When the world goes silent on the cause of God, may we remain crying out the beat, the hosanna beat, that marks the rhythm of this week.

In the sound of the breaking bread hear the broken hosanna.

Still we believe in love's way

In the sound of coins being counted hear the betrayed hosanna.

Still we trust in love's choice.

In the twisting of the crown of thorns hear the tortured hosanna.

Still we believe in love's way.

In the sound of the lashes, all thirty-nine, hear the scourged hosanna.

Still we trust in love's choice.

In the sound of nails being hammered, hear the crucified hosanna.

Still we believe in love's way

In the sound of silence, hear the empty hosanna.

Still we trust in love's choice.

May we remain here, to whisper our hosannas, throughout this week. In every moment, may we remain with you, O Jesus, still believing, still following, still your companions, and let the stones remain silent.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Laying aside judgment, God offers you redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces you with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon you. Hear the good news, brothers and sisters: It is the Lord God who lead you back; who declares you are forgiven.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

KYRIE ELW 151 vs 1 & 2 Greek vs 3 English

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray... Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a Pew Bible p 594

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 wakens— wakens 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 quilty?

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11 Pew Bible p 954

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

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LEAD-IN: "Help Us O Lord"

Help us, oh Lord, to hear your word. Open our hearts to feel your word.

Give us the strength to live your word each day. (Repeat)

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14--23:56 Pew Bible p 857

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning with the twenty second chapter. Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

FIRST READER

¹⁴When the hour came, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then 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." ²⁰And 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. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

SECOND READER

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For 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. ²⁸"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

FIRST READER

³¹"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" ³⁴Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." ³⁵He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." ³⁶He 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. ³⁷For 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." ³⁸They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

SECOND READER

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me;

yet, not my will but yours be done." ⁴³ [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

THIRD READER

⁴⁷While 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: 48but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" 50Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then 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? 53When 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!" 54Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. 55When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." 60But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. 61The 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." 62And he went out and wept bitterly.

FIRST READER

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him. ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!" ²³:

SECOND READER

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They 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." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When 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. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even 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. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

SECOND READER

FIRST READER

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and 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. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him." ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A 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." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He 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.

THIRD READER

²⁶As 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. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For 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.' 30Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When 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. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

SECOND READER

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

FIRST READER

SONG OF THE DAY:

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had 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. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then 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. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ. MESSAGE**

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LBW 94

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run,
 he gave the blind their sight.
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these

themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise;

themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

- 5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free; that he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing-no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!
 I all my days could gladly spend!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Apostle's Creed)

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church SONG of OFFERING: "Create in Me" ELW 185

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING:

Let us pray... Generous God, you provide for our every need abundantly, and give to us our talents, energy and our joy. Receive these gifts we offer before you and magnify them to spread your love into this world. May we live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR PALM SUNDAY: (inspired by Luke 19: 29-40) We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross, for you understand us and in love you have promised not to push away any who come to you.

PRAYER PETITIONS:

We pray for people who feel pushed away: pushed away from a living faith in Jesus by pressure from friends and family; coaches and colleague; parents and siblings; by those in other churches if they do not share the same kinds of ideas, or ways, or clothes; we pray for people who have felt pushed away from people of this congregation and for people who are pushed out by those who want power, whose main love is to be noticed, to have control. Open the hearts of all to grace to each other.

Lord in you mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church that all those who trust in Jesus will be made able by your Spirit to follow his humility, to see and imitate his servant life, to welcome and not to condemn. Help your church to be like Jesus; Bishops, Pastors, Deacons, committee members and all leaders to hear your Word and follow it. We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross, for you know the warm glow of love and the loneliness of being hated.

Lord in you mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for world leaders, quick to stand in the limelight but at times slow to do the steady, less glamorous work of selfless cooperation affecting citizens to which they are called. We pray for our Armed Forces during these trying time, for the people of Ukraine and all countries thrust into war and devastation. Strengthen them for their journey and give them courage to face the perils that surround them.

Lord in you mercy, Hear our prayer.

In days when food banks are required to feed families who struggle to provide the basics for life, we ask you to change our priorities and help us live more like Jesus, where everyone may share a fair portion of the abundance of the earth' and compassion is felt to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and care for the refugee, the immigrant and those who are weak and vulnerable. We pray for those who are ill, grieving, or suffering in any way, especially Rhys, Roy, Esther, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Darrell, Joyce, Dennis, Kendal, Rich, Judy, Carla, Kaye, Doug, Sylvia, Judy, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Daryl, Caden, Carol, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.

Lord in you mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross, because you know how quickly life changes to death. We pray for those who have recently lost loved ones. In the shock, confusion, pain and sorrow especially of loss, we pray for hearts to be open to the comfort of your Spirit, shown through friendship and community. We remember those we mourn for trusting in your promise to be reunite at your banquet table. Lord in you mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We ask, God of grace, that you will make us here at Grace Lutheran, more like the crowd on that entrance to Jerusalem: that we will follow Jesus and give him our praise in the way we live; that we will turn from wrong and evil and stand on the Master's side, that we will be faithful in worshipping the one who has come in the Lord's name through our singing, our worship, our prayers, our attention, in giving our skills, time, talents and means through the days of our lives.

Lord in you mercy, Hear our prayer.

Bless, we pray, all that is given to your glory and the good of many.

Through Jesus who is the Savior of all. Amen

WORDS OF PREPARATION:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Gracious God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant that in this meal we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen. Let us remember Jesus words on that ancient night...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Here is food and drink for the journey. Come and be filled.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, Grant us your peace, Grant us your peace,

1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

COMMUNION BLESSING:

And now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us Pray... Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

And now we lay down the palm branches. And with them we lay down our belief that there is another way for you to be God. As the last echo of the final alleluia fades, so does our hope that this journey can end in any other way. The week stretches ahead glory-less and pain-full. Whether we walk with all faith or none, we look towards the cross, knowing it is both the most human and most divine of all journeys, Travel the road with courage, with love, and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith into this holiest of weeks. And may Almighty God Bless and keep you, may He make his face shine on you with grace and mercy, and may He grant you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" ELW 325

1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey.

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me:

when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Walk with Jesus. Thanks be to God, We Will Announcements for April 10th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Darrell Brekke, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Kendal Ceroll, Rich Dunn, Judy Eide, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Doug Koutz, Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Daryl Stowell, Caden Thompson, Carol Wagner, Robert Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, our Law Enforcement personal, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (950 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST** today is given by LaVerne & Louise McPeek, in honor of their 57th Wedding Anniversary. **The ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by Elvira Moen & Karen Kasperson. In loving memory of Hilmer Moen — Birthday was April 17th and in memory of Jesse Goebel. Your gifts to sponsor the radio and altar flowers each week are very important for those unable to attend. If you would like to support these special weekly needs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, call the office or send your donation to *Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201*

On the CALENDAR - For the week of April 10 thru 17

Today 8:30 am AND 11 am Worship service w/communion

9:30 am Sunday school AND Coffee Fellowship

9:30 am Bake Sale begins in the Narthex

10 am - Adult Faith Formation: Lent a time of listening & learning

11 am service – the Children will be singing

Monday 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters

6 pm Choir Practice (Musicians are always welcome)

7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday Watertown Ministerial meeting at Noon at HyVee

Wednesday 10 am - Service at Hi-Rise

5 pm – Stewardship Committee meets

6 pm – Grace Council meets

NO Wednesday School or Youth Group

NO Lenten Service

Thursday 10:30 am Service at Stonybrook

6 pm - Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Communion &

First Communion in Fellowship Hall

Friday Noon – Good Friday service in the sanctuary

6 pm – Good Friday service in the sanctuary

Sunday EASTER CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

7:30 am Worship service w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Worship service w/Holy Communion

NO Sunday school

11 am - Spanish Speaking Easter Service w/ Holy Communio

Upcoming Events:

April 19 - 21 SD Pastors Spring Theological at Deadwood

April 24th Sending Service for Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson at 8:30 am

w/ cake and coffee following service.

April 24th Affirmation of Baptism service at 11 am

April 26th Youth Lock in 6 pm to Midnight

May 13th 1 pm Set up for the Mollie B show at Cloud 9

May 13th 7:30 – 9:30 Mollie B and the Squeezebox band at Cloud 9

May 15th Senior Recognition Sunday

"SEEING GOD IN THE MOVIES" - APR 24, 2022, at 1:30 pm

Join us for a movie, popcorn, and discussion in the Youth Room on the last Sunday of the month. The movie for April ... Cast your vote: There is a box in the office. Cast your vote for the choices listed:

- 1. Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) World War II classic
- 2. Hell or High Water (2016) neo-western doing bad for good
- 3. Up (2009) animated, sacred nature of marital life and acceptance of people
- 4. The Chosen new TV series depicting the life of Jesus

??? Do you have a movie you think would be perfect for a discussion? Write the title on the paper with your name by April 15 and we will explore another option.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN SO MANY WAYS WITH THE SPRING VENDOR CRAFT FAIR. It was well attended, enjoyed by many and a big success because of all your efforts. Even the weather cooperated – way to go and Thank you Mother Nature!

Limited tickets available for May 13th Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band

Mollie B, a multi-instrumentalist and award-winning vocalist, songwriter, television director/producer, and Hall of Famer will perform for a Raise the Roof fund raising event on May 13th in Watertown. Just 300 tickets will be sold for the 7:30 pm performance and are now available at the office. Cost of the tickets are \$30. Sponsorships for the event are available which includes an evening meal for two with Mollie B and the band prior to the show with advertising opportunities. For more information call Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501 or check out the web and Facebook.

Summer Confirmation Class

Our lives are busy and family dynamics have changed over the years. Children are often busy with school activities or share by parents following a divorce needing time to spend with each on separate occasions and even in separate cities and states making it difficult for parents to fulfill their responsibilities to provide the opportunity to grow in faith through Christian Education taking confirmation. Our church promises at baptism to provide educational opportunities for First Communion instruction beginning at the 2nd grade and confirmation instruction beginning at the 7th grade. If

you would like your child to have this instruction but the normal fall through winter to spring period does not fit your schedule or family dynamics, summer classes are available to assist you in achieving this important responsibility and time for learning for young people 7th thru 12th grade. If you have questions, would like to sign your child up for a class, or are an adult who would like a catechism class, contact Pastor Cheryl. Cell: 605-237-1501 or email: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett DIACONAL INTERN: Brenda Handel-Johnson

READERS: Judy Everson & Becky Sprouse PIANIST: Isaak Montemayor

MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Brenda Handel-Johnson

BELL CHOIR: Becky Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Liz Dunn, Riley Sprouse,

Jackie Abel, Adriene Schulz, Marian Raml, Isaak Montemayor

PRIASE TEAM: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma

DeWitt, Kayla Mohling

USHERS/ COMMUNION SERVERS: Grace Wickherst, Scott & Cindy VanderLeest

Sound/Video Tech Team: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Jason

Mohr, Anthony DeHaan, & Dylan Jordan

Pastoral Calls: You can reach Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501(cell or text) or by E-mail:

cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com

Grief Support Group Meeting April 28th Grace Grief Support - This group (open to members within or outside of the Grace community) continues on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm in the Library at Grace. Any person who is experiencing the loss of a person, friend or family member or is finding themselves coping with grief overload is welcome to join this discussion and support group. Walking together is a way that we support each other and share each other's sorrows and joys. Questions? See Intern Brenda or Pastor Cheryl

NOTICE! Are you a Thrivent member? You may be able to receive an action team grant of \$250 to be used in our fund raising for various projects. Let us know if you are and we'll help you apply.

To keep informed and events – check out our webpage at glcwtn.org or find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheran8865737