

Grace Lutheran Church

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"Reflecting and Sharing Jesus Christ"



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

You are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee following the service. If you would like a visit from Pastor Fred or to share a prayer concern, we invite you to sign a Care Card found in the hymnbook rack and place card in offering plate. If you have any questions about today's service, please contact one of the ushers.

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Scripture Readings for Good Friday – April 7, 2023

First Reading:	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Gospel:	Matthew 27: 27-61

Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023

Psalm:	Psalm 118:19-24
Gospel:	Matthew 28:1-10

Maundy Thursday
April 6th, 2023
7:30 p.m.



Guiding Principles

Jesus is Lord
We Welcome Everyone
We Value God's Creation
We Are Open To The Power of God
We share God's love
Through Worship and Service
We Offer Forgiveness for All

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at Grace Lutheran – 9:30 a.m.

Easter Worship – 10:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Tonight we join Jesus' story on the night before his death. We bring with us all the realities of our own living. Sorrows, joys, worries, hopes all cling to us, like dust to our feet. We come because Jesus calls us together in song, and story-telling and feasting. May you find living water for your soul in this time and place.

The order of service does not end with a benediction or dismissal tonight. Instead, preparations are made for the Good Friday observance. The altar and worship area are stripped of all their ornaments, as we prepare to honor Christ's self-offering.

And we leave in silence.

The Order of Service

Please stand as you are able

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, you became incarnate in Jesus in order to show your love for the whole world. Thank you for offering salvation and new life through Jesus' death and resurrection. As we remember his last meal with his disciples, send your Spirit into our hearts, bringing new life, forgiveness, and restored relationships. In the name of our Savior who died and rose again we pray. Amen

Jesus gave the church two sacraments: baptism and communion. Baptism is our birth into the family of God; communion is the meal of the family of God. Today, before we read the story of Jesus' institution of communion, we will remember and thank God for our baptisms, which are our entrance into the church and the washing away of sin. Worshippers are invited to, dip their fingers into the water, and say, "God gives me new life."

FIRST READING: EXODUS 12:1-14 (MESSAGE BIBLE)

God said to Moses and Aaron while still in Egypt, "This month is to be the first month of the year for you. Address the whole community of Israel; tell them that on the tenth of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one lamb to a house. If the family is too small for a lamb, then share it with a close neighbor, depending on the number of persons involved. Be mindful of how much each person will eat. Your lamb must be a healthy male, one year old; you can select it from either the sheep or the goats. Keep it penned until the fourteenth day of this month and then slaughter it - the entire community of Israel will do this - at dusk. Then take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which you will eat it. You are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire, that night, along with bread, made without yeast, and bitter herbs. Don't eat any of it raw or boiled in water; make sure it's roasted - the whole animal, head, legs, and innards. Don't leave any of it until morning; if there are leftovers, burn them in the fire. "And here is how you are to eat it: Be fully dressed with your sandals on and your stick in your hand. Eat in a hurry; it's the Passover to God.

"I will go through the land of Egypt on this night and strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, whether human or animal, and bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am God. The blood will serve as a sign on the houses where you live. When I see the blood I will pass over you - no disaster will touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. "This will be a memorial day for you; you will celebrate it as a festival to God down through the generations, a fixed festival celebration to be observed always.

PSALM: PSALMS 116:12-15 (MESSAGE BIBLE)

What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me? I'll lift high the cup of salvation - a toast to God! I'll pray in the name of God; I'll complete what I promised God I'd do, and I'll do it together with his people. When they arrive at the gates of death, God welcomes those who love him.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 26: 17-30 (MESSAGE BIBLE)

On the first of the Days of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare your Passover meal?" He said, "Enter the city. Go up to a certain man and say, 'The Teacher says, My time is near. I and my disciples plan to celebrate the Passover meal at your house.'" The disciples followed Jesus'

instructions to the letter, and prepared the Passover meal. After sunset, he and the Twelve were sitting around the table. During the meal, he said, "I have something hard but important to say to you: One of you is going to hand me over to the conspirators." They were stunned, and then began to ask, one after another, "It isn't me, is it, Master?" Jesus answered, "The one who hands me over is someone I eat with daily, one who passes me food at the table. In one sense the Son of Man is entering into a way of treachery well-marked by the Scriptures - no surprises here. In another sense that man who turns him in, turns traitor to the Son of Man - better never to have been born than do this!" Then Judas, already turned traitor, said, "It isn't me, is it, Rabbi?" Jesus said, "Don't play games with me, Judas." During the meal, Jesus took and blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples: Take, eat. This is my body. Taking the cup and thanking God, he gave it to them: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, God's new covenant poured out for many people for the forgiveness of sins. "I'll not be drinking wine from this cup again until that new day when I'll drink with you in the kingdom of my Father." They sang a hymn and went directly to Mount Olives.

SERMON: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 462 - NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Humble Jesus, in your institution of Communion, you took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine to your disciples. Hear our prayers of taking, blessing, breaking, and giving. Unifying God, you have taken us from the nations and formed us into one body in you. Hear our prayers for the nations of the world and for peace between people. God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Faithful God, you made covenants with our ancestors and created a people who could shine your light for all to see. Guide your church today, and help us to be a blessing for the whole world. God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Suffering God, you know well the brokenness that results from human sin. Forgive our sins, heal our wounds, and allow our brokenness to become our strength. Bring health and relief to all who suffer, God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Generous God, thank you for providing for us all that we need. Give us the will and means to share what we have so that

others may be satisfied. God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray all this in the name of the taken, blessed, broken, and given Lord, Jesus our Savior. All: Amen.

OFFERING SONG: CB 126 – O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

From the creation of the world to the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and David, God always kept God's promises to save and restore. In the betrayal, suffering, and death of Jesus, God's true depth of love for creation was expressed. Through Jesus' rising to new life, the tear of sin in the world was mended and a new kingdom, a new life, was available for all. We remember especially today the story of Jesus' Last Supper, as written in the Gospel of Matthew: "While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'" Whenever we eat or drink, we remember Jesus and his love

LORD'S PRAYER SUNG (WOV PG. 39 LEFT SIDE)

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus,
Our strength in the wilderness.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: WOV 655 – UBI CARITAS ET AMOR

CLOSING PRAYER:

Let us pray: Generous Lord, you offered your blood and body for our salvation. Hear our prayers of thanksgiving. Fill us with the will to share ourselves with the world. In your name we pray. Amen.

SONG: ELW 347 – GO TO DARK GETHSAMANE – VS. 1

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 26:30-46 IS READ WHILE THE ALTER IS STRIPPED

They sang a hymn and went directly to Mount Olives. Then Jesus told them, "Before the night's over, you're going to fall to pieces because of what happens to me. There is a Scripture that says, I'll strike the shepherd; helter-skelter the sheep will be scattered. But after I am raised up, I, your Shepherd, will go ahead of you, leading the way to Galilee." Peter broke in, "Even if everyone else falls to pieces on account of you, I won't." "Don't be so sure," Jesus said. "This very night, before the rooster crows up the dawn, you will deny me three times." Peter protested, "Even if I had to die with you, I would never deny you." All the others said the same thing. Then Jesus went with them to a garden called Gethsemane and told his disciples, "Stay here while I go over there and pray." Taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he plunged into an agonizing sorrow. Then he said, "This sorrow is crushing my life out. Stay here and keep vigil with me." Going a little ahead, he fell on his face, praying, "My Father, if there is any way, get me out of this. But please, not what I want. You, what do you want?" When he came back to his disciples, he found them sound asleep. He said to Peter, "Can't you stick it out with me a single hour? Stay alert; be in prayer so you don't wander into temptation without even knowing you're in danger. There is a part of you that is eager, ready for anything in God. But there's another part that's as lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire." He then left them a second time. Again he prayed, "My Father, if there is no other way than this, drinking this cup to the dregs, I'm ready. Do it your way." When he came back, he again found them sound asleep. They simply couldn't keep their eyes open. This time he let them sleep on, and went back a third time to pray, going over the same ground one last time. When he came back the next time, he said, "Are you going to sleep on and make a night of it? My time is up, the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the hands of sinners. Get up! Let's get going! My betrayer is here."



APRIL 6, 2023 - 7:30 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY	
NAME OF DAY	Maundy Thursday
PARAMENT COLOR	White
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Colleen McGinnis
USHERS	Bernie Fietz/Vivian Holtby
LECTOR	Albert Wedman
COMMUNION SERVERS	Rene Faille/Albert Wedman
POWER POINT OPERATOR	Marilyn Zielke
SOUND BOOTH	Jack Jensen



APRIL 7, 2023 - 10:30 A.M. GOOD FRIDAY	
NAME OF DAY	Good Friday
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Colleen McGinnis
USHERS	Bert Horvey
LECTOR	Arlen Forth
POWER POINT OPERATOR	Deanna Grohn
SOUND BOOTH	Larry Coroluick





Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule



Good Friday, April 7th
Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Service of Crucifixion – Matthew



Easter Sunday, April 9th
Easter Breakfast – 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Free will offering



10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Worship

