

Events This Holy Week - April 10th - April 17th
Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday 4/10 Palm Sunday

8:00 am - Spoken Service
8:45 am - Adult Sunday School
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship
Grace Friends Sunday School
4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm - Catechism Class @ Grace

Monday 4/11

Food Pantry - 9 - 11:30 am
10:00 am Clergy Bible Study
7:00 pm - AA Meeting - Social Hall

Tuesday 4/12

Food Pantry - 9 - 11:30 am
2:00 pm - Moving with Grace Walking Together
6:30 pm - NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 4/13

Food Pantry - 9 - 11:30 am
11:30-3:30 - Bayside Duplicate Bridge
7:00 pm - NA Meeting - Social Hall
7:30 pm - Compassionate Friends - Grief Group - Lounge

Thursday 4/14 Maundy Thursday

Food Pantry - 9 - 11:30 am
6:00 pm Bread & Broth - Social Hall (Upstairs)
7:00 - Antique Collectors
7:00 pm Worship Service
7:00 pm - Al-Anon - Lounge



Friday 4/15 Good Friday

10:30 am - Grace Stitches
7:30 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Grace Lutheran Church

Presents

At His Name

By Joel Raney
Performed by Grace Consort
Scott J. Breiner, Director
GOOD FRIDAY
Worship Service
April 15, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Saturday 4/16

4:00 pm Moving with Grace Walking Together

Sunday 4/17 Easter Sunday

8:00 am - Spoken Service
8:45 am - Adult Sunday School
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
Holy Communion
Grace Friends Sunday School
3:30 pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall.

Monday 4/18/22 Church Office CLOSED

Food Pantry CLOSED -
Will reopen on Tuesday 9-11:30 pm

He is
RISEN

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022



Grace Lutheran Church

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Music Director: Scott J. Breiner
Guest Organist: H. Ray Hunsicker
Church Secretary: Michelle Allen & Diana McArdle
Sexton: Andrew McCarrick

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin.

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to **belong** to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who **believe** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to **become** caring servants of God in the world.

Serving in Worship Today

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

Worship Assistants: Corinne Rhodes, Jill Welfield & June Jordan

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!

If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

Members of Grace: Betty N., John N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B.

Family and friends: Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S. (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*), Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Baby Stella (*Clare Brick*); Annmarie, Kathy (*Marlene Doer*); Phyllis, Shawn (*Carol Fry*); Jody (*Grings*); Michael Ann, Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim, Vicki, (*Meg LaSpina*), Bernadette, Lou; Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Danny (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine and Sal (*Corrine Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Dotte Currie, (*Deborah Walker*), Wisdom Family (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee, Darlene






Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN;

Cainan Johnson, USAF

At Home - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

Shores@Wesley Manor: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble


Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

 <p>Visitors Welcome!!! Please Sign the Visitor Book Located in the Narthex (Lobby) Or please fill out a Connection Card.</p> <p>Thank you for attending our service and we hope to see you again.</p>	<p>Grace Notes</p> <p>Please Say Tuned..... Pastor Althea is working on a new support group – “Losses & Scars” for those who are suffering from grief and loss. We are looking to start sometime in May...</p>
<p>Worship Assistant Sign Up Open dates for worship assistants on Sunday mornings May 8, 22 & 29</p>	<p>MOVING WITH GRACE WALKING TOGETHER </p> <p>This is our newly formed group for exercise and fellowship. Please join us on: Tuesdays @ 2 pm & Saturdays @ 4 pm We will meet in Lounge for check-in, devotion and prayer. We meet rain or shine. (On rainy days we will walk the gym) Everyone is welcome, come to one or both, we would love to see you!!</p>
 <p>Grace Stitchers Grace Stitchers meet on Friday @ 10:30 am - 12 pm in the Lounge. Knitting/Crocheting group. All skill levels are welcome.</p>	<p>16th Annual Baby Shower </p> <p>FOR SHORE MEDICAL CENTER FRIDAY MAY 6TH @ 12 PM Hosted by Grace Lutheran Church {Baby Shower Gift Ideas} =>Receiving Blankets =>Hand crocheted or knitted Items=>Onesies=>Bibs=> Diapers =>Wash Cloths/Towels Unwrapped gifts for Newborns - Size 2 can be brought to the Narthex/Lobby by May 1st. Representatives from Shore Memorial Hospital will join us to accept the gifts, then take them to the hospital for distribution. These items will be given to disadvantaged mothers when they take their babies home.</p>
 <p>“Grace Friends” Adult Sunday School Every Sunday at 8:45 am in the Conference Room - This adult class consists of videos, Bible study, current event discussions and other faith related topics. Everyone is welcome.</p>	<p>Weekly Bulletin Changes The hymns will no longer be inserted into the bulletin. We are now using hymnals.</p>



Food Pantry
Open Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 11:30 am
Closed the first full week of every month.

The pantry needs the following items:
=>Mayonnaise=>Mustard=>Ketchup
=>Crackers=>Chef Boyardee cans
=>Beets ==>Spinach==>Bread
=>Dairy Products==>Eggs
=>Brown Gravy
=>Shampoo==>Soap
=>Toothpaste==>Tissues=>Napkins
=>Paper Towels, Etc.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary **Edna & Jim Cordery** 
May God Bless you with many more .

SENDING HYMN

Stay Here

WOV # 667

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

Text: Matt. 26:38, 45; Taizé Community
 Music: STAY HERE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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There will be no dismissal today. We will sing this hymn together and you may leave as you wish. You are welcome to stay in prayerful contemplation as we enter into Holy Week. In order to keep the sanctuary a quiet place for those wanting to pray or meditate, we ask that you please take conversations to the lobby or outside of the church.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 14 Soup, Salad, & Bread @ 6:00 pm
 (Please sign up to bring soup, salad or bread in the office or with Scott)
 Worship Service in the Sanctuary @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15 Worship Service @ 7:00 pm,
 We are proud to announce a Special Cantata -

At His Name by Grace Consort

Easter Sunday, April 17 Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:15 am
MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST PEACE BE WITH YOU ALWAYS!

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

Please stand as you are able

Congregation responses in bold print.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**WELCOME TO GRACE**

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

Arrangements by Johnston & Thompson

Organist: H Ray Hunsicker

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We follow Jesus into Jerusalem and enter this Holy Week.
 This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the humble King!
 This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

With the Palm branches and shouts of Hosanna, we worship You, O God of Grace.
 This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!
 This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the Highest!!**



PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL*Please turn toward the center of the altar and face the Pastor***Luke 19:28-40**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸After he had said this, he 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." This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE 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 into the Holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless the 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.**

Please turn to your hymnals

GATHERING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CH p. 297

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW p. 154

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **God's love endures forever.**

Let us now commune with the Lord together.

This is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*

This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*

All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers. Please spread out around the altar as you are able. Pastor and worship assistant will distribute elements as each group arrives at the rail.

***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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

***SENDING BLESSING**

Christ knows our pain. **Christ suffered as we suffer.**

Christ knows our grief. **His family and friends lose him on the cross.**

Christ knows our need for redemption.

He forgives us all as he dies and rises for our salvation.

As we enter into the Holy Week of the Passion of our Lord, let us remember the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus on the cross.

May God fill you with all joy and peace in believing in the power of the cross, so that you may find hope and forgiveness in God's great love. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Please turn to your hymnals Holy, Holy, Holy Lord ELW p. 153

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*) *Please refer to the hymnal* ELW p. 154

Word**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A reading from Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

The 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.

The 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; he 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 guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 31:9-16**

Please sing together the words in bold.

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

¹⁰**For 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 all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like 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.¹

⁴**But 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.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us with Christ's death.

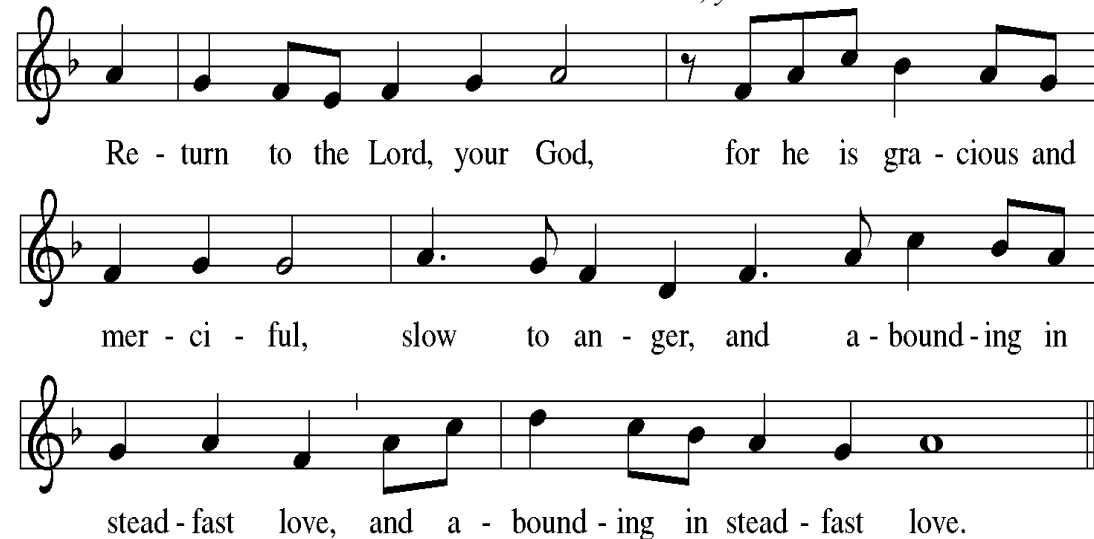
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,⁸ he 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,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sunday School— *All children are invited to follow our Sunday school teachers downstairs for a children's lesson. Children will be lead back upstairs for Communion.*

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Return to the Lord, your God* **ELW #335**


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HYMN*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying***WOV #775**


Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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TIME FOR HEALING AND ANOINTING

During this time for healing and anointing, you are all invited to come forward as you are able for brief prayer with Pastor Althea and anointing with oil. Masks may be worn as you feel comfortable. Pastor will be using disposable cotton q-tips for anointing. Do not feel rushed.

MEDITATION

Please meditate or pray quietly at your seat while others receive prayers in the front of the church. When all who wish to have prayer and anointing have come forward and then are seated again the service will continue below.

OFFERTORYThe Holy City*

By: Stephen Adams

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Pastor: Drawn close to the heart of God this Lenten season, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Brief silence.

Leader: We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Leader: For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Leader: For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited for givenness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We remember those who have died, those who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Pastor: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PASSION NARRATIVE ACCORDING TO LUKE (22:14-23:56)

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that are all part of the coming of God's Kingdom. The leader serves, the disciples are able to fill others, Peter is troubled, and Jesus is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

Narrator: ¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them,

Jesus: "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."

Narrator: ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: "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."

Narrator: ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Narrator: ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: "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!"

Narrator: ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them,

Jesus: "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. ²⁸You 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. ³¹Simon, 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."

Narrator: ³³And he said to him,

Congregation: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

Narrator: ³⁴Jesus said,

Jesus: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

Narrator: ³⁵He said to them,

Jesus: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

Narrator: They said,

Congregation: "No, not a thing."

Narrator: ³⁶He said to them,

Jesus: "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."

Narrator: ³⁸They said,

Congregation: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: "It is enough."

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. ⁴³Then 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,

Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called

Narrator: 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. 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. The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lamb of God

CH# 302

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: "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.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator: 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. ³⁴Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Congregation: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Narrator: ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

Congregation: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Narrator: 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, Jesus: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Narrator: ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, **Congregation: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"**

Narrator: ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said,

Jesus: "No more of this!"

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: "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!"

Narrator: 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,

Congregation: "This man also was with him."

Narrator: ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying,

Congregation: "Woman, I do not know him."

Narrator: ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Congregation: "You also are one of them."

Narrator: But Peter said,

Congregation: "Man, I am not!"

Narrator: ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Congregation: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

Narrator: ⁶⁰But Peter said,

Congregation: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

Narrator: ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

Narrator: ⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Congregation: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator: 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,

Congregation: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: "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."

Narrator: ⁷⁰All of them asked,

Congregation: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

Narrator: He said to them,
Jesus: "You say that I am."

Narrator: ⁷¹Then they said,

Congregation: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying,

Congregation: "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."

Narrator: ³Then Pilate asked him,

Congregation: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Narrator: ⁵But they were insistent and said,

Congregation: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Narrator: 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. ¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them,

Pilate: "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."

Narrator: ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

Congregation: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator: 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,

Congregation: "Crucify, crucify him!"

Narrator: ²²A third time he said to them,

Pilate: "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."

Narrator: 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.