
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Today's Worship Theme

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Welcome & Worship Notes

- We're glad you are here! Please know children can join us for worship too.
- Congregation responses are in **bold** print. "ELW" is the red hymnal. The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- We can provide devices for those with hearing impairment.
- Need the internet? *GraceGuests Network* Password: *GraceGuests1234*
- Please turn off all cell phones or place them in silent mode.
- Restrooms and water fountain are down the hall from the Sanctuary.
- A quiet, comfortable room is available to anyone needing it; it is located around the corner from the restrooms.

Grace Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.



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✠ **GATHER** ✠

PRELUDE

"Wir setzen uns mit Tränen nieder" Johann Sebastian Bach
(from St. Matthew Passion)

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Please kneel as you are able.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Please come forward to kneel around the altar rail and receive anointing of oil and the announcement of God's forgiveness.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW 462



A READING FROM Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: “²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

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¹⁰Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” ^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Tyler Ruddy

Please stand.

HYMN

“Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now”

ACS 930



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 praise pro - claim: “You are the Lord of all. A - men.”

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Please be seated.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

OFFERING SONG

*“From an Upper Room”
from “The Lenten Sketches”*

Joseph M. Martin

*On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and wine.
Gathered with the twelve, He prayed, giving to all a sacred sign.
Take and eat this bread. This is my body.
Come and drink this wine. It is my blood, shed for you.*

*In a shadowed upper room, in that humble sacred space
Jesus opened up His heart, pouring out God’s gift of grace.
Take and eat this bread. This is my body.
Come and drink this wine. It is my blood, shed for you.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood.
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own blood for heav’nly food.
Take and eat this bread. This is my body.
Come and drink this wine. This is my blood.
This is my love. This is my life given for you.*

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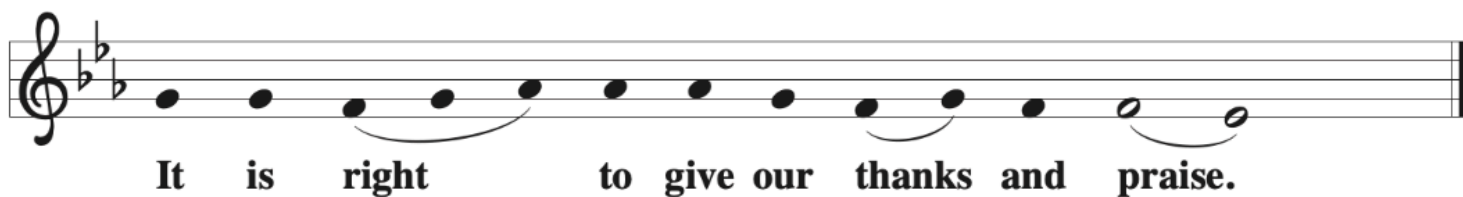
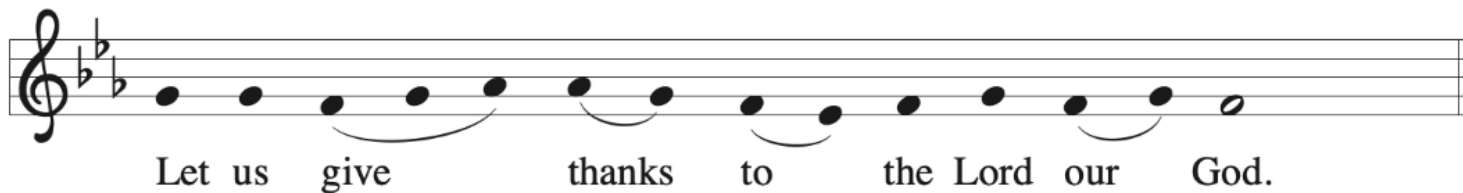


Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn of praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread first (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you. Communion will be served at the head of the aisle.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

"Come to the Table"

ELW 481

"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

ELW 360

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The congregation is encouraged to kneel as you are able as the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. At the conclusion of the stripping of the altar, the congregation is invited to hold a time of silent prayer and meditation.

Psalm 22

Cantors: James and Blair Holden

¹My God, my God, why have you for-^l saken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words^l of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you^l do not answer;
by night, but I^l find no rest.

³Yet you are the^l Holy One,
enthroned on the prais-^l es of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their^l trust in you,
they trusted, and you^l rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and^l were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not^l put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm^l and not human,
scorned by all and despised^l by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh^l me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they^l shake their heads.

⁸"Trust in the LORD; let the^l LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de-^l lights in him."

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth^l from the womb,
and kept me safe on my^l mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since^l I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my^l mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trou-^l ble is near,
and there is no^l one to help.

¹²Many young bulls en-^l circle me;
strong bulls of Ba-^l shan surround me.

¹³They open wide their^l jaws at me,
like a slashing and^l roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are^l out of joint;
my heart within my breast is^l melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof^l of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the^l dust of death.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers^l circles round me;
they pierce my hands^l and my feet.

¹⁷I can count^l all my bones
while they stare at^l me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my gar-^l ments among them;
for my clothing,^l they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not^l far away;

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O my help, hasten ¹ to my aid.
²⁰ Deliver me ¹ from the sword,
 my life from the power ¹ of the dog.
²¹ Save me from the ¹ lion's mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have ¹ rescued me.
²² I will declare your name ¹ to my people;
 in the midst of the assembly ¹ I will praise you.
²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹ line, give glory.
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ¹ spring of Israel.
²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the
 LORD's face hid- ¹ den from them;
 but when they cry out, ¹ the LORD hears them.
²⁵ From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.
²⁶ The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied.
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ¹ live forever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.
²⁸ For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,
 who rules o- ¹ ver the nations.
²⁹ Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship;
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ¹ fore the LORD.
³⁰ Their descendants shall ¹ serve the LORD,
 whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹ tions to come.
³¹ They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹ yet unborn,
 saying to them, "The ¹ LORD has acted!"

Please depart in silence.



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 Sharing God's love so that all are served and supported.



Good Friday (4/18)

**6:00pm in person and on Youtube by noon
and 12:00pm Ecumenical Service @
St. Luke's Episcopal**

Easter Sunday (4/20)

**10:00am in person
and on YouTube by 8:00am**