

April 14th, 2019
Palm Sunday



*Hail to the King
of the Universe*

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today: *The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience “to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). He “goes as it has been determined” (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing “that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:11).*

Requests, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

Attendance Registration, cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

Procession of Palms

All stand and face the processional cross.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Processional Reading

Psalms 118:19–29

P A reading from Psalm 118.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C** **in the name of the Lord.**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

All arrive at their places.

Greeting

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

Invocation (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand

Confession (*We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.*)

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution (*God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.*)

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)

Ps. 24:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie (*Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.*)

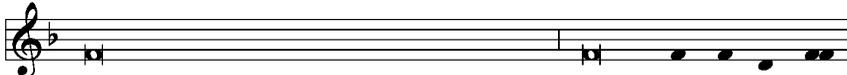
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



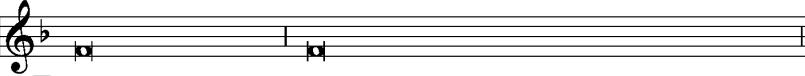
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



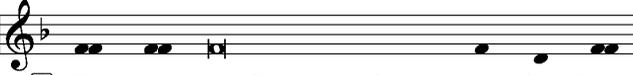
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation (*The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.*)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect (*Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.*)

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Service of the Word

Scripture Readings (*Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.*)

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

P Today's Old Testament reading is from Zechariah, the ninth chapter.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a

Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

P Today's Epistle reading is from Philippians, the second chapter

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Creed (*God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.*)

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day (*This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.*)

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet
 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;
 3 What fading flow'rs His road adorned;
 4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake

With banners and with drums, No sound of music's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser- vant's

mar- tial beat: "The King of glo- ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo- ry's throne.
 on- ly thorn The King of glo- ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo- ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king- ly pride
 A- stride a colt He pass- es by
 The sol- diers mock, the rab- ble cries,
 Ho- san- na to the Sav- ior's name

No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit- y gates swing
 As loud ho- san- nas ring, Or else the ver- y
 The streets with tu- mult ring, As Pi- late to the
 Till heav- en's raf- ters ring, And all the ran- somed

o- pen wide: "Be- hold, be- hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be- hold, be- hold your King!"
 mob re- plies, "Be- hold, be- hold your King!"
 host pro- claim "Be- hold, be- hold your King!"

Sermon "The Preaching of the Palms"

John 12:13

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Stand

Offertory (*The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.*)

Create in Me

LSB 956

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

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering (*The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.*)

Dedication of Quilts and School Kits

Stand

Prayer of the Church (*The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.*)

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Close of the Prayers

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.*) LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9.)*) LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (*We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.*) LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.

Words of Our Lord (*We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.*) LSB 162

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (*Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.*) LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.)

LSB 163

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.

Sit

Distribution

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;
 Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.
 To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice
 The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joyce!



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
 Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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| <p>5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!</p> | <p>6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from You,
 Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give You love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heav'n above
 Sing Your praise forever.</p> |
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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

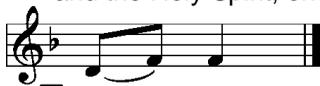
C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect: (We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)

A Let us pray.

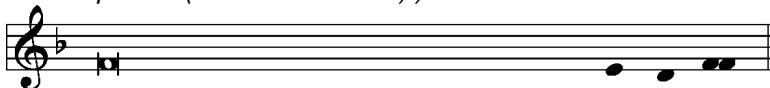
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith

throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)* LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE**

April 14th, 2019

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

Apr. Elders:	Vince Kaiser Jack Page	Organist(s):	June Parker Esther Wolff (Sub) Kim Appel (Sub)
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	Acolytes:
Apr. 14 Palm Sunday	Juniper Smith & Baylor Watson
Apr. 18 Maundy Thur	Ramon Wolff & Thomas Brown
Apr. 19 Good Friday	Adrian Wolff
Apr.21 Easter	David Wolff & Marianna Peres
Apr. 28	Juniper Smith & Mackenzie Peres

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today's Sunday School lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, *"Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."*

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

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FINANCIALS – as of April 7th, 2019

	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Y-T-D
General Offering	3,290.00	5,789.00	5,364.42		58,279.44
2019 Weekly goal	4,440.02	4,440.02	4,440.02	4,440.02	62,160.28
Difference	(1,150.02)	1,348.98	924.40		(3,880.84)
SS Offering	33.00	29.00	35.00		
GLLC Donations		10.00	145.00		

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Each week, our congregation live streams the Sunday morning on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. If you have any questions about how to make use of this resource, please speak with Pastor Appel

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Apr. 14</u>	<u>Mon. Apr. 15</u>	<u>Tue. Apr. 16</u>	<u>Wed. Apr. 17</u>
8:45-Bible Class 10a-Worship/Communion Voters Mtg and Potluck	6pm-GLLC mtg 7pm- Evangelism		10am- GLLC Chapel 1pm-Ministerial Alliance
<u>Thur. Apr. 18</u>	<u>Fri. Apr. 19</u>	<u>Sat. Apr.20</u>	<u>Sun. Apr. 21</u>
 Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion 7:00pm	 GOOD FRIDAY Service of Darkness 7:00p		 8am EASTER Worship/Communion 9am Easter Breakfast Easter Egg hunt

Caring for Towers Residents

The staff at Towers Nursing Home was very appreciative of our congregation's recent donation of toiletries for their residents. The Evangelism Committee is continuing to encourage the members of our congregation to donate various toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, etc.) to the residents at Towers. You can place them in the designated box in the narthex. Thank you for showing this love to our neighbors at Towers!

Jamboree Parade



This year's Jamboree parade will be on Saturday, April 27. Our Evangelism committee is once again sponsoring a float advertising our congregation's upcoming VBS, "Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World." We are in need of people of all ages to ride on the float. If you would like to do so, please speak to Pastor Appel or Brenda Anderson.



As Easter approaches we are once again accepting donations for our annual Easter egg hunt. If you have any plastic eggs you want to donate or individually wrapped candy (not chocolate) that you would like to donate please bring donations to the church or contact a Board of Education member. Thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to a blessed Easter and the celebration of our Lord and Saviors Resurrection.

Easter Breakfast

The Board of Elders is once again hosting our Easter breakfast this year. Various items are needed from the congregation to make it a success. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to indicate what you are able to bring, and deliver it to the church kitchen sometime during the week before Easter, April 21. All members of the congregation are also encouraged to bring pastries, fruit, and other continental breakfast items to supplement the meal. Please plan to join us for this wonderful celebration!

Pastor Askins Visit, Meal, and Gift

On Sunday, April 28, our congregation will be blessed to have Pastor Askins and his family with us. Pastor Askins will be presenting on his work in Asia during Bible class and preaching during the worship service. Following the service, our LWML is hosting a potluck celebration; plan to bring a dish to share and keep your eyes open for further details. As a part of the Askins' family visit, we would like to present them with a special gift. An anonymous donor has pledged \$1,000 toward this gift and has challenged the congregation to match or exceed it. Over the next few weeks, you can give toward this special offering either by placing your gift in the offering plate of bringing it by the church office. In either case, please make note on the check or envelope that your gift is for the Askins family. Please plan to be with us for this special day in the life of our congregation; you won't want to miss it!

Quarterly Voters Meeting and Potluck



Our congregation's quarterly voters meeting and potluck will happen TODAY after worship. If you are a voter, please make plans to attend; if you are not yet a voter, please join us to become a voter and participate in this important aspect of our life together as a congregation.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	Charlene & RC Franke (Ann Schroder's siblings), Mildred Karcher, Annie Mae Rohde, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher, Katherine Benedix, Mildred Buscha
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Daniel Rice (friend of Rose Pietsch), Michelle Bage(daughter of Juanita Bertsch), Lanice Oeltjen-Hunger (friend of Juanita Bertsch), Addi Ghanes (infant friend of Juanita Bertsch), Jerry Aplin(Brenda Sander's brother), Kade Ryman(friend of Bennights), Nancy Wilson(friend of the Kadlecks), Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Mike Davis, Sherry Cook (relative of Nancy Fritsche), Rosie Williams(friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Paul Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), Coey Zapalac (friend of Kimberly Craig), Becky Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Bob Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), Christopher Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), Marvin "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), Leslie Davis (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller)

Recent Health Concerns:	Antoine Campbell (friend of Wendy Rhode), Terri Harris (Kimberly Craig's sister), Ivan Fritsche, Mark Kirk (friend of Sherri McCullough), Bridger Ethridge (Gene Brown's nephew), Preston Young (Don Young's relative), Lee Hampton, Dr. Newt Hasson (friend of David Rohde), Janet McMahan (daughter of Ivan & Nancy Fritsche), Harold Galipp (Gracie Harmon's brother), Cameryn Higgins (friend of the Smith family), Melissa Brown, Scott Penn, Carlton McLain (Angel Hurst's father), Andrew Dittmar, Donna Kadlecek, Brooks Perkins (brother of Stephanie Dittmar), Abigail Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), Charlie Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), Gracie Harmon, Tamara Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper), Eugene Randle, Lane Hurst, Alice Miller, August Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), Heather Davis, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Frances Pool, Kathleen Brohlin, Linda Hanna (Stefanie Moncke's mother), Aaron Atsye (friend of the Deapens), Johnnie Kalina, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallaces), Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, LaVerne Wallace, Patsy Wiggins, Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Jayden Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)
In the Military:	Justin Teague, Madison Whitney, Weston Roudebush (son-in-law of Walter Psencik)
Other Prayer Requests:	Ramon Wolff, Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langers), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)

April 18th, 2018
Maundy Thursday

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:15-25
 Passion Reading: Luke 22:7-20

April 19th, 2018
Good Friday

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
 Gospel Reading: John 18:1-19:42

April 21st, 2018
Easter Sunday

Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23-27
 Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
 Passion Reading: John 20:1-18

Board of Education Question of the Week

In the parable who did the tenants kill?

Last week's answer: satan
 Youth: 9 Adults: 10

Holy Week 2019

April 14	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms Divine Service with Holy Communion
April 18	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion Stripping of the Altar
April 19	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
April 21	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion Easter egg hunt & breakfast following the Service



FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its 4th Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 19th at the Classic Bank parking lot! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade break and more will be available from 8AM till noon, or until we sell out.

*BAKERS ARE NEEDED! We need your help! Donations of any type of baked goods are welcome! You can drop off any donations on Wednesday or Thursday, April 17th and 18th, at one of the Jones & Cowen Physical Therapy locations (283 E. Railroad Ave. in Giddings, or 657 E. Travis St. in La Grange) between the hours of 8 AM - 5 PM, at Faith Lutheran High School from 7 AM - 5 PM, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2019-2020 academic year! Interested individuals who teach in any subject areas, but particularly in the fields of science or English may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. This week, Mr. Dan Schaefer - music teacher at FLHS, will be leading chapel beginning at 10:30 am. Please join us!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Three new students have enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year and we are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Schedule a shadow day to check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979)242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!

Mark Your Calendars for These Events

- Archery Camp - **April 23-25**
- Archery Camp - **April 29-May 1**
- Spring Thing! - **May 8** - 7pm - FLHS students choir concert and fine arts night
- Soccer Camp - **June 3-5**
- Golf Tournament - **June 8**

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for April 14-20, 2019

Invocation

☞ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ *Amen.*

Learn by Heart: *John 1:29*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Exodus 8:1-32; Hebrews 1:1-14

Monday: Exodus 9:1-28; Hebrews 2:1-18

Tuesday: Exodus 9:29-10:20; Hebrews 3:1-19

Wednesday: Exodus 10:21-11:10; Hebrews 4:1-16

Thursday: Exodus 12:1-28; Hebrews 5:1-14

Friday: Exodus 12:29-13:16; Hebrews 6:1-20

Saturday: Exodus 13:17-14:9; Hebrews 7:1-22

Hymn of the Week: "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" (*LSB* 444)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or *LSB* pp.305-318)

Sunday: Thanksgiving for God's gift of faith

Monday: For the unemployed

Tuesday: For the sick and suffering

Wednesday: For husbands and wives

Thursday: For missionaries

Friday: For those persecuted as Christians

Saturday: For those fallen from the faith

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

☞ The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

☞ *Amen.*