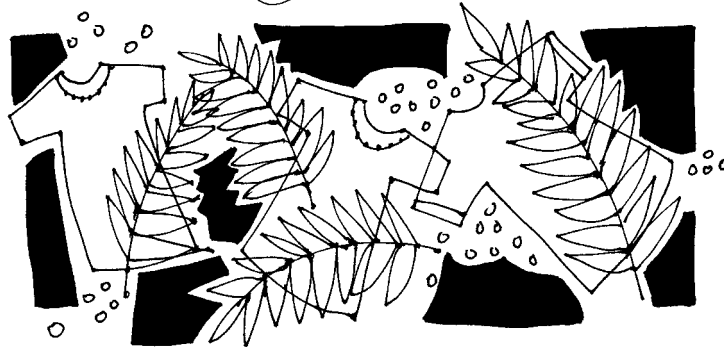


April 5th, 2020
Palm Sunday

This IS ^{the} day,
that the LORD
has made.
Let us rejoice,
and be glad in it.
Palm Sunday Psalm 118: 24



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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."

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

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.

Opening Versicles

LSB 219

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,

C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Antiphon for Lent

L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

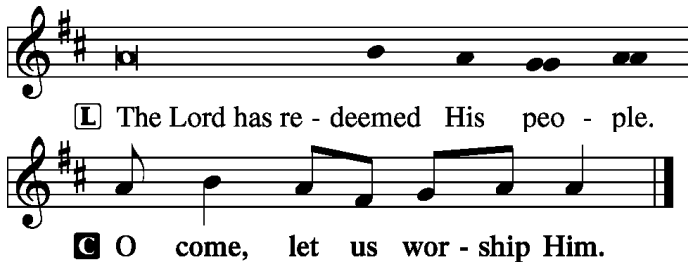
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon for Lent



L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.

C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm 118:19-29

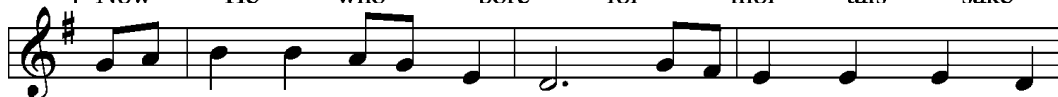
- ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the 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!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

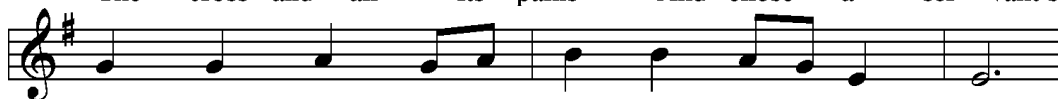
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1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic'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



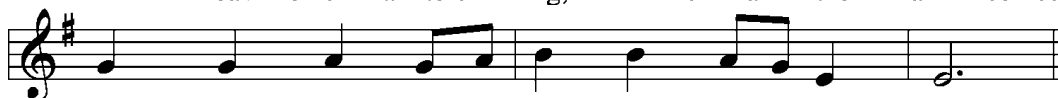
mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



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!"

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
 the tongue of those who are taught,
 that I may know how to sustain with a word
 him who is weary.
 Morning by morning he awakens;
 he awakens my ear
 to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

P The Epistle 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.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

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

C Glory 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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P 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 Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

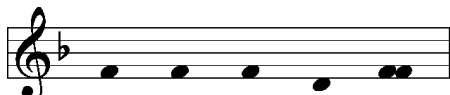
Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

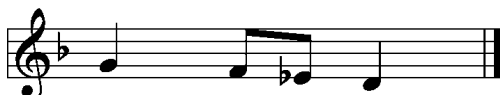
C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 228



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.
C A - men.

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

Holy Week Services

Today is the start of Holy Week, the week in which the Church remembers the events Jesus has accomplished for our salvation. Due to the current pandemic, we will continue to gather online for opportunities to hear God's Word. During Holy Week, these opportunities are as follows:

April 9, 2020 – Maundy Thursday, 7 PM
April 10, 2020 – Good Friday, 7 PM
April 12, 2020 – The Resurrection of Our Lord, 10 AM

Please visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/>) beginning about 10 minutes prior to the service time to join the live service, or check back later to watch the recorded video. Bulletins for each service can be downloaded and printed ahead of time by visiting our church website (<http://www.glcs.org/newsletters-and-bulletins.html>).

Opportunities for Communion

There continue to be opportunities for individuals and families to receive Communion individually, if you so desire. During Holy Week, times will be made available on Maundy Thursday, which normally is a Communion service, as well as Easter Sunday. Please check our Facebook page (link above) during the week to sign up for a time to receive the Lord's Body and Blood on one of these days. You are also always welcome to contact me to set up a different time to receive the Sacrament. Pray that the Lord will bring a quick end to this pandemic and grant us the renewed opportunity to join in His Supper together as a congregation soon.

Giving to Grace Lutheran Church

Many of you have asked how you can continue to worship God with your offerings during this time of limited physical gatherings at Grace. Here are a couple of options:

- 1) Bring your offering with you when you come to receive Holy Communion
- 2) Mail your offering to the church at 308 Byrne Street, Smithville, TX 78957.
- 3) Drop your offering through the mail slot on the front church door; call to make sure someone is in the office first so that your offering is picked up in a timely manner.

Currently, we do not have an online giving option, although our treasurer is exploring our options. At all times, our gifts and offerings are an expression of faith and worship, recognizing that all things we have come from our heavenly Father's hand. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!"

Bible Study

During this time of limited physical gathering, there are still faithful resources available to you to strengthen your faith through Bible study. Particularly, I encourage you to listen to the radio Bible study I lead every weekday morning. It's called *Sharper Iron*; it airs weekday mornings from 8-9 AM (<https://www.kfuo.org/>); it's also available for you to listen in archives or on podcast if you miss the live broadcast (<https://www.kfuo.org/category/sharper-iron/>). When I began hosting this show last July, I did so in order to provide a resource, not just for the wider church, but particularly for you here at Grace. I approach the study of the Scripture with a guest pastor each time with you in mind. My encouragement during this time when we are not gathering in person for Bible study is that you would make use of this resource, and I would certainly also pray that it remains a blessing to you beyond this time as well.

Pastoral Care

While the pandemic occupies much of our concern and prayers right now, I know that these are not the only matters for which you may desire pastoral care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide pastoral care and apply the Word of God in any situation you may be facing.



FLHS Closed Campus

The FLHS campus remains closed until further notice. We are facing much uncertainty. Take comfort as you read the words of Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." We have a God who loves us and promises to be with us always.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. Two new students have already enrolled 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 and check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School has POSTPONED our Annual Good Friday Bake Sale. Please watch future news for when we announce the new date.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

Mark Your Calendars for These Events

- Spring Thing! - **May 13th** - 7pm - FLHS Choir Concert
- Golf Tournament - **May 30th**