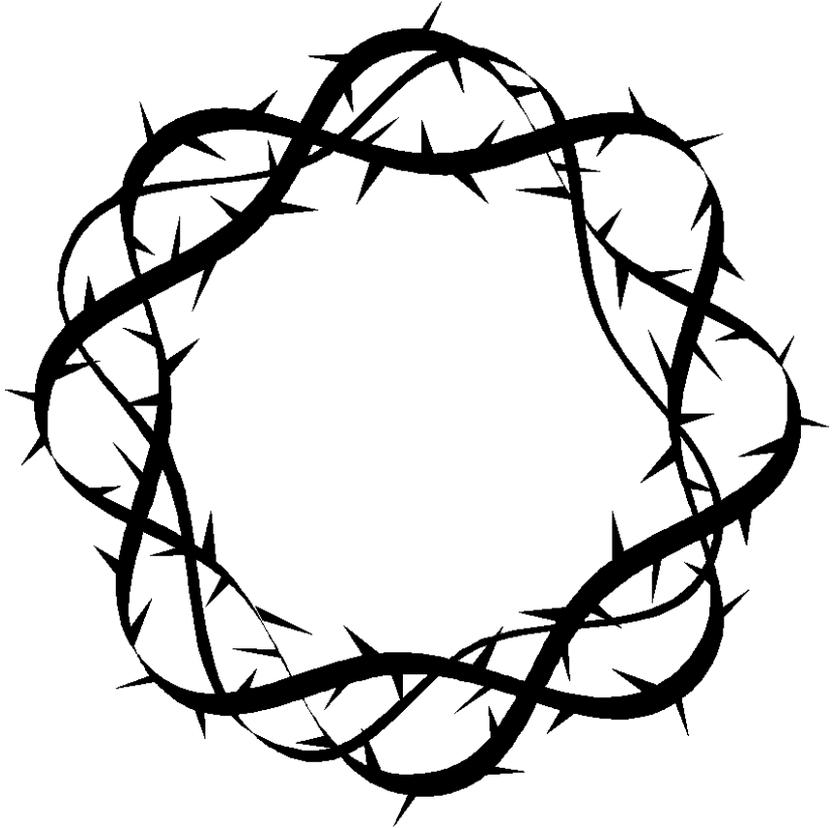


Grace Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2014

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Services

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children ages 3 and above are welcome at the parents’ discretion, after meeting for instruction with the pastor. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***Stephen Ministry** is a one-to-one care giving ministry for those experiencing personal problems such as grieving or crisis situations. A Stephen Minister will be available in the Upper Room on each Sunday morning between services to listen and offer prayer. **Exception:** There will not be a Stephen Minister in the Upper Room on Palm Sunday or Easter.*

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Prelude “When We Are in Deepest Need” J. S. Bach
 “I Call to You Lord Jesus Christ” J. S. Bach

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of justice and peace,

C: despite our best efforts, we fail to honor you. We are guided by anger or fear. We put our own needs before the needs of others.

Forgive what we have thought, done, and said, and what we have failed to do or say. Cleanse our hearts and restore us to your favor.

Amen.

P: 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.

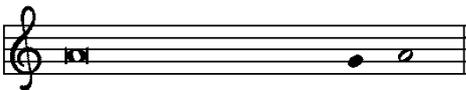
Gathering Hymn “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” #337

Greeting

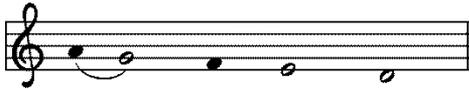
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

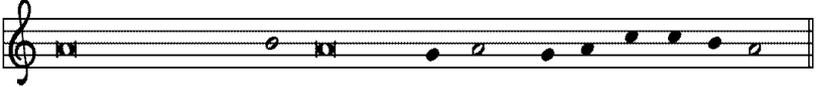
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



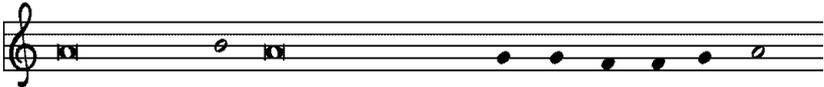
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

C: God of justice, your son, Jesus, was unjustly punished for sin that was ours. Help us recognize where we have fallen, and remove the guilt of our sin, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Psalm 146

R  Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

R Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever; R

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

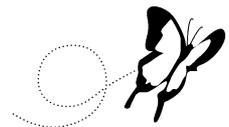
¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. R

Anthem

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Arr. by Sondra Tucker

Praise Bells



Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

C: 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.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Nineteenth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 19:1-16a

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." ¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief

priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

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

Please be seated

Sermon "Love to the End: Radical Love"

Please stand as you are able

Hymn "My Song is Love Unknown"

#343

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With gratitude for your mercy, we humbly lift our prayers to you, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

Temple Talk: LSI's 150th Anniversary

Cathy Barks

Blessing of LWR Kits and Quilts.

P: Lord, we've come seeking your blessing for these things we lay before you, the work of our hands and our hearts. We pray for the ministry of Lutheran World Relief and our partnership together to be your hands and feet in a hurting world.

Quilts

L: This God – His way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him. Psalm 18:30

P: God of Grace, we ask for your blessing upon these quilts.

C: As we journey through Lent toward the promise of the Resurrection, may these quilts offer refuge for those living through disasters and emergencies.

Baby Care Kits

L: "Peace, peace, to the far and the near," says the Lord; and I will heal them. Isaiah 57:19

P: God of Peace, we ask for your blessing upon these baby care kits.

C: As we reach out to new mothers and their babies around the world may these gifts be a witness to your peace.

School Kits

L: For in Christ every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20

P: God of Mercy, we ask for your blessings upon these school kits.

C: Give us the grace to live out the “Yes” of your promises for the sake of those in need around the world. May your “Yes” travel with these school kits to those who are affected by drought, hunger, and poverty as they work to build a better life.

Fabric Kits

L: Not one of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass. Joshua 21:45

P: God of Abundance, we ask for your blessing upon these fabric kits.

C: Just as all of your good promises came to pass, we know these kits will find those most in need. May these fabric kits play their role in the lives of those who learn a new skill to support their families.

Personal Care Kits

L: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who has promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

P: God of Promise, we ask for your blessing upon these personal care kits.

C: In this season of Lent you have given us the opportunity to deliver your promise to others around the world. Bless those who use these as they strive for health and dignity. Give strength to those who work in the midst of disaster so that your lasting promise may be a reality for all.

P: All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

The Offering

Offertory

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

C. S. Lang

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these, your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some triplet-like patterns. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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."

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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 we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

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

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

Please be seated

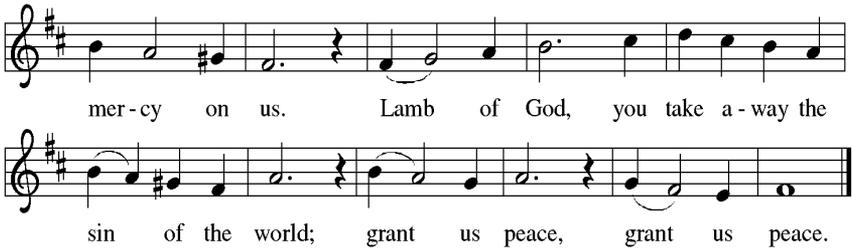
Lamb of God



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.

Distribution Hymns: 838, 785, 325

Prayer after Communion

P: God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" #339

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Little Prelude in E-minor" J. S. Bach

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Sandy Briggs, Drake Carney, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Delores Larson, Brian Vance, the family of Daniel Miltner and the others we name before you...

Quarters placed in the offering plate this and every first Sunday are to fight hunger.

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to: Bonna Oldson, Bradley Moon, Carolyn Andersen, John Nelson, Emily Woodruff, Maya Uehling Lint, Jennie Wonderlin, Kelley Marks, Matt Hagerty, Mark Stumme, Cherie Rissman, Brett Brindley, Jared Nelson, Lanette Kennebeck, DeVee Trickel, Mira Voelker, Vanessa Bloomberg, Sandra Briggs, Alex Davik, Kyler Medhurst

Happy Anniversary to: Dick & Nelda Sampel, Paul Nelson & Kathy Piltingsrud, Eric & Deanna Weber, Barry & Sandra Briggs

Education Opportunities

Sunday School and Adult Forum begin each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

April 6: Time of Fellowship – help box kits and quilts after the 10:45!

April 13: Time of Fellowship

The Kingdom and the Cross Book Study meets 9:30 – 10:30 in the café. Join us!



The next **New Member Class** will meet Sunday April 13th from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.



Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II.



The Wednesday Soup Supper on April 9 will be the last Lenten soup supper and final Wednesday meal until September. The meal will be served by Lydia Circle.

Easter lily deliveries: A signup sheet for delivering Easter lilies to homebound members is at Volunteer Central.

Thanks for sharing Easter joy!



Baskets of Promise: Be a basket for Christ. Help box up kits and quilts this morning after the 10:45 service.

Come to the display in the Gathering Hall today to find out how to “be a basket” through Lutheran World Relief. Come to the display in the Gathering Hall today to find out how to “be a basket” through Lutheran World Relief. Bring a toothbrush in its original package or make a donation. Find a yellow donation envelope in the pew or at the display. Help box up kits and quilts this morning after the 10:45 service. Pray for the work of Lutheran World Relief.



Offering of Letters Today: Bread for the World -- Today our Hunger Working Team will be participating with Bread for the World in advocating for the needs of hungry people by sponsoring an Offering of Letters. This year’s letter writing campaign will focus on asking

legislators to vote to reform U.S. food aid. Details on U.S. food aid, a sample letter, legislator contact information and some facts on international hunger and poverty will be included in a letter writing packet that can be picked up at the Social Ministry station in the Gathering Hall. Please join with others as a collective voice to urge our nation’s decision makers to reform U.S. food aid to help end hunger at home and abroad. If you think you would like to be part of the Hunger Working Team at Grace, contact Julie Honsey at 282-8817 or honsey.julie@gmail.com.



Maundy Thursday Luncheon

Join us following the Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. for a luncheon served by the Grace Women of Lydia Circle. Watch for signup sheets in the Gathering Hall following services. Free will offering!



Men In Mission Easter Sunday Breakfast

7-10 a.m.

Join us Easter morning for pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit served in Grace Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Free will offering.

REJOICE!150

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a birthday bash called *Rejoice!150* on **Saturday, May 17**, at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Reception starts at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and program follow at 6:30 p.m. **Keynote speaker will be Dennis Green**, University of Iowa graduate and former NFL coach. **All are invited** to celebrate the ministry we share with LSI and the impact we've made as partners in their work. Grace hopes to fill two tables of 10 persons each. **When buying tickets through Grace, your cost is now just \$25 per ticket!** Grace is paying the remainder. (This is a change from information in the *Friendly Visitor*.) Tickets are \$55 when registering with LSI directly.

The deadline for registration and payment is **April 25**. Register at Volunteer Central; make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and write Rejoice!150 on the memo line. Contact Ellen Wonderlin for more information, 277-9312, ellenwonderlin@aol.com. Bake a cake for LSI's 150th anniversary! To help celebrate this milestone of partnership between LSI and ELCA congregations in Iowa, consider baking a cake for their special staff gathering. Be a part of the festivities by baking a 9x13 cake with a birthday or "thank you" motif, along with the name of the congregation as part of the decoration. Use a disposable cake pan and bring it to Lutheran Church of Hope sometime during the day on **Wednesday, April 30**. Sign up at Volunteer Central. Need help with transporting? Contact Stephanie Johnson at 276-6873 or stephaniejohnson@q.com.

Want to Submit a News Article?

For the bulletin, contact Michelle Voelker at rvoelker1@mchsi.com. For the Friendly Visitor newsletter or e-news, contact the church office at mailto:graceluth5@msn.com or call 276-6873.

"Direct Now ... and add \$20!"

Thrivent members, select the Grace congregation for the first time you select Choice Dollars between April 1 and May 31, 2014, and Grace will receive an extra \$20 grant from Thrivent Financial! Through the "Direct Now.... and add \$20" campaign, Thrivent will give an extra \$20 for each member who chooses to direct Choice Dollars to Grace's congregation first. Thank you for your support of Grace ministries.

Welcome to Grace!

Pastor – Rev. Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – 8:15 Dave Gronert, Bruce Bergman, Len Ringgenberg

10:45 Gary Nelson, Jay Wangerin, Tom McCleary

6:30 Wednesday: Jay Wangerin, Kevin Krause

Children's Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Liturgist – 8:15 Denny Rehder 10:45 Janet Habick

Lector – 8:15 Julie Honsey 10:45 Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – 8:15 Carol Woodruff, Amy Schmelzer, Mindy Scholten, Ardis Schmelzer

Acolytes – 8:15 Devin Ashton, Emma Mattes 10:45 Isaac McCleary

Altar Guild – Barb Zimany, Connie Heuton, Jane Ridnour

Counters – 8:15 Chris Lawson and Mike Carney

10:45 Bill Jensen and Tom McCleary

April 9: 6:30pm Chris Lawson and Chuck Denton



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April 6, 2014
John 19:1-16a

Key Verses: “And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and striking him on the face.” John 19:2-3

Time: 30 CE

Background: Pilate was still trying to find a reason not to condemn Jesus, but the Jews were adamant about finding him guilty. Their cruel mocking of him showed the depth of their hatred for Jesus. Jesus’ words of truth may have touched some deep shame to make them react so violently against him.

Even when it appeared Pilate held all power over Jesus, Jesus knew who held true power. He knew that Pilate could only harm him if God gave him ability to do so. Such faith may have given him strength to continue down this terrifying path so he could complete his mission.

Community: What makes a crowd move or turn? Have you ever been in a crowded stadium, concert hall, or mall when tension is building? What is it about being in a group that makes certain unacceptable behaviors seem more acceptable? How can you keep your head, when you’re in a crowd that is behaving questionably?

At Home: What shame do you carry that keeps you from being free? How might you turn that over to Jesus this week? Does it make a difference that Jesus has died to free you from shame and guilt?

Read This Week:

Monday, Apr 7, *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*, John 14:15-31

Tuesday, Apr 8, *Jesus the True Vine*, John 15:1-17

Wednesday, Apr 9, *The World’s Hatred*, John 15:18-16:4

Thursday, Apr 10, *The Work of the Spirit*, John 16:4-15

Friday, Apr 11, *Sorrow Will Turn into Joy*, John 16:16-24

Saturday, Apr 12, *Peace for the Disciples*, John 16:25-33

Next Week: Sunday, Apr 13, *King, Crucified*, John 12:12-17, 19:16b-22



**Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Plant Sale Pickup,
Annual and Perennial Plant Sale**
Saturday, May 17
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Grace Hall and the parking lot

We need your help!

- Youth and parents to help sort donations the evenings of Tuesday May 13 – Friday May 16
- Adults to help us sort the plant order 6:45 – 8:00 a.m.
- Volunteers (especially Youth) the day of the sale – 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. **(there will be cinnamon rolls and lunch for volunteers)**
- Bakers to donate baked goods
- Volunteers for cleanup 1-3 p.m.

We need your stuff! Drop off your donations and castaways to Grace Hall starting Tuesday May 7 at 1:00 p.m. This sale is hosted by the High School youth and families. Proceeds go to the High School trip Fund and 2015 National Youth Gathering Fund.

***Parents of 7th-11th graders:
We need your help! Planning and signup
meeting during the Sunday School hour, Palm
Sunday, April 13, in the Conference Room.
Thank You!***