

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



MAUNDY Thursday

April 17, 2014
11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

*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 Easter.



Prelude

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

by Lani Smith

(Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 approach the table of our Lord confident that our sins are forgiven, our guilt removed through the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us and makes us alive with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: God of sorrow, when your son, Jesus, spoke his final words on the cross, the whole world was silent. We have no adequate words to atone for the cross. Forgive what we have done, and restore us to right relationship with you, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Please be seated

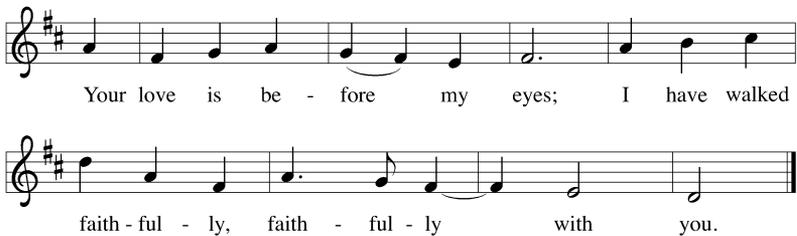
Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,”¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.”¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”¹⁷ he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26



Your love is be - fore my eyes; I have walked
faith - ful - ly, faith - ful - ly with you.

R¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and¹ have not faltered.

²Test me, O¹ LORD, and try me; examine my heart¹ and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be-¹ fore my eyes; I have walked faith-¹ fully with you.

⁴**I have not sat¹ with the worthless, nor do I consort with¹ the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of¹ evildoers; I will not sit down¹ with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno-¹ cence, O LORD, that I may go in procession¹ round your altar,**

⁷singing aloud a song¹ of thanksgiving and recounting all your won-¹ derful deeds. **R**

⁸**LORD, I love the house in¹ which you dwell and the place where your glo-¹ ry abides.**

⁹Do not sweep me a-¹ way with sinners, nor my life with those who¹ thirst for blood,

¹⁰**whose hands are full of¹ evil plots, and their right hands¹ full of bribes. R**

¹¹As for me, I will live¹ with integrity; redeem me, and be gra-¹ cious to me.

¹²**I take my stand on¹ level ground; in the full assembly I will¹ bless the LORD. R**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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

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

Gospel: John 19:23-30

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get

it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." ²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. ²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Homily "Love to the End: Complete Love"

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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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.**

The Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: 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.

Please stand as you are able

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.

P: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thyname,
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. Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you. Where charity and love abide, there is God. Rejoice in this holy communion.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns: 337, 464, 463

Please stand as you are able

Prayer After Communion

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Stripping of the Altar

R 
My God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?

Psalm 22

R ¹My God, my God, why have you for-¹saken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words¹ of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you¹ do not answer; by night, but I¹ find no rest.

³Yet you are the¹ Holy One, enthroned on the prais-¹es of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their¹ trust in you, they trusted, and you¹ rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and¹ were delivered; they trusted in you and were not¹ put to shame.

- ⁶But as for me, I am a worm¹ and not human, scorned by all and despised¹ by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh¹ me to scorn; they curl their lips; they¹ shake their heads.
- ⁸"Trust in the LORD; let the¹ LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so de-¹lights in him." **R**
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth¹ from the womb, and kept me safe on my¹ mother's breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since¹ I was born; you were my God when I was still in my¹ mother's womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trou-¹ble is near, and there is no¹ one to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls en-¹circle me; strong bulls of Ba-¹shan surround me.
- ¹³They open wide their¹ jaws at me, like a slashing and¹ roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are¹ out of joint; my heart within my breast is¹ melting wax.
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof¹ of my mouth; and you have laid me in the¹ dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers¹ circles round me; they pierce my hands¹ and my feet. **R**
- ¹⁷I can count¹ all my bones while they stare at¹ me and gloat.
- ¹⁸They divide my gar-¹ments among them; for my clothing,¹ they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not¹ far away; O my help, hasten¹ to my aid.
- ²⁰Deliver me¹ from the sword, my life from the power¹ of the dog.
- ²¹Save me from the¹ lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have¹ rescued me.
- ²²I will declare your name¹ to my people; in the midst of the assembly¹ I will praise you. **R**
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's¹ line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-¹spring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face¹ hidden from them; but when they cry out,¹ the LORD hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the¹ great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who¹ fear the LORD.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat¹ and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts¹ live forever! **R**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn¹ to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow¹ before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall | serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn, saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

*Following the Psalm, you are asked to leave the sanctuary in silence.
You are welcome to remain for silent prayer.*

You may leave your offering in the plates in the back.

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Sandy Briggs, Drake Carney, Haley Dostalík, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Thursday April 17:

11:00 Holy Communion worship followed by a luncheon in Grace Hall
6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Worship

Friday April 18: 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship

Saturday April 19: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Vigil in Upper Room

Sunday April 20: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

8:15 a.m. Holy Communion

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Children's Activities

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion

April 17, 2014
John 19:23-30

Key Verses: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” John 19:26-30

Time: 30 CE

Background: Jesus’ mother appeared twice in John’s gospel. First, when she encouraged Jesus to perform his first miracle turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana. Second, here at the end of Jesus’ life on earth, where Jesus entrusted his mother to his beloved disciple and his disciple to his mother.

Many of the events of Jesus’ death occurred to fulfill scripture. Placing Jesus in the context of God’s word helped believers understand who Jesus was, in light of the history, tradition, and writings of the people of Israel. Even with the benefit of scripture and tradition, no one could or can fully grasp the mystery of Jesus.

Community: How does your community’s history, tradition, or writings shape the way your community believes, behaves, or speaks? How are your community’s actions shaping future traditions or behaviors?

At Home: What kind of legacy do you wish to leave your family and friends? What can you do now to begin to shape your legacy for future generations? How does Jesus’ role in your life affect how you live?

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

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 – 11:00 Grace Women

6:30 – Jay Wangerin, Kevin Krause

Lector – 11:00 Kate Schaller

6:30 – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 11:00 Cheryl Weatherington, Kate Schaller

6:30 – Cathy Barks, Karen Taylor, Kate Schaller, Jenie Schmidt

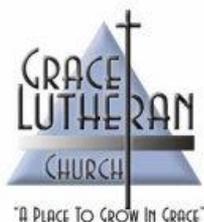
Acolytes – 11:00 Grace Women

6:30 – Sage and Sam Speck

Easter Altar Guild Committee – Gail Petersen, Barb Zimany, Mindy

Scholten, Loree Nelson, Connie Heuton, Jane Ridnour, Carol Woodruff

Counters – 6:30 Mark Stumme and Bill Jensen



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