

***SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**March 23-24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday**

**Ministers: Every Member of Spirit of Grace**

**Pastor Scott Hackler**

***OUR MISSION***

Proclaiming God's Love, God's Promises,  
and the Abundant Life

**PRELUDE**

"All Glory Laud and Honor"  
"Triumphal Entry"

arr. Marvin Gaspard  
arr. Joel Raney

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!  
**Amen**

**PALM SUNDAY LITANY**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Jesus Christ, you were the stone we rejected,

**Yet you have become our Cornerstone,**

The one we look to as the best example of God's Love;

**The one we exalt above all others.**

We are spreading our cloaks out on the path,

**Laying palm branches at your feet.**

We offer every good thing we have:

**Every talent,**

Every blessing,

**Every moment,**

Every word and thought.

**Everything of value that we claim**

We lay at the feet of the King who comes

**In humility, in peace, and in Divine Love.**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. Amen.**

Psalm 118:1, Psalm 118:24, Psalm 118:22, Matthew 21:9, Psalm 118:26 from Fran Pratt Litanies

**OPENING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

"Hosanna, loud hosanna" the little children sang. / Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang. / To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast. / The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, / The victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud. / The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
/ Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest” that ancient song we sing. / For Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of Heaven our King. / O may we ever praise him with heart and life and  
voice, / And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the  
one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water,

**pour your mercy over us. Our sin is a burden, and we long to be free. Mend  
and rebuild what we have torn and torn down. Wash us in your cleansing  
flood. Make us alive in the Spirit that we may follow in the way of Jesus, as  
healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of  
Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God  
remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### **This is the Day**

This is the day, this is the day / that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. /  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice / and be glad in it, and be glad in it. / This is the  
day that the Lord has made. / We will rejoice and be glad in it. / This is the day,  
this is the day / that the Lord has made.

Text: Psalm 118:24. Public Domain.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the  
servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those  
who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as  
Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

### **“Pray for the People”**

**Joyful Spirit Singers**

## **PEACE PASSING**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

### **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the  
weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those  
who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn

backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND READING          Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL          Mark 11:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**"Revolution!"**

**Pastor Scott Hackler**

**HYMN OF THE DAY          "All Glory, Laud, and Honor "**

*Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor / to you, redeemer, king, / to whom the lips of children / made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel / and David's royal Son, / now in the Lord's name coming,  
/ our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims / with palms before you went. / Our praise and prayer and  
anthems / before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion, / they sang their hymns of praise. / To you, now high  
exalted, / our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted; / accept the prayers we bring, / great author of all  
goodness, / O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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## **APOSTLE'S 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 into hell.**

**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 INTERCESSION**

*responses: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts,  
**receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring  
of eternal life. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord be with you,

**And also 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.**

## **INVITATION                    "Come to the Table of Mercy"**

Come to the table of mercy, / prepared with the wine and the bread. / All who are hungry and thirsty, / come, and your souls will be fed. / Come at the Lord's invitation; / receive from his nail-scarred hand. / Eat of the bread of salvation; / drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Holy, almighty and merciful God. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **BLESSING AND PRAYER**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Generous God,

**at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Beloved, you are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My faith looks up to thee, / thou Lamb of Calvary, / Savior divine! / Now hear me while I pray, / take all my guilt away, / oh, let me from this day / be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart / strength to my fainting heart, / my zeal inspire; / as thou hast died for me, / oh, may my love to thee / pure, warm, and changeless be, / a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread / and griefs around me spread, / be thou my guide; / bid darkness turn to day, / wipe sorrow's tears away, / nor let me ever stray / from thee aside.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Visitors, Guests and Friends!** Let us know that you are here by using this QR code. We are so happy that you have joined us in worship.



### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday** 5:00 pm with Communion

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday** "Tenebrae Service" 5:00 pm

***Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, there will not be a 5pm worship service***

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday** worship services at 8:00am and 10:00am.

**WELCOME SESSIONS** are an opportunity for new and long-time visitors to learn about our church and how you can be more connected and committed to our ministry. You will meet other prospective members, learn about our vision, mission and values, our plans and our various ministries. Our next Welcome Session is Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am - noon. So that we may have sufficient materials, please call the church office (623-977-6000, ext. 100) to register. Hope to see you there!

**LIVING WELL WITH OLDER EYES** – please join us April 3, 10:00 am with Dennis W. Siemsen on how to protect your vision and reduce the risk for long term complications.

**GRIEFSHARE** – Thursdays until April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. To register Call: Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church (623)977-6000 or online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Deborah Frusciano: 602-909-8369.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** – Trouble hearing at worship service? Stop in at the Audio Room at the back of the sanctuary and you'll be fitted with our new equipment. All hearing sets are sanitized before each person uses them.

**YOUTUBE** - If you can't make it to in person to our Saturday or Sunday service Spirit of Grace is on YouTube. If you enjoy the content don't forget to 'like, subscribe, or hit the notification bell' and you'll be notified when videos are posted. You can watch or hear the service from the comfort of your bed, backyard or even when on the road.

**GAME TIME** - Get ready for GAME DAY! April 14 at 1:30 pm for only \$5. Tickets go on sale this weekend. Come & enjoy fun, laughter and good fellowship playing Joker, BUNCO and Dominoes along with some snacks. Don't know how to play? No problem, instruction included.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST - Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** On the menu this month we have bacon, eggs casserole, hash browns, fresh fruit cup, orange juice, coffee and pastry. Come early for coffee and fellowship beginning at 8:00 am, with breakfast served about 8:25 am. As usual, there will be a devotional discussion after the meal. Don't forget to sign up.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE** – Starting April 7<sup>th</sup> there will be only one Sunday worship service offered at [9:30 am](#).

**SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR**  
**March 23 – March 31**

**Saturday, March 23**

5:00 pm Worship Service

**Sunday, March 24**

8:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Worship Service

**Monday, March 25**

**Tuesday, March 26**

9:00 am Staff meeting

12:00 pm Counseling Ministry

\*By appointment only

with Dr. Joe Dramis

1:00 pm Library Ministry

3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal

4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 27**

9:00 am Counseling Ministry\*

\*By appointment only

with Dr Joe Dramise

10:00 am no Bible Study this week

**Thursday, March 28**

10:00 am GriefShare

5:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

**Friday, March 29**

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

5:00 pm Good Friday Worship

**Saturday, March 30**

**No 5pm Service**

**Sunday, March 31**

8:00 am Worship

10:00 am Worship

Next Week: 9:30 am only