

# PALM SUNDAY



*March 24, 2024*

*10:00am*

## **Land Acknowledgment**

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

## GATHERING

### **Prelude**

*O Lamb of God, Most Holy*

*J. S. Bach*

### **Gathering**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Processional Gospel**

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 11

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] 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.**

### **Anthem**

*The Palm Trees*

*Fauré*

Blossoms and palms in varied beauty vie,  
decked is the road with fragrant flow'rs to greet Him.  
Jesus has come a world's sad tears to dry  
E'en now the throng rush forth with joy to greet Him!

Sing and rejoice with one accord, sing joyous songs for this sublime ovation!

Hosanna! Prais'd be the Lord

Blessed is He who has brought us salvation.

Gently he speaks, the people hear His voice;  
freedom returns tho' from the earth long banished,  
All in a brotherhood again rejoice light has returned and dreary darkness vanished.

Sing and rejoice with one accord, sing joyous songs for this sublime ovation!  
Hosanna! Prais'd be the Lord  
Blessed is He who has brought us salvation.

### **Blessing of Palms**

Almighty and loving God, on this day we do give you our thanks and praise for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through Christ Jesus our Savior. His people acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest". We pray, O Lord, bless these branches for our use. May we also, carrying them forth from this place, living out our own Hosannas in the name of the Blessed one who comes in the name of the Lord. In his name we pray.

**Amen**

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## WORD

### **Children's Message**

**Family Choir**      Hosannah to the Son of David

*Michael Bedford*

### **The First Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 50**

<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!**

## **The Second Reading is from Philippians, chapter 2**

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <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.

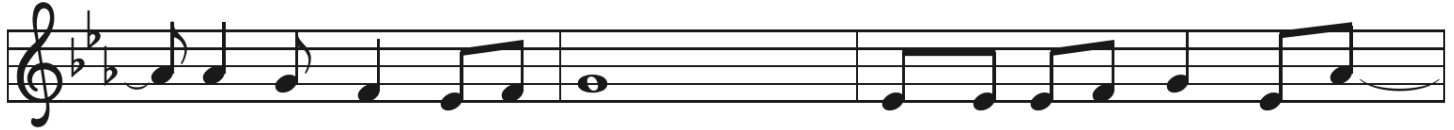
Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

### Blessed Is the One



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes



in the name of the Lord.

Bless-ed is the one who comes



in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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## The Gospel for today comes from Mark, chapter 15 Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>And when it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three. <sup>34</sup>And at three Jesus cried out in a loud cry, “Eloi! Eloi! Lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God! My God! Why did you abandon me?”

<sup>35</sup>And some of those standing by heard it and said, “Look, he’s calling Elijah!”

<sup>36</sup>And someone ran, drugged a sponge with cheap wine, put it on a reed staff, and offered him a drink, saying “Let him be! Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

<sup>37</sup>And Jesus let out a loud cry and died. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was ripped in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the executioner who was standing opposite him saw how he died, he said, “Truthfully, this man was son of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

**Hymn of the Day** All Glory, Laud and Honor

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## **Apostles' 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 Church**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

...Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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## MEAL

**Offering**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Johannes Brahms*

## **Offering Prayer**

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

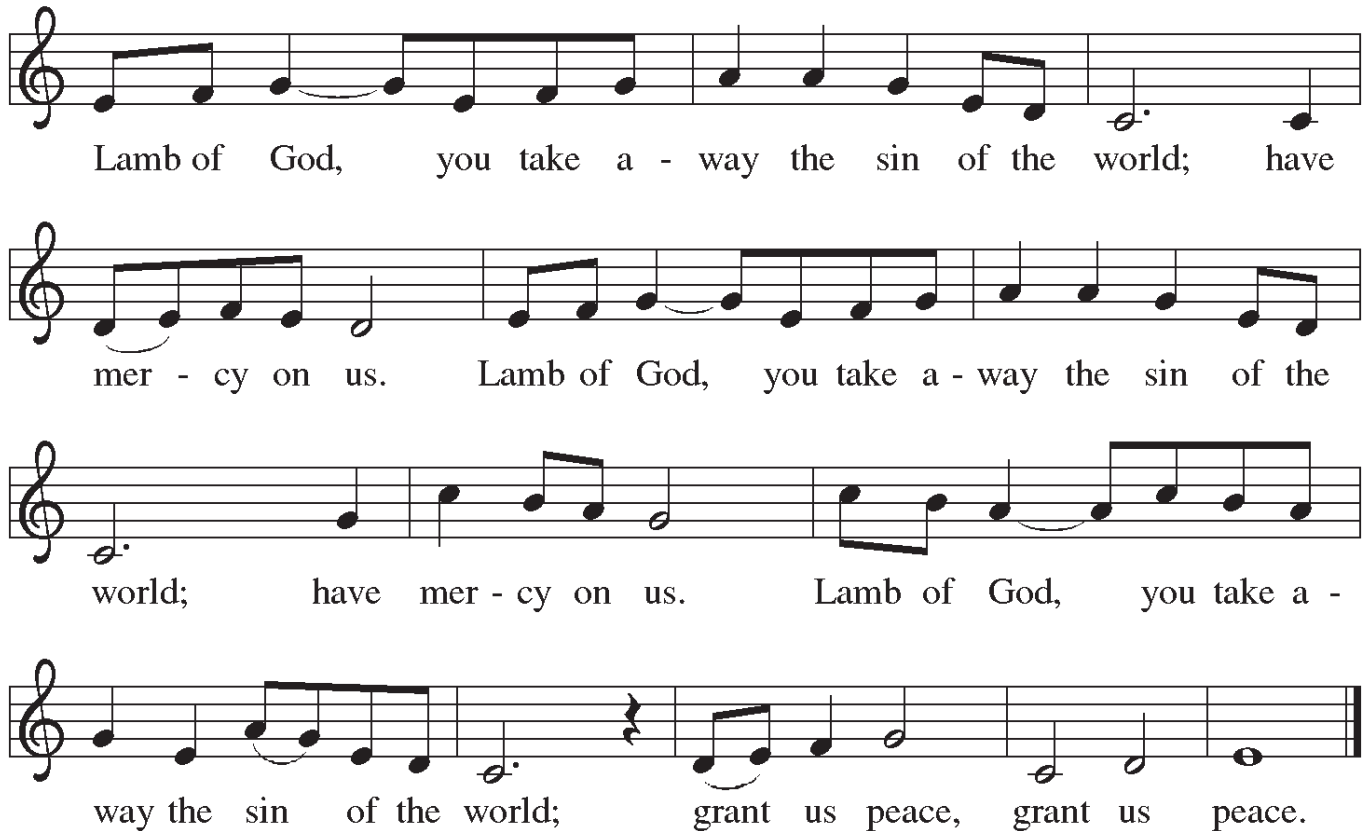
## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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.

### Communion

*Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.*



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.



## Prayer After Communion

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

### Blessing

**Sending Hymn**    *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**            *Benedictus*

*Francois Couperin*

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## Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY (24<sup>th</sup>)

*Palm Sunday*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

### WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Text Study – 12pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

### FRIDAY

*Good Friday*

Good Friday Service – 6:15pm

### TUESDAY

Prayer Group – 11am

Jonah Action Night – 5pm

### THURSDAY

*Maundy Thursday*

Pacibells Rehearsal – 5pm

Maundy Thursday

Service – 6:15pm

### SUNDAY (31<sup>st</sup>)

*Easter Sunday*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT

## Holy Week

Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
March 24, 10:00 AM	March 28, 6:15 PM	March 29, 6:15 PM	March 31, 10:00 AM
Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem	A new commandment: Love one another	The crucifixion of Jesus by worldly powers	Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## Sunday School

Classes will be held during the worship service following the children's message on the following dates:

- April 7
- April 21
- May 5
- May 19

## Family Choir

The family choir will be rehearsing and singing during the worship service on the following dates:

- Sing: March 24 (Palm Sunday) & 31 (Easter service)
- Rehearsal: March 31; April 14 & 28
- Sing: May 12 & 19 (Music Sunday)

## Computer Monitor Needed

Do you have an extra computer monitor with a USB connection that you no longer need? If so, we would happily accept your donation! We need it for our video/live-stream production.

If you would like to donate your old monitor, please contact Jan Adams (jadamscf@gmail.com) or the church office (715-832-9713).

## Margaret Hunstad's Birthday Party

Friends are invited to celebrate with Margaret Hunstad on her 97th birthday, Saturday, April 6, from 2 to 4 pm. Cake and coffee will be served in the Chapel at Grace. Come and go and greet the birthday girl!

## Noisy Offering

### SPRING INTO A JOYFUL NOISE

Time to Spring into action by bringing your coins for the Noisy Offering on April 14. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. Of course paper money and checks are welcome in any season! Our special offering will go toward Food For The Poor.

Food For The Poor is grounded deeply in faith and aided by the generosity of donors and friends like you. Food for the Poor is able to feed millions of hungry children and families in primarily 17 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.

## Decorating the Church

The Visual Ministry will decorate the church for Easter Sunday on Saturday, March 30 starting at 9:30am. All are welcome to come and help.

## Easter Lilies

This is the last week you can order Easter Lilies. If you want Lilies, or any other Easter plants, please fill out the order form in the bulletins and place them in the collection plate.

## 2ND ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY AT LUTHERAN CEMETERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

1:00 PM

OMAHA STREET

In February 1880 the city of Eau Claire deeded land on Omaha St in Eau Claire to the Norwegian, Scandinavian, and German Church Societies. Since then the Norwegian and Scandinavian Churches have joined together to form the Lutheran Cemetery. Currently, the cemetery is owned by Spirit, Grace, and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

We will be having our 2nd Annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the cemetery on April 21. Please bring gloves, rakes, pruners, wire cutters, a wheel barrow and any other outdoor cleaning items you can think of. We will meet at the shed in the back of the cemetery, down at the west end.

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. What a wonderful way to honor our past members and a great way to keep our cemetery clean. Hope to see you there!

## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org) or by calling the office at 715-832-9713