

PALM SUNDAY



April 13, 2025
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 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Piet Post

Opening Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#344

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Processional Gospel

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 19:28–40

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Anthem Fanfare for Palm Sunday

Katherine K. Davis

Hosanna, hosanna!

Hosanna, hosanna unto the Son of David.

Blessed, blessed blessed is he
that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna!

Hosanna, hosanna unto the Son of David.

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Isaiah the 50th chapter

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}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

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel Acclamation

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-B2, A2-C3, B2-D3, and C3-E3.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff concludes with a half note G4. The bass staff concludes with a half note G2.

The Gospel for today comes from Luke, chapter 14

Glory to you, O Lord.

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for

they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

... God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Ah, Holy Jesus

Gerald Near

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

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



Holy, Holy, Holy

Great Thanksgiving



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



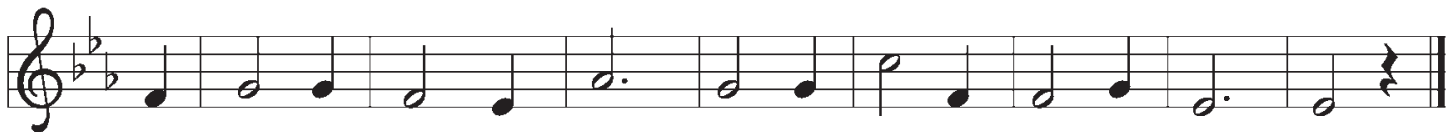
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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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.

Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *My Song Is Love Unknown*

R. Vaughan Williams

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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (13th)

Palm Sunday

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Elizabeth Circle – 10am

TUESDAY

Tax Day

Prayer Group – 11am

ADRC Strong Bodies – 1pm

Church Council – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Text Study – 12pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday

ADRC Strong Bodies – 1pm

Maundy Thursday

Service – 6:15pm

FRIDAY

Good Friday

Good Friday Service – 6:15pm

SATURDAY

Holy Saturday

SUNDAY (20th)

Easter Sunday

Coffee Hour – 9:00am

Worship – 10am

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

Habitat for Humanity Project

We have some new thoughts regarding the Habitat build. First of all the CEO we have been working with moved to be closer to family. A new CEO will be coming on board soon. We will provide you information about him when we have it. The other concern we have is that grants, even promised federal grants, are sometimes pulled back under the new administration. Our congregational president, Barb Eidahl, and Pastor Phil met with representatives of the board. We will have a second meeting to discuss related issues before pastor goes on sabbatical. The board still loves the project, but is looking at how to best address current concerns. Please feel free to talk to Pastor if you had any questions.

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 14th in the Lounge at Grace. This is a morning filled with Bible Study, fun, fellowship, and refreshments. Our bible study continues from the March/April/May issue of the Gather magazine, Session 4; Faith Risks: Jairus and the Faithful Woman. ALL Women are invited to attend. We will have copies of the bible study available on Monday at Circle as preparation for the study is not required. Hope to see you on Monday! Bring your friends!

Foot & Nail Clinic

The spring Foot & Nail clinic is almost here. It will be the week of April 21 through 25 in our parlors. If you would like to make an appointment, please call the Continuing Education department at the University: 715-836-3636. The clinic is free, but space is limited and in high demand, so call early and reserve your spot.



Sunday School

Sunday School continues in the new year. Check out the following schedule for the first half of 2025.

- May 4

Sunday school takes place right after the Children's Time during the service. See you there!

Memorials & Honoraria

Ron Huse and Roger & Diane Pomplun gave in memory of Ed Olson. Ron Huse gave in memory of Nancy Schaaf. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



HANDBELL CONCERT

Area handbell ringers will present a concert including massed choir and solo choir pieces

Saturday, April 26 – 2:00 pm

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1314 E Lexington Blvd ■ Eau Claire



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Grace Lutheran Foundation Voting Members

You are cordially invited to attend
Grace Lutheran Foundation's
Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 2025

11:00 a.m.

(following the 10:00 worship service)
Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Communities Board of Directors

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CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY *April 13 - 10am*

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

MAUNDY THURSDAY *April 17 - 6:15pm*

A new commandment: Love one another

GOOD FRIDAY *April 18 - 6:15pm*

The crucifixion of Jesus by worldly powers

EASTER SUNDAY *April 20 - 10am*

Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



All holy week services will be live-streamed on Youtube and Facebook.

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 or by calling the office at 715-832-9713