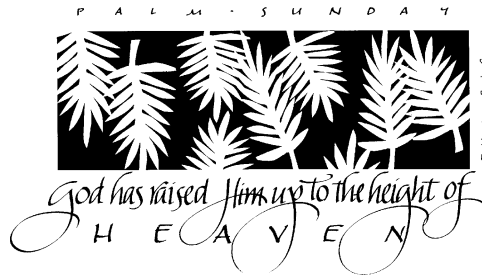


# Grace Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP SERVICE. . . . . 9:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** We raise our hosannas to You, O incoming King. We lift up our voices to say, "Save us!" For though You are humble in appearance, You are mighty to save. And though You are gentle at heart, You possess power from on high. We thank You for entering our lives.

*Jesus of Nazareth, we lift our palms and praises up to You.*

**WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU** in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Grace your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, and fill in the "Worship attendance registration" at the end of the pew.

## OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Confession and Absolution. . . . . pg. 151  
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**HYMNS:** 443; 512; 837

**FIRST LESSON:** Zechariah 9:9-12 (pg.797)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Philippians 2:5-11 (pg.980)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 15:1-47 (pg.852)

**SERMON:** "Christ Transforms the Cross As a Symbol of Triumph" - John 12:20-43

**EASTER FLOWER SIGN-UP:** An assortment of Easter flowers will be offered to purchase/donate this year for Easter Sunday. Your assistance in decorating our sanctuary this Easter Sunday is a real blessing. Orders will be accepted today only. Flowers can be taken home to enjoy any time after Easter Sunday service. Thanks to Mark Wiersma (Grace) for arranging the flower purchase. If you have any questions, please see Mayra Palma-Castillo or Marian Rutledge.



**OPEN  
HOUSE**

**GRACE'S OPEN HOUSE** will be held on **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Through the Open House, it is our desire to introduce ourselves and open our doors to the families of the surrounding communities. We will begin with morning worship at 9:00 am, as usual, with fellowship and an Open House from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall for sweets, sandwiches, fruit, a cake, and beverages. Also, there will be flyers ready to be posted by individual members in their community 'hot spots' by the end of March. What an exciting opportunity this will be as we welcome our neighbours in our new home! Other details of the morning will be available, as the day gets closer. If you have any questions or ideas, please speak with any member of the Outreach Committee: Ken and Sharon Beecroft, and Brenda Ryan. It is our hope to have all the details organized at our next meeting: Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**Special Needs:** John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Alan and Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris and Niels Jensen, Erna Kampken, Michael Dieterle, Susan Gajdos, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips, Marianne Issendorf, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Pastor Oscar Castillo, Pastor Alex Klages and Kelly Klages, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin, Nancy Curtis, Keith Keller, Samuel Isaac, Magboolan Isaac, Lois Juritsch

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Erna Kampken, Marsha Kennedy, Jean Mountenay

**Family Focus:** Marsha Kennedy; Maria Kern; Warren, Ritva and Marcus Kingo; Paul, Marianne, Ashley and Tyler Kippax

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30      SUNDAY SCHOOL: 7**

**COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 22**

**OFFERINGS:** Current \$488.00; Missions \$50.00; Building Fund \$60.00; Nicaragua(MOM) \$100.00 *Praise the Lord!*

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Haiti Lutheran Mission Society



**EASTER IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY** for you to invite family and friends to join us in the wonderful message of the Saviour, who destroyed death and the grave through His resurrection from the dead. Holiday times are occasions in which people are more open to the invitations that we make. Like the women who couldn't wait to tell others the good news the angel gave, "He is not here; He is risen, as He said", let us also go and share the hope that God has given us through His Son. Invite them to breakfast, too!

**OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES** help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death, and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm** Maundy Thursday Seder Supper @ Faith

**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am** Good Friday Service @ Grace

**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am** Good Friday Service @ Faith

**Sun. April 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am** Resurrection of Our Lord Service w/Communion @ Grace

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**OUR SEDER SUPPER** at Faith on Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. will help us understand the background and significance of the Passover Celebration, during which our Saviour gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This evening includes dinner, as well as our Maundy Thursday worship. Tickets are \$4.00/person, with a maximum cost of \$12.00/family, and are available through the church office. The cost helps us provide the meal and the items necessary for this evening. To keep costs down, we also need help to prepare the meal, and with several items, such as green salads (nothing dairy) and pies. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board across from the library. We hope you will join us for this very popular part of our Lenten observance. **Confirmants:** This is a required part of confirmation instruction, replacing the class that week.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the wall in the fellowship hall. Please bring food to share with others for this meal.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY** is Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am. All are encouraged to come out and help prepare our building for the Open House.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS** for our Open House (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) are on the wall in the fellowship hall. Your help with providing food to share with members and guests is greatly appreciated.

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<b>Tues.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff Mtg.
<b>Wed.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office prayers
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder Supper @ Faith
<b>Fri.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service @ Grace
	11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service @ Faith
<b>Sun.</b>	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at Grace
	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at Faith
	9:00 a.m.	Resurrection of Our Lord Service w/Communion at Grace
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