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Passion of Our Lord

April 13, 2014

Living Our Faith Under His Grace

BIBLE CLASS. 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE. 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: We praise You with palms, O Lord. We laud You with loud shouts. We lift up our hearts and sing, "Hosanna!" You will be our King forever and ever. For You are the King who saves. You are the King who dies for our sake. And You are the King who will live.

Triumphant King, come to us and care for us.

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: Divine Service Setting 1. p.151
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 443; 456; 451

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a (p.611)

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

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 27:11-66 (p.834)

SERMON: "Judas: The Passion as I Remember It" - Matthew 26:14-16

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Get Your Head into the Clouds"

(Colossians 3:1-4)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

With eyes focussed on the risen Christ, we can take whatever the world dishes out, overcome it and give thanks through it all. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: On the Sunday before His death (Palm Sunday), Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the **Lord's Supper**, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His flesh and blood for our forgiveness! We do practise closed communion, and guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Marianne Issendorf, Lynn Kearns

ACOLYTE: Logan Mulligan

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Helen Livingstone, Doris Jensen, Sharon Beecroft, Rev. Ed Lehman, Keith Keller, Pastor Bode, Joshua Bode, Harry Weide, Sarah Lawson

Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay

Family Focus: Walter and Donna Procknow; Katrina and Aaralyn Richter; Jim, Lillian, Matthew and Katie Robertson; Carol Robinson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 39 (13:30)

BIBLE CLASS: 7

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherwood

Lutherwood is a not for profit organization that provides a wide range of mental health, employment, housing and family support services. Lutherwood annually serves more than 22,500 people in the Waterloo Region.

USHER TRAINING: There will be a 15-minute training session for the ushers today after worship. We thank these members for their willingness to help Grace in this capacity.



FLOWERS FOR GRACE: If you would like to bring flowers to adorn altar on Sundays for 2014 to commemorate something special in your life, please indicate this by signing your name and including the date on the flower calendar which is in the fellowship hall.

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring God our regular offerings and tithes as well for the ongoing work of His Church. God calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us commit ourselves to Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.

LIFE QUOTES: "Like the myrrh-bearing women, on their grief-shrouded mission to the tomb, we must bear the weight of earthly sorrow and simply do what love and devotion demand of us. Our hearts break, but in their breaking we discover a path to another world where joy heals the broken heart and love wipes away every tear. We have heard the voice of the angel, greeting us with living words like lightning, 'He is not here; he is risen. Come, and behold the place.'" *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org



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! Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE is May 8th in Ottawa, Ontario. Please join Lutherans for Life-Canada and show a strong witness to the Sanctity of Life. We will gather at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 326 MacKay Street, Ottawa at 10:00 a.m. There will be a free will offering for lunch and dinner. To pre-register, contact Judy Obelnycki at jobelnycki@aol.com

OUTREACH COMMITTEE at Grace will meet at Brenda's house on Saturday, April 26th at 3:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES NEEDED: Can you help? We are in need of creamer and cookies for our post-service coffee time. Please sign up for what you are willing to bring on the sheet posted in the parish hall. Thank you!



EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to bring flowers for Easter Sunday, we would gladly welcome them. After service, you can take them home.

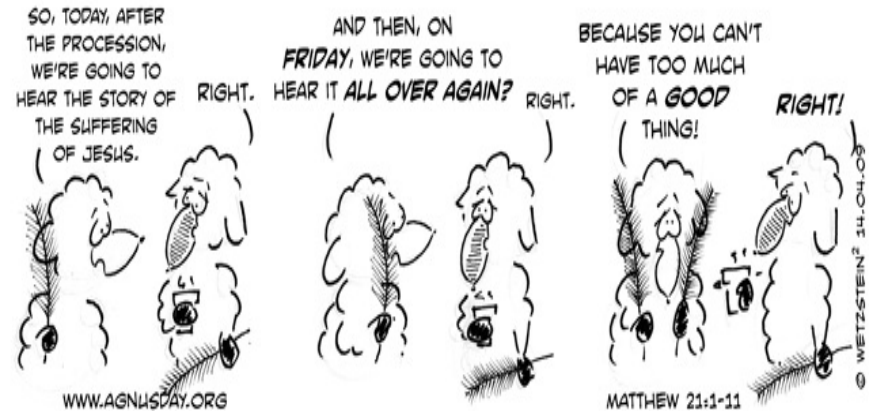
OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death, and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

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| Thursday, April 17th | 6:30 p.m. Seder Dinner and Service @ Faith |
| Friday, April 18th | 10:00 a.m. Good Friday Service @ Grace |
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| Sunday, April 20th | 10:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion @ Grace |
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OUR SEDER SUPPER on Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Faith 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.

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT GRACE will be held Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please plan to join in the cleaning up of our Church Home and yard. Many hands make for light work!



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers/Staff Meeting |
| Tues. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Easter Choir (Grace) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Seder Dinner and Service (Faith) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study at Grace |
| Fri. | 10:00 a.m. | Good Friday Service (Faith and Grace) |
| Sun. | 8:30 a.m. | Easter Breakfast at Faith and Grace |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Resurrection of Our Lord service with Holy Communion at Grace |
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