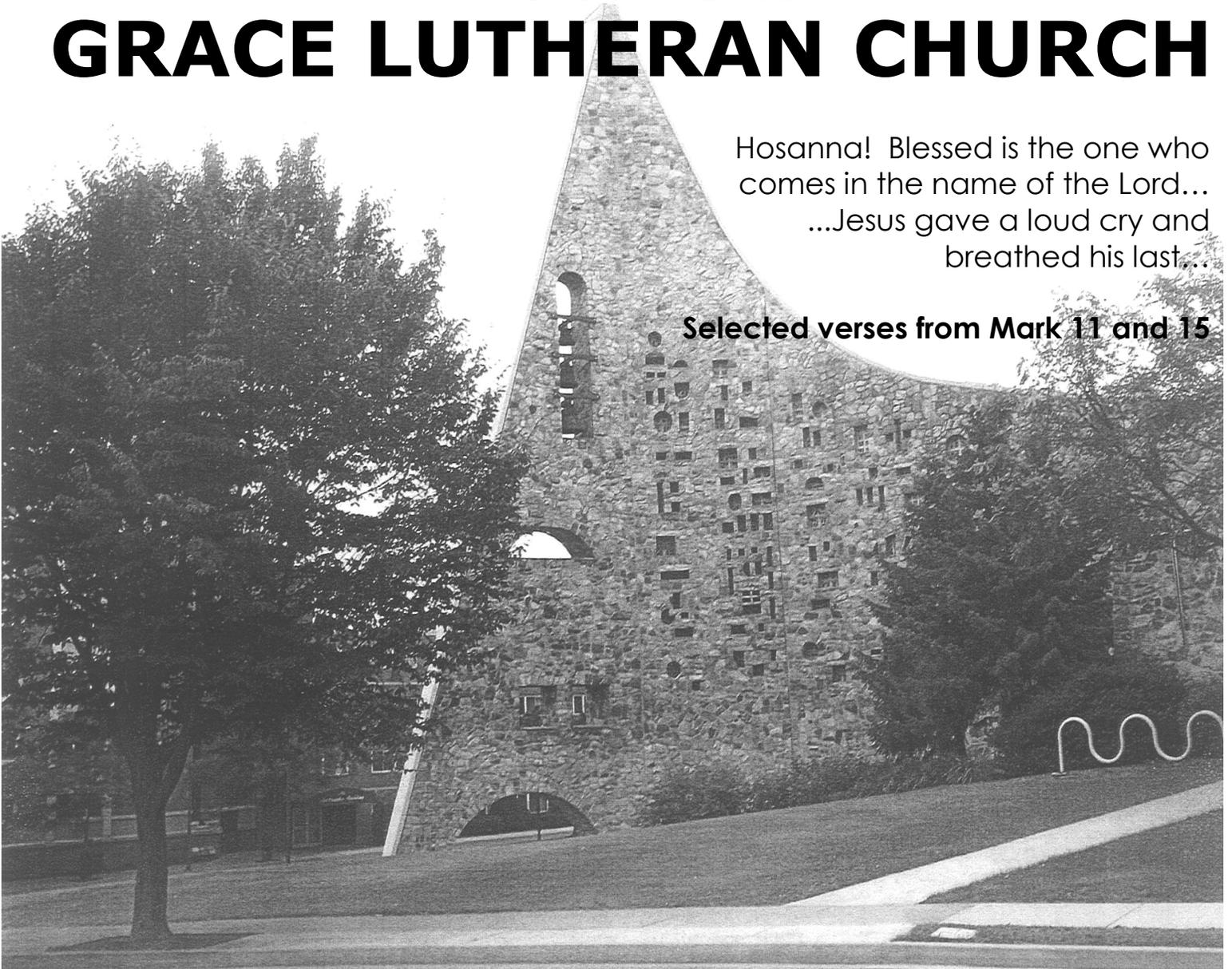


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord...
...Jesus gave a loud cry and
breathed his last...

Selected verses from Mark 11 and 15



SUNDAY, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

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10:30 a.m. radio worship service
WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM

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Our Mission Statement: *"Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."*



HOW SWIFTLY THE MOOD CHANGES...for us this day! This is the day when, in times of old, people shouted praises and greetings, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" But, by sundown, already the shouts of "crucify" were being heard. In the steady ride of the Christ, the faithfulness of God stands in stark contrast to the fickleness of God's children! So on this day, what begins as a shout of joy soon quiets into a sober contemplation of the awesome events that are already beginning to unfold - for our salvation!

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

A WORD ON THE READINGS...**The First Lesson:** The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love. **The Second Lesson:** Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death. **The Gospel Lesson:** The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

MOVING INTO THE DEATH AND TOWARD RESURRECTION...during Holy Week, the question about death should not be second-hand or academic for us. We cannot be satisfied to ask what it meant to Jesus, to Peter, to Paul, or to Luther. They are questions hungering for learned answers, to be sure. We must ask what death means for us in light of Holy Week and Easter. We are challenged to hear the stories well, searching out the new insights that will bring a true shout of joy and some confident changes in our lives...on Easter morning. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

THE PASSION STORY...is today's Gospel lesson and our sermon for the day.

**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church
State College, Pennsylvania**

PRELUDE *Fanfare and Processional*.....Lynn Trapp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

The Palms.....see page 11 of this bulletin

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor*.....ELW # 344

See page 12 of this bulletin (Verses 1-3)

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Congregation: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen. Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

READING of the PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL.....Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many

people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Then 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF BRANCHES AND PALMS

P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. Hosanna to the Son of David!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor*.....ELW # 344

See page 12 of this bulletin

(Verses 4-5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

SECOND LESSON.....Philippians 2:5-11

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hosanna*.....John Baptiste Calkin
Sung by the Adult Choir; Nathan Glocke, Director

HOLY GOSPEL.....The Passion According to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Pastor Schul will offer a very brief Palm/Passion Sunday commentary, and then the Holy Gospel will be presented as a dramatic reading.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*.....ELW # 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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 resurrec-
tion of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.....arr. Michael Burkhardt

*During the offertory take a moment to thank God for all that
God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is
calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**P: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our
hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us, that we may pass over
from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

NUNC DIMITTIS-SONG OF SIMEON

(ELW p. 135)

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SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*.....ELW # 335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Royal Banners Forward Go*.....arr. Wilbur Held



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ELW 344 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vv.1-3 w/refrains before the reading; vv.4-5 after the reading)
ELW 338 - Beneath the Cross of Jesus
ELW 335 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

The Palms.....J. Faure

1 O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festive preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Chorus:

Join all and sing His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!

2 His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more their freedom gain from degradation,
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER CONCERNS for March 28, 2021

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim
 Deb Baysinger's cousin
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger
 Debbie Bolthouse
 Barbara Braun's niece
 Mary & Phil Bucher
 Ellen Cable and family, upon the death of her step-father Bob Fry
 Ann Cathcart
 Sandy Cassady
 Denise Centini
 Scott Cocolin
 Carol Confer
 Cathy Cutter
 William Davies
 Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Steve Ellis
 Craig Evanego
 Rose Fedora, friend of Elaine Ebeling

Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus
 Vicki Garvin
 Mae and Ellen, friends of Alice Griffin
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will
 Shawn Hintosh
 Dick Houtz
 Bob Igoe
 Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips
 June Krumrine
 Paul & Sandy Larson
 Lois Laurence, cousin of Carolyn Fishburn
 Linda Leslie mother of Brianne Slane
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd
 Shirley Lucas
 Tom Lucas
 Paul Mackes
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren
 Lois Martin
 Dennis McClure
 Danielle McHenry
 Kim Marsh
 Amy Nevling

Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe
 Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins
 Sophia Reutzel
 Becky Rogers
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert
 Ken Shultz
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite
 Jan Walk, friend of Elaine Ebeling
 Brenda & Ken Walsh
 Greg Weimer
 Walter Wieczorek, friend of Elaine Ebeling

Members in the hospital
 Barry Fisher



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

Pray today that the Holy Spirit might draw you deeply into the story of Jesus's final days. Can you see yourself near the cross? What are you feeling? How is our Lord challenging your faith to grow?

Lenten Worship Opportunities at Grace

Grace Lutheran offers a live radio broadcast of worship each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM and on smart devices. Grace also offers weekly prerecorded video worship services, which are available by 7:00 am every Sunday morning on our website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

In the “Pocketful of Grace” podcast each Wednesday, Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss the upcoming Sunday lessons. You can tune in and listen by going to our website, www.glcpa.org and clicking on Sermons in the upper right hand corner. Just below the picture of the cross on that page you will see “Listen to Grace Podcasts here!” Click HEAR PODCASTS and catch up with prayers, questions and discussion. It is also available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, take along a Pocketful of Grace.



PALM SUNDAY



If you haven't already and wish to have a palm please stop by the church, outside the main entrance we have palms to pick up.

Holy Week and Easter at Grace

Thursday, April 1: Online Maundy Thursday Worship
Debuts at 6:30 pm on Grace's YouTube Channel

Friday, April 2: Online Good Friday (Tenebrae) Worship
Debuts at 6:30 pm on Grace's YouTube Channel

Sunday, April 4: Drive-in Easter Worship at Grace's Parking Lot
6:30 AM, 7:30 AM, 8:30 AM, and 9:30 AM
Each service will include Holy Communion

Sunday, April 4: Easter on the Radio
Live worship broadcast beginning at 10:30 AM on WRSC (1390 AM, 93.3 FM, and streamable worldwide)
Video edition debuts at 7 AM on Grace's YouTube Channel

2021 Worship Sponsorships — All radio broadcast and bulletin sponsorships have been filled for 2021. THANK YOU for your generous support.



Palm Sunday video by Grace Teens: Hosanna to the King –

Visit Grace Lutheran’s YouTube channel starting TODAY, March 28, to hear 10 teens from Grace in a spirited virtual recording of Sarah Keith’s short play, “Hosanna to the King!” (used by permission). All parts are read by our teens; the video lasts just under six minutes and includes one sung Hosanna as well as visuals that were added to the readings. To watch the play, go to www.glcpa.org and click on the blue triangle on the right side of the home page.



**Special Easter Offering
Recipient: Camp Sequanota**

Camp Sequanota is OUR Lutheran Conference Center and Camp in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains of PA which many of us have enjoyed by attending one of our women's retreats, as a camper, or helping maintain the camp with our Social Ministry & Outreach group, Helping Hands.

Pastor Nathan Pile is the leader of Sequanota and firmly believes that a camp or retreat experience helps people draw closer to God. If you'd like to check it out, join our Helping Hands team which is going to Camp Sequanota May 2-6 to help out with various projects ahead of the summer camping season. (contact Alyson Hoegg at alysonm.hoegg@gmail.com)

If you'd like to make a donation to this Grace Special Easter Offering, please do so via postal mail to our church office with check payable to Grace Lutheran Church and *Camp Sequanota* on the memo line of your check OR electronically via Tithe.ly on the GIVE page of our website, www.glcpa.org.

Garden of Readin' April 20 - The April meeting of Garden of Read-in' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, April 20 at 10:30 am remotely via Zoom. The next book is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. The discussion will be facilitated by Lois Lynn. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more info.



Book Drive for Mid-State Literacy Council

This year's book drive to benefit Mid-State Literacy Council will run **March 1-28**

New and 'gently used' fiction and nonfiction books may be placed in the collection container in the church's main entrance Monday thru Thursday from 8am-2pm and Fridays from 8am to noon.

Children's books are especially needed. Thank you!

Contact Maria Bills at mariajbills@gmail.com for more information.



State College Food Bank I'm always amazed that I can be hungry again three hours after a satisfying meal. It's true for me just as it is for you and our many neighbors who are hungry. Please join us in donating to the State College Food Bank via Grace. Contributions may be made via postal mail to our church office with SC Food Bank on the memo line of your check, or electronically via Tithely on the GIVE page of our website, www.glcpc.org.

Dear Fellow Grace Members, the Interfaith Human Services' Furniture Coordinator reports that furniture donations have been down lately and inventory at the warehouse is running low. If you have gently used furniture or large electric appliances to donate please contact the IHS office at 234-7731 to arrange a "COVID safe" pick-up. There is a desperate need for beds, dressers, sofas, and appliances.

Assistance Needed



Interfaith Human Services seeks assistance for their Furniture Recycling Program. Tasks include the coordination of this program, picking up donated furniture/appliances, and meeting clients to allow them to pick out their needed furniture/appliances.

If there is interest by an individual, group, or several groups in staffing this program, it would be great to hear from you.

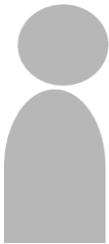
Please contact Curt Knouse at 814-234-7731

Interfaith Human Services, IHS provides families and individuals with resources and guidance on their finances to work toward monthly management instead of crisis control. www.interfaithhumanservices.org



2021 Offering Envelopes are here

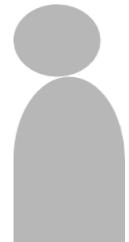
The 2021 offering envelopes are located in the Narthex in the coat rack area at the top of the stairs from the main entrance. They are available for pick up Monday thru Thursday from 8 am till 2 pm and Friday 8 am to noon. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please check that the envelope number on the top of the box matches the number located in the little window on the front of the box. If they do not match please contact the church office immediately. If you have signed up for ACH or are using Tithley and on longer using offering envelopes please let the church office know so we can re-assign the envelope number as needed.



Adult Forum Sundays 9:00-10:00 am via Zoom

Join Us
as your schedule allows and
topics are of interest!

Any adult is welcome to join us anytime—no preparation needed. Contact Dotty Delafield (readoooodles@me.com) for a zoom link to the class.



Support Grace's Ministry: Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit www.glcpc.org and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with **Tithe.ly** using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.

COVID Vaccine Assistance

Are you in need of a COVID vaccine shot, but frustrated by the difficulty of finding an appointment and the accompanying maze of waiting lists and confusing computer sites? Help is on the way! Grace's own Becky Krantweiss is offering to help anyone who needs assistance finding a vaccine appointment. If you would like Becky's assistance, please leave your name with Sheri at Grace's office (238-2478) and she will promptly get you on Becky's list. There is no charge. Becky has graciously donated her time to offer this service.

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is hoping to return to full hours, 10 AM -4 PM Monday-Saturday, in April. However, to do so, we need a few new volunteers: **Donations Greeters are needed for Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoon shifts (1-4 PM), and Cashiers are needed for Monday through Friday afternoon shifts (1-4 PM).** Donations Greeters should be able to help donors with their bags and boxes of items to be donated. It is helpful if Cashiers have some experience, but training on our cash register is provided. Volunteers who give 20 hours or more in a month received a 50% discount card on store merchandise for the following month. For more information or to register as a volunteer, call (814) 867-3131 and press 2 for the store manager's line—or stop by the store and speak with the day manager. Thank you for continuing to support the Society's mission of helping those in need in our community.



Substitute Teacher Positions for 2020-2021

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten (GLPK) is searching for substitute teacher's aides and teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. No experience is necessary for the substitute teacher's aides positions. Substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education is beneficial, but not required. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at csmarkusky@glcpa.org or call her at 238-8110 for more information.

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten is now accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school-year.

If you would like more information about our school and programs please contact us at 238-8110 or glpk@glcpa.org.



Faith 5™



SHARE a “high” and a “low” – what's been the best part of your day, and what's been the hardest part of your day.



READ from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



TALK about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



PRAY with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



BLESS with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

MARCH 28, 2021
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY



Jesus' journey to the cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 14:1–15:47	The passion of Jesus
Monday	John 12:12-16	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A servant song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ hymn
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The passion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. Philippians 2:7b-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you humbled yourself on the cross so that we may know you as Savior of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for this food we are about to eat. May we open our hearts and minds to receive you in our lives with love and devotion. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine upon you, and save you with the steadfast love of the Lord. (Psalm 31:16)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Now Behold the Lamb



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- We often don't know important things about others. Who is someone you would like to learn more about? What would you like to ask them?
- Jesus' work as Savior comes through his rejection by others. Think or tell about a time when you were rejected. How did it make you feel?
- What do you learn about Jesus through his death on the cross?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 14:1–15:47.

This long text creates its own devotional mood by walking with Jesus days prior to his death to his anguish in the garden, the trial, suffering, and crucifixion. There is much to choose from and you can consider for yourself what is meaningful to focus on. Is it the hospitality of Simon the leper or the adoration of an unnamed woman anointing Jesus? Is it Judas Iscariot and how we might betray Jesus today or be one of the deserting disciples who scatter like sheep? Do you identify with the disciples in Gethsemane, unable to stay awake for prayer along with Jesus during his time of anguish? How would it be to be a bystander like Simon of Cyrene who is drawn in to carry Jesus' cross? How is it that the centurion from the occupying forces of Rome is the only one to acknowledge Jesus with the words, "Truly this man was God's Son" (15:39)? What was it like for Joseph of Arimathea to take down Jesus' lifeless body and place it in a tomb? Or what other part of the account grips you this year? Whatever it is, reflect on Jesus' great love and sacrifice and our own need for Jesus as Savior. How do you honor Jesus as Savior today?

Pray: For your great sacrifice and love, help us to adore you and witness to you as the Son of God and hope for the world. Amen.

SERVICE

Do you know someone who will spend Easter alone? Consider sharing the resurrection joy by inviting that person to join you for a meal or call them to let them know that you are thinking about them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Palm Sunday is the day Christians remember Jesus entering Jerusalem. It signals the beginning of Holy Week. As the week begins, take time in your home to use palms received during worship or make palms out of construction paper and wave them to re-enact the crowds shouting as they met Jesus. As you wave the palms, imagine Jesus riding on a donkey past you and shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13b).



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