

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Altar Guild - D. Reaves & E. DeSoto
Ushers - D. Boger & R. LaCour

Next Sunday

Joe Deane
Bonnie Dupre
Hannah Cuneo
B. Dupre & C. Shroyer
R. DaSilva & B. Kinsella
K. Eschete & A. Perryman
D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther

Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by Burt & Marilyn Beach in loving memory of their daughter Pamela's birthday.

As We Gather

Prepare for an emotional roller coaster. The great and holy week begins with the cheers and seeming triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. No sooner, however, do we say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" than we realize we have been ushered to the foot of the cross and the darkness of the shocking outcome of His coming---suffering, hatred, blood, and death. Our joyful, hopeful expectations have been dashed and we have been reduced to despair. This is what John the Baptist meant when he called us to repent; to totally give up on ourselves so that God can move in His mysterious way the wondrous gift of forgiveness to perform. So He will take the repentant, tearful soul and restore life in the resurrection---life even better than we had ever dreamed or hoped. Life doesn't always turn out the way you expect! Thanks be to God!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus or Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion" #559 LSB

"Were You There" #456 LSB

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" #420 LSB

"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord" #634 LSB

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS is sung as per page 199 in pew hymnal.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" #441 LSB

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing

SANCTUS *is sung as per page 161 in pew hymnal.*

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *is sung as per page 163 pew hymnal.*

People: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

The Triumphal Entry—John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

PROCESSIONAL

Stand as pastor speaks

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *(Zechariah 9:9)*

People: On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of His people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on His land. For how great is His goodness, and how great His Beauty!" *(Zechariah 9:16-17a)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #442 LSB

In remembrance of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, the congregation may wave their palm branches at the cross as it passes.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

O eternal and peaceful King of Zion, who as Scripture foretold did ride into Jerusalem and manifest Your everlasting spiritual kingdom; who has brought us peace and victory, righteousness and salvation through our Holy Baptism into Your death and resurrection: Keep us in this Kingdom of God on earth, and help us ever to rejoice and comfort ourselves with Your protection and presence, serving You with all that we are and have until all who strive against You have been put under Your feet and we enter into Your eternal Kingdom of Glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM *as found on page 268 in the hymnal. The Lord's Prayer is omitted.*

Sit

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David! Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David! Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 27:11-66

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. Thanks be to God. (Isaiah 53:5)

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed as found on back cover of pew hymnal.*

Sit

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" #438 LSB

SERMON

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Sit

OFFERINGS

Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" #560 LSB

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

<p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>What a privilege it is to be a child and servant of the Lord of lords and King of kings. Because of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus we have been rescued from sin and equipped to live as children of the Heavenly Father. One day we will join all the rescued people of God to bow before the throne of Jesus and confess that He alone is Lord. Because we have that sure hope we can joyfully live each day using our time, abilities and money to the glory of God and the welfare of others.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Philippians 2:5-11</p>
<p>EASTER LILIES</p> <p>Easter lily order forms are on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$ 10.00 a plant and these may be picked up after St. Matthew's service Easter Sunday. Please place a form and money in the offering plate or on the secretary's desk in the church office.</p>	
<p>Easter Brunch Sign Up Sheet</p> <p>Please join us next Sunday after Easter morning worship service for our annual Easter Brunch hosted by the ladies of LWML/Mission Guild. We've invited St. Matthew's members to join us before their worship service. A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex for you to fill out with what you will bring for the brunch. Even if you don't plan to attend the brunch, a dish or two would be appreciated. Come and share some great food and fellowship with your church family at Grace.</p>	
<p>Biscuit Makers</p> <p>April 17 - Connor & Hannah Cuneo May 1 - Addie Perryman May 15 - Ross & Annie Reaves May 29 - Seth Cunningham</p>	
<p>Early Childhood Center News</p> <p>We are still taking registrations for the Summer and Fall Programs. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please have them contact Sofie or give our website information. We would like to thank all of you who have donated to our program this year. We are so fortunate to have a congregation that supports our Early Childhood Center. We would not be able to continue spreading the "Good News" without your help. We are always in need of: Paper Towels, 5 oz Dixie Cups, Napkins, and Baby Wipes.</p>	
<p>Holy Week & Easter Schedule</p> <p><i>No Wednesday night supper or service</i> <i>Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Good Friday - church office and ECC closed</i> <i>Crawfish Boil - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in courtyard</i> <i>Easter Day - Worship Service with Communion 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>Brunch hosted by LWML/Mission Guild follows in fellowship hall</i> <i>Easter Monday - Easter Friday ECC closed</i></p>	
<p><i>Grace's Mission</i></p> <p><i>Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship</i></p>	

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	Friday	Church Office & ECC closed 3 - 6 p.m. Crawfish Boil 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Wednesday	PIPELINER ARTICLES DUE	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service		Easter Brunch follows All are welcome! No Sunday School

For the week of April 17 - 23, 2011		
Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversary
April 17 Roy Labat 18 Jason Benton 21 Matthew Taylor 22 Gabrielle Corbitt Cameron Shroyer 23 Billy McDonald Kristopher Pugh Mitch Tabor	April 18 Barbara Jakob 21 Burt Beach	April 18 Dustin & Casie Duplantis

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Anita Harper, Ann Perryman, Betty Carpenter, Brownie & Christine Campbell, Cameron Kosman, David Mack, Dennis & Lynda Kelley, Gertrud Weidmann, Glenn Meyer, Jean Frey, Jerry Barnard, Jim & Iva Kohls, Joy Stegall, Judy Gibson, Larry Hendrick, Lisa Ledet, Mary Deane, Miriam Mix, Mitch Basco, Nancy Ogle, Nikki Hebert, Nita Kyzar, Pat Rabun, Sandy Waalk, Stanley Montz & Vanessa Dupre

ELDERLY: Stella Gilbert

EXPECTANT MOTHER & BABY: Kristan Plaisance

GENERAL: Atonement Lutheran Church's pastoral call & Salem in Gretna

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Elaine Cofield, Eddie Olivier, Ginny Brunette & John Bergeron

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Brandon & Heather Darce, Caleb Dufrene, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Mark St. Romain, Matt Babin, Matthew Spolarich, Stephen Darce and Todd Mueller

VIETNAM MISSIONARY FAMILY : J.P., Aimee, Celeste & Bella Cima



Holy Baptism

Through the washing of Holy Baptism, Marie Katherine Grace Hammock has become a child of God. Marie Katherine's parents are Michael Lee and Amy Lynn Hammock. Her sponsors are Roger T. White IV and Maria C. Alessi. Welcome to the family of Grace!

Children are God's precious jewels - help them shine for Christ.