

## Holy Week Schedule

*April 17th: Maundy Thursday, Service at 7:00 pm*

*With Holy Communion*

*April 18th: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm*

*April 20th: Easter Worship with Holy Communion at  
8:00 am and 10:30 am*

*Sunday School 9:15 AM for All Ages*



Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunday** the WOC will be having a light continental breakfast at 9:00 am in the fellowship area. All are welcome to attend and celebrate JESUS' Resurrection!

**Ohio Mission Region District** meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are in need of 2 representatives from Grace to attend. If you are able to attending, please contact Pastors Bert or Shelly.

**Community Faith Night fundraiser** T-Shirt sale order forms are available on the back table by offering box. Deadline to order is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanks to everyone** that participated in the Men's Group Lenten meal. It was great fellowship with plenty of good food. Special thanks to all the men and women who supplied food, helped with set-up and clean-up. Watch the next Church newsletter to see where we are going to use your donations.

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*Hosanna  
in the  
Highest!*



**Palm Sunday  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jackson Center, Ohio  
April 13, 2025  
Traditional Service – 8:00 am**

# Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Palm Sunday*

April 13, 2025 ~ 8:00 A.M.

## Welcome To All

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”. We walk with Jesus along the road to Jerusalem, the road to death but also resurrection, the road of faith and worship. We believe God has a purpose for you being here today and our desire is to be an instrument in helping you discover and fulfill that purpose. You are always invited to come and worship with us. Please let us know if the pastor or we may be of service to you in any way.

## The Common Thread in Today’s Readings

Strength can fail us because of guilt. But if we trust in the Lord, he sets us free by the blood of the covenant that has made with us. Because the Son of God took on human form and was obedient to his Father’s will, suffering the death that all deserve, we are not only liberated from our sin guilt, but are set free to live godly lives (Phil 2:1-4). This is the grand fulfillment of the Scriptures: salvation through God’s Christ, who suffered death so that we may live both now and forever.

## As We Gather

*\* Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

Palms will be distributed as worshipers enter the sanctuary

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

Call to Worship (face the back of the sanctuary)

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: We praise and bless you, ever-living God for the acts of love by which you redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

*[Raise Palm Branches]*

Pastor: Let these branches be for us, signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them may always acclaim Jesus Messiah, by walking the way of his suffering and cross; that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Processional Hymn      *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*      LBW pg. 108

\*The Confession & Forgiveness      Pg. 56

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

**ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his obedience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir Anthem      *“Let the Rocks Cry Out”*      Adult Choir

## **Word**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36-39      ESV pg. 175

Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:19-29

*Read responsively by whole verse*

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
22 **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**  
23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24 **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
25 Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!  
26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**  
27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!  
28 **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**  
29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!  
**Praise the Lord!**

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

ESV pg. 980

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

\*Holy Gospel: John 12:12-19

ESV pg. 899

**Glory to you, O' Lord (sung)**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

Sermon Prayer

P: May the Spirit of the Lord be in my heart and on my lips so that I may sincerely and humbly, courageously and effectively proclaim the Good News.

**C: And may the Spirit of the Lord touch our ears that we may listen carefully. Touch our minds that we may understand correctly and touch our hearts that we may respond to that message courageously.**

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sermon

Pastor Bert

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

\*Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

## Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the saving Word and all God's gifts.

Gathering of the Gifts

\*The Offering Hymn **“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”** SS pg. 174

\*The Offertory **“What shall I render”** Page 67

\*Offertory Prayer Page 67

Pastor: Merciful Father,

**All: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending

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

\*Benediction

Mission and Ministry Moments

\*Sending Hymn **“Ride On, Ride On In Majesty”** SS pg. 180

\*Dismissal

Pastor: Holy Week is before us. Let us keep this week holy with prayer and worship. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Silent Prayer and Meditation

### ***Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve***

**Your offering to the Lord's work through Grace.** There is a **box for offering** located on a table nearby, for you to drop off offerings. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings and to do the Lord's work.

**Jingle Offering** – Today there will be a “special” offering for our area “Fish Pond Food Pantry”. Any loose change that you have, please place in the labeled jar at the back of the church. Remember that this loose change offering will be used to continue to provide assistance for area families who are in need.

**Today at the 10:30 am worship service we welcome to the family** of Jesus Christ at Grace Lutheran through the sacrament of Holy Baptism Alana, Ava & Adelyn Harp. We also receive into Grace as fellow Disciples the following persons: Charlyne Perrine & Doug Frilling.

Everyone is invited to attend this year's **Choir Service**. The adult choir of Grace will be leading the 8:00 service on **Sunday, April 27**. The message will be a combination of songs performed by the choir and an inspirational message from Fritz Serr. We hope to see you at this year's choir service on Sunday, April 27, at 8:00 am.

**WOC April Collections.** Elizabeth's New Life Center is located at 2201 N. Main Street Sidney, Ohio. They educate & help support pregnant women in our area. They are currently in need of Baby Diapers size 3,4,& 5. Watch the April bulletin for a list of current items in need of in April. Any questions contact Joyce Regula, Chairperson.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Luther League will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The hunt will take place at Grace Lutheran church and as long as the weather permits it will be held outdoors in the shelter house area. All children are welcome!

**Adult Sunday Morning Sunday School at 9:15 The Parables of Jesus – April and May Sundays** Jesus' parables are timeless, powerful, and profound. Yet there is a dimension to them that can best be appreciated fully when seen through ancient Middle Eastern eyes. Drawing on remarkable cultural and historical insights from renowned New Testament and Middle East scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, this study explores how Jesus' audience would have understood eleven of Jesus' parables as recorded in Luke. See these great stories come to life for you.

**IT'S GAME DAY** Inviting all senior members of Grace (and the community) to our first "JOY" (Just Older Youth) gathering. We've planned an afternoon of fun and fellowship for anybody (regardless of age)-all are welcome! If you like to play cards or games, Grace Church is where you'll want to be on Thursday, April 24th at 1:00-3:00. We will provide the cards and a variety of games (and we'll have some refreshments too)! We hope you'll join us for this afternoon of fun and fellowship! Sponsored by the Lay/Witness Committee

**Mission Trip for High School Youth and Congregation Members -- Disaster Relief Rebuilding** The Luther League high school youth are inviting congregation members to join them for a mission trip to North Carolina to assist in rebuilding homes in Burnsville, NC. This summer June 19-25, 2025. Join the high school youth as you are able, it is not necessary to be there the full time. All skill levels are needed for cleanup, building, meal preparation, devotional and prayer leadership. Please let Lori Wiswell 937-538-7182 or the Pastors know of your interest and to receive more information.

**Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 21 Health kits that were collected in February. These health kits will be sent to NALC Disaster Response for those people who have suffered from the many natural disasters here in the United States.

Another thank you to all donations of personal care items for the Fish Pond Food Pantry 147 items were collected. Those items are very much appreciated.

On sewing days in February and March, 28 quilts were completed. Thanks to all who donated sheets, sewed pieces, pinned and knotted these quilts for NALC Disaster Response, Also thank you to Tom Schindel for keeping our sewing machines humming along. Barb Wical, Chairperson

**Thank you** for all of the thoughts and prayers for me during my recent surgery. They are all much appreciated. Barb Krugh

**Thank you** all very much for sending your thoughts, prayers & cards for my recent surgery. They were very much appreciated. Bob & Shelly Zorn

The family of **Lois Metz would like to invite you to an Open House** in celebration of Lois's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!! It will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson Center American Legion in Jackson Center from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. (PLEASE OMIT GIFTS). If you would like to send a card Lois' address is: Lois Metz 15926 Wones Road Jackson Center, OH 45334

If you would like to send a sympathy card to **Dave Detrick** his **address** is: Dave Detrick 8508 Arlen Drive Blacklick, Ohio 43004