

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025 10:00 A.M.

Oak Grove Lutheran Church 7045 Lyndale Avenue South, Richfield, Minnesota

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission Statement

To Put the Love of Jesus into Action, As We Welcome, Serve and Love All People.

Prelude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Welcome

The Entry into Jerusalem

Narrator:

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at a place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them ...

People:

And as they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

Peter:

They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

Narrator:

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen.

People:

And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop. They are calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would shout out their praises."

People: singingAll Glory, Laud, and HonorELW 344

refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

You are the king of Israel and David's royal son Now in the Lord's name coming, our king and blessed one. refrain

The company of angels are praising you on high; Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. refrain

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. refrain

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. refrain

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. refrain

ANTHEM Hosanna! This Is a Special Day Sunday School Children

Noisy Offering A special collection to support the Youth Camp Fund

Narrator:

And as he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.

The Last Supper

Narrator:

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Judas:

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Narrator:

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

People:

They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"

Narrator:

"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" 'He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is the body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

People:

Then they began to question, "Who, Lord? Who is to betray you? It is I? Is it I?"

Narrator:

He answered, "One who has dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

Judas:

Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Narrator:

Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

Peter:

Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

Narrator:

"Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny you know me three times."

Peter:

Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

People:

And so said all the disciples, over and over again.

The Agony in the Garden

People: singingGo to Dark GethsemaneELW 347

vs. 1

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r; Your redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Narrator:

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

People:

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, deliver us.

Narrator:

Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done."

People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done. Thy will be done.

Narrator:

When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

People:

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.

Judas:

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him.

Narrator:

But Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Judas:

Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

People:

When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Peter:

Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

Narrator:

But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched the ear and healed him.

People:

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Narrator:

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!" Then they seized him.

The Judgment

People: singing Go to Dark Gethsemane ELW 347

vs. 2

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Narrator:

Then they led Jesus away, bringing him into the high priest's house.

Peter:

But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

People:

Then a servant girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him."

Peter:

But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

People:

A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You are also one of them."

Peter:

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

People:

Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

Peter:

But Peter said, "I do not know what you are talking about!"

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

Peter:

Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he has said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Narrator:

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

People:

"Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator:

They kept heaping many other insults upon him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council.

People:

They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

Narrator:

But he replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

People:

All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator:

He said to them, You say that I am."

People:

Then they said, "Blasphemy! What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips! Blasphemy!"

Dawn Friday: Jesus Before Pilate

Narrator:

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

People:

They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a King."

Pilate:

Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator:

He answered, "You say so."

Pilate:

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

People:

But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Pilate:

When Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod.

Narrator:

Where he was vehemently accused, treated with contempt and mocked. Then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.

Pilate:

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

People:

But they all cried out together, "Away with this fellow! Away! Away! Away! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator:

Barabbas! — a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder —

Pilate:

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;

People:

But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Pilate:

"Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death. I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

People:

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified;

Narrator:

And their voices prevailed.

Pilate:

So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Friday Morning: Crucifixion

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347

vs 3

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

All Men:

People: singing

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

All Women:

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

Narrator:

But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"



Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

All: singing Jesus, Remember Me ELW 616 (sung twice)

Narrator:

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

All Women:

Forgive us our trespasses.

All Men:

And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

All Women:

Forgive us our trespasses.

All Men:

And the people stood by, watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

All Women:

Forgive us our trespasses.

All Men:

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine.

All Women:

There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

All Men:

Forgive us our trespasses. Forgive us, O Lord, our trespasses!

Judas:

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Peter:

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

People:

Forgive us our trespasses. Deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom...

Narrator:

And Jesus said to him...

People:

And the power ...

Narrator:

"Truly, truly I say to you ..."

People:

And the glory ...

Narrator:

"Today you will be with me in Paradise."

People:

Forever and ever. Amen!



It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain in the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this he breathed his last.

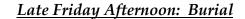
And all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle.

People:

When they saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

All Women:

And all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.





Pilate:

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

Narrator:

It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

All Women:

The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 623

vss. 1 & 2

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill the law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Message

The Palms and The Passion

Pastor Lee Hallstrom

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 623

vss. 3 & 4

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

+ Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+ Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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 resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ Prayers of Intercession

Each petition concludes with: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Distribution

There in God's Garden vss. 1, 2, 5 & 6

ELW 342

Prayer after Communion

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Hymn Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ELW 337

Postlude		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace and Justice Team

A new ministry opportunity is being formed at Oak Grove Lutheran Church. Please consider being a part of the *Peace and Justice Team!* At the close of our forum on Christian nationalism, someone asked if the congregation could have more opportunities to learn and share about justice issues today. This desire is also shared by God, who in Micah 6:8 says to us, "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God."

Some members of Oak Grove have already stepped forward to be a part of this ministry. Please join them in this important work for God and others! If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Pastor Lee or Mary Beth Mohn.

Lunch Bag Decorating Service Project

All confirmation students, their families, and the congregation are invited to come together and decorate lunch bags for Meals On Wheels! This event will take place on Wednesday, April 23, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Treats will be provided. Please come help us decorate 500 bags and make someone's day a little brighter! Thank you!

- Kelli Olson, Oak Grove Education Coordinator

Community Garden Sign Up Time

This is our twelfth year for our Oak Grove Community Garden. And over these 12 years many gardeners have used our organic garden to grow their own vegetables, produce and herbs. It doesn't matter if you have a green thumb with years of experience or you're interested in just trying or you want your children or grandchildren to see how their food is grown – all are welcome!

What do our gardeners grow? Tomatoes, peppers, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, squash, green beans, cucumbers, herbs and much more. Vines (such as cucumbers and squash) should be contained on a trellis or something similar as we like to keep our woodchip pathways clear. We have 39 plots available.

The cost is still \$15 which helps pay for organic dirt, wood chips and other little items. I'll be in the narthex on **Sunday**, **April 27**, for those who want to sign up in person. You can also call me or send me an email. Payment can be cash, checks or via your donation account.

– Marilyn Jacobson (612) 285-2520 or Mmjacobson2@msn.com

Drivers Needed for Meals on Wheels

Do you own and drive a car? Do you have an extra hour in your day, once a month? Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Well, I have just the thing for you! I am in need of drivers to help deliver Meals on Wheels to residents in Richfield. Oak Grove delivers meals every fourth week. Meals are delivered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. I need to supply 3-4 drivers for each of those days. The meals get picked up at Normandale Lutheran Church located at 62nd and Normandale Blvd. Once your route is completed, the meal bags get returned back to the same location, or if you wish you can drop the black

bag, which holds the hot meals, along with the paperwork right here at Oak Grove. There is a large box located in the coat room where you can place the bag. It takes about 1 to 1-1/2 hours from start to finish. I may call on you once a month or every other month, whichever works best for your schedule.

If you are interested in helping out with this very rewarding opportunity, you may contact me at (651) 270-0005 and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my drivers who already deliver Meals on Wheels. Your service does not go unnoticed! Without you, this program would not be able to exist. Thank You! – Becky Hanson, *OG MOW's Driver Coordinator*

Property Commission Help Needed:

- 1-2 people to help clean the gutters of rock that the rain washes into them. (Ask Julie Tvete about details.)
- Someone to clean the filters on the AC
- Anyone who has expertise in electrical, plumbing, or small engine repair that would be willing to be on a call list
- Need 3-4 people who would be willing to shovel and put down salt or sand as needed during the week if it snows. Obviously we hopefully will not need anyone until the fall, but would like to get a list started.

Quiet in the Sanctuary

With the new camera system, we have noticed that it easily picks up sound in the sanctuary, particularly before and after the service. Please be aware of this and come into the sanctuary quietly and whisper if conversation is needed. Thanks!

Prayer Chain

We are starting a prayer chain and need people who would like to be included as a contact person to pass along the prayers. What would be needed is one person to start it by texting or calling a couple of people who would each contact a couple more people and so on. The prayers would only be passed along if the person needing the prayers contacts the church office and gives their permission. If you would like to be included as a contact person, please text or call Georgeanne at (952) 212-7155.

OAK GROVE EVENTS THIS WEEK:

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13

9:00 am Hosannah Brunch, Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 am Hosannah Brunch, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 14

Tuesday, April 15

9:30 am Staff Meeting, Library

10:00 am Care Club, Fellowship Hall

1:00 pm Bible Study, Fireside Room

7:00 pm Esther Circle, Fireside Room

Wednesday, April 16

9:30 am Bible Study, Fireside Room

6:30 pm Confirmation, Fireside Room, SS Room

7:00 pm Chorale, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm Joint Maundy Thursday Worship, House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Friday, April 18

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Library

9:00 am Joy Bells Practice, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 20 — Easter Sunday Festival Worship, 8:30 am and 10 am

Sunday, April 27 — Worship with Confirmation, 10 am

Community Garden Plot Sign Up, Narthex

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, April 13

Readers: Mary Kaye Ashley, Dan Curry, Randy Hummel, and Ben Little **Communion Servers:** Jeanne Hanson and Gordy Hanson

Worship Leaders for next Sunday, April 20

Assisting Minister: 8:30 am Mike Tveite / 10 am Lisa Hoyne Scripture Reader: 8:30 am Ben Little / 10 am Bev Hummel Communion Servers: 8:30 am Dan Curry & Margie Risch / 10 am Murt Hanson & Jan Philibert

Media – Facebook Live: Les and Becky Hanson, Julie, Curtis and Elisa Tvete
Sound Team: Hermès Radison, Al Tuff, Mike Tveite, and Curtis Tvete

Oak Grove Lutheran Church sits on traditional lands of the Dakota people. We acknowledge, with gratitude, the many blessings we receive from this land.

Children are always welcome in worship. Activity bags are available in the library or ask an usher for help in locating them.

Restrooms: Located downstairs near the fellowship lounge. **Hearing devices:** Personal hearing devices are available through the ushers.

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