

Listen to Him



transfiguration of our lord march 2, 2025

prelude & entrance hymn

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1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

GREETING

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

C: Amen.

A: Arise, shine for our light has come.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: And the Glory of the Lord is upon us.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: Where merciful kindness and love are,

C: God is there.

A: Christ's love has gathered us into one.

C: Let us rejoice and be pleased in Christ.

A: May we fear and love the living God.

C: And may we love each other with a delighted heart. Amen.

(Anonymous 10th cent. French Chant, "Ubi Caritas")

hymn of praise

308 (vs. 1 & 4)



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, the brilliant transfiguration of Your Son

before Moses, Elijah and the Apostles reveals Your glorious presence and Your continuing plan for Your people. Reveal Your glory to us now in our hearing of Your Word and our experiencing of Your presence in the Sacrament. Then, send us out to follow the Way of the Cross faithfully, living lives transfigured by the identity you give us as Your children. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

first lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant, the Ten Words, in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was radiant and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward,

all the Israelites came near and he commanded them all that Yahweh had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses would come before the presence of Yahweh to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out. And whenever he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see Moses' face, that the skin of Moses' face was radiant; but then Moses would put the veil back on his face again, until he went in to speak with God.

L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

psalm

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion;
The Lord is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is The Lord!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God; worship at the Lord's footstool.

Holy is the Lord!

**Moses and Aaron were among the Lord's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on the Lord's name.
They cried to the Lord, and the Lord answered them.**

The Lord spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept the Lord's decrees,

and the statutes that the Lord gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God,

and worship at the Lord's his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy.

second lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Having, then, hope like this, we make use of Confidence, and we are not like Moses, who put a veil on his face so the people of Israel would not gaze into the fulfillment that is being brought to nothing, for,

their minds were being hardened, for, up to this day, a veil remains on the Readings [of] The Old Covenant, and it is not being unveiled, since in Christ it is being brought to nothing. But, up until today, whenever Moses may be read, a veil is being laid on their heart, but whenever someone may return to the Lord, the veil is taken away. But, the Lord is the Spirit, and the Spirit, the Lord - Freedom! But we all, with faces having been unveiled, are reflecting the glory of the Lord, the one image being transformed from glory into glory, just as with the Lord and the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides. We refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word. But, by the open statement of the truth, we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE

Refrain (*sing twice*)

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way. Still, You're there right be-

side me. And no-thing will I fear As long as You are near;

Please be near me to the end. *(to refrain)*

2. I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, My heart for-ev-er is

wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide, And hold me to Your side, And

I will love you to the end. *(to refrain)*

gospel acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

gospel

Luke 9

Now about eight days after Jesus made the disciples aware that God's intention for him was to suffer, be rejected, die and on the third day rise, he took Peter, John and James up into the mountain and prayed. During his prayer, the appearance of his face became different, and his clothes became dazzlingly bright. Then, the disciples saw two men, Moses and Elijah, having a conversation with Jesus! These two also appeared in glory, like Jesus, and spoke of Jesus' exodus, that is, his own liberation which he was about to fulfill at Jerusalem.

During all of this, Peter and those with him were being weighed down with sleep, but having kept themselves awake, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing there with him. Just as Moses and Elijah were getting ready to leave, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here! We can make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he was saying. But, while Peter was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were terrified as they entered the cloud. And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the one I am choosing; listen to him!" After the voice had spoken Jesus was found to be alone. And the three disciples kept silent about all of this in those days - they told no one any of the things they had seen.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

hymn of the day

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1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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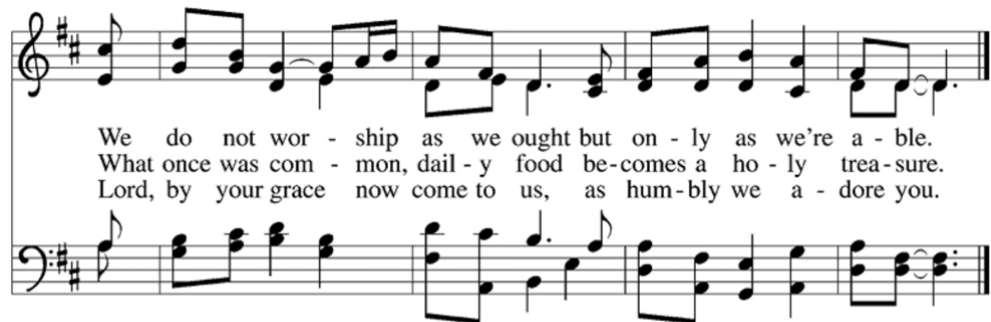
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

the prayers of the church passing of the peace offertory

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

offertory prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

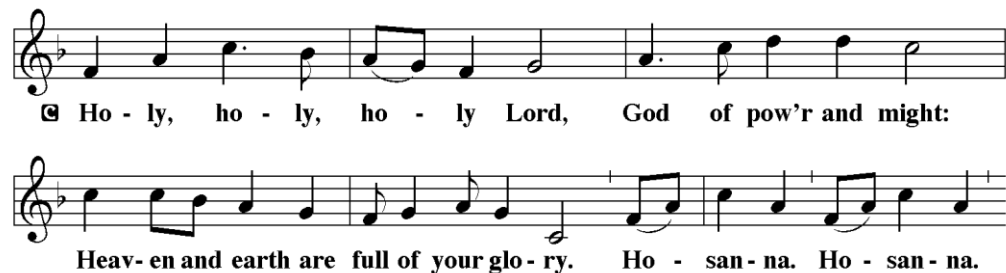
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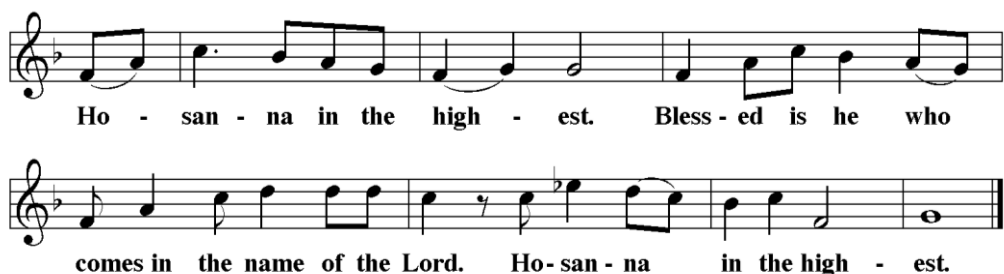


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



Benediction recessional

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Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

Dismissal

Grace celebrates the taking of their First Communion by Juliet Alger, Jackson Bisbee, Emilia Borneman, Owen Borneman, Lucas Mustafa, Mason Mustafa, Angelina Netti, Jackson Shapiro, Charlie Slater and Gabriella Yacco. While Lutherans do not recognize the “making of First Communion” as a separate sacrament as in the Roman Catholic Church, the Eucharist is one of the two Lutheran Sacraments. Also, since receiving the sacrament is a response to Christ’s invitation to come to His table, our specific sect of Lutheranism does not actually require those coming to the Table to have reached any particular level of understanding or heightened state of righteousness. Therefore, we commune infants and the unrepentant who come seeking Christ’s grace and reconciliation at His Table. However, out of our deep respect and solemn honoring of the gift Christ offers us in the Eucharist, we come to Him with our cleanest hearts, deepest understandings and earnest love for our fellow diners. Here at Grace, we usually prepare ourselves with Confession & Forgiveness; education in Sunday School, First Communion Class and Confirmation; and the Passing of the Peace.



Sunday, March 2nd

Transfiguration Sunday

First Communion at both services

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &

Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Mardi Gras Potluck Brunch

Monday, March 3rd

11:00 a.m. Mary Steinitz Funeral with wake to follow in the hall after burial

Tuesday, March 4th

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid
3:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite – 101 w/ Pastor Chris
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group
1:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Blood Drive in the fellowship hall
3:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Saturday, March 8th

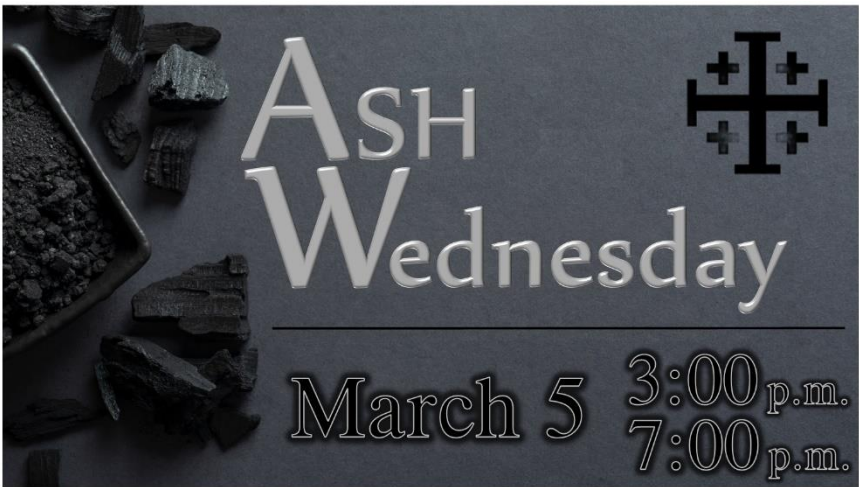
9:00 a.m. Grace Bakers Meeting

Sunday, March 9th

First Sunday of Lent

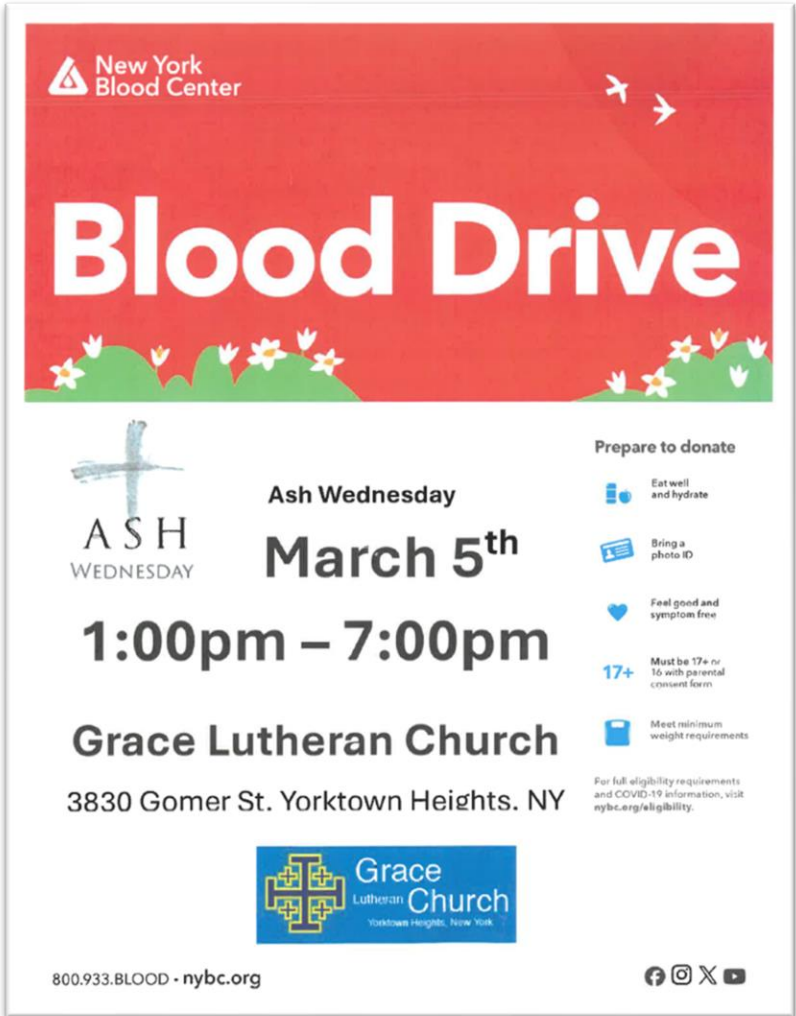
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

A promotional poster for a Mardi Gras Potluck Brunch. The background is bright yellow. On the left, there is a large, ornate Mardi Gras mask with a diamond pattern in green, purple, and gold, adorned with sequins and a purple feather. Below the mask are scattered purple and gold beads. On the right, the text 'Mardi Gras Potluck Brunch' is written in a large, purple, cursive font. Below this, a decorative wavy line in green, purple, and gold separates the title from the event details. The event is scheduled for 'Sunday, March 2nd, 9:45 am' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it is 'Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee' in a smaller black font. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH' featuring a red cross with a white center.



**ASH
Wednesday**

**March 5 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.**



New York Blood Center

Blood Drive

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday





March 5th

1:00pm – 7:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church

3830 Gomer St. Yorktown Heights, NY





Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
- 17+** Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
-  Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

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Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 3/12 - 4/16

Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer.
Bring your own dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 7:00 p.m. in-person or on-line



Popular Parables of Jesus

The Good Samaritan

The Prodigal Son

The Seeds Sower

The Rich Man & Lazarus

*Talents Given
Talents Returned*

Sundays in Lent





Palm Sunday

PARADE

Kids! Grab a palm and lead the parade from Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 13 8:30 or 11:00

Holy Week 2025 Schedule

Palm Sunday	April 13	8:30 & 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday	April 17	12:00 & 7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 18	12:00 & 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil	April 19	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday	April 20	8:30 & 11:00 am

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