

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
March 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY - THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself and became obedient unto death for me that I might be raised up, given forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Your compassion for me exceeds my expectations and I rejoice in Your salvation. By Your Holy Spirit embolden me to confess You as Lord and empower me to humbly serve You and my neighbor. In Your name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! *Hosanna!* This is a word we especially hear on this day in the Church Year, but it is also a word that is spoken or sung in the liturgy during the Sanctus in the Service of the Sacrament. We usually do not translate this Hebrew word, but it does us well to be reminded what it means. It means “save us, we pray, O Lord.” Indeed this was the reason why Jesus came in humble birth, lived a humble life and then humbly went to Jerusalem and the cross that awaited Him there. He did so to provide salvation for us.

We would especially like to welcome our visitors. We ask everyone to fill out an attendance card found at each pew and return it to an Usher during the Offering. Children will be invited to come forward for a Children’s Message. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs. Restrooms are also downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have questions please ask our greeters or ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 8:15 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ’s very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

This day is called Palm Sunday as well as the Sunday of the Passion. This dual naming shows a twofold emphasis. The Service begins with a processional order—commemorating King Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. There He is beheld and welcomed by worshipers who have paved His pathway both with palm branches and articles of their clothing, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” Similarly, we greet Him this morning as we proclaim the glory, laud, and honor due our blessed Savior, who comes among us in His Word and Sacraments. Nevertheless, as that first Palm Sunday pageantry shortly gave way to the persecution of Passion Week, so also the liturgy today swiftly transitions from tones of triumph to those of lamentation. As the Gospel of Mark is read, our rejoicing is subdued, as we earnestly anticipate the joyful Easter acclamation in eight days.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His house by Jim and Judy Keppel in celebration of the birth of their great-grandson Carter Dylan.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Lily Woodyard
Crucifer:	(8:15)	Connor Stephens
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Ushers:	(8:15)	Terry Bradshaw, Gary Goldsby, Jim Marvin
Greeters:	(8:15)	Jim and Florence Marvin
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Lori Bloom, Angie Proud
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Annalia Buchanan
Crucifer:	(10:45)	Jack Manchester
Cantor:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger
Ushers:	(10:45)	Charlie Buchanan, Terry Clawitter
		Bryan Gipson, David Roberts
Greeters:	(10:45)	Richard and Beverly Sanders
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Dawn Cline
Choirs:		Adult Choir, Children's Choir
Harp:		Alisa Coffey
Piano:		Carly Golladay
Coffee Hosts:		Women of Grace Bake Sale
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, April 5th, The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9, The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Pre-Service Music

Aria in Classic Style - Marcel Grandjany

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Antiphonal Hosanna - G. Alan Smith

Ringing of the Church Bell

Palm Sunday Processional

All stand and face the processional cross.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Holy Gospel

John 12:12—19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

- P** 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

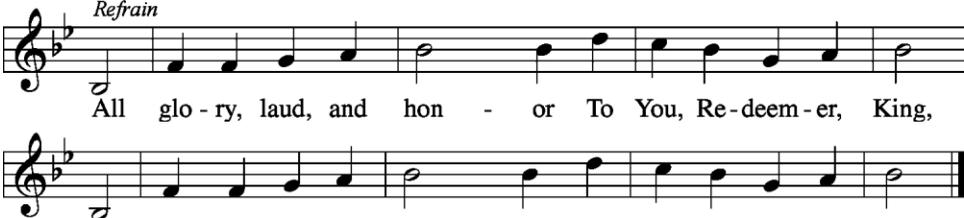
P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Phil. 2:8b

- P** He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Verse for Lent

Joel 2:13



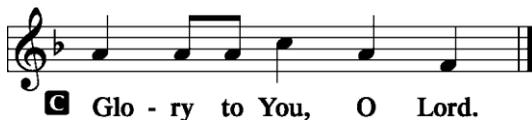
C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 15:1–47

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

Sermon

Zechariah 9:9–12

“Hope and Peace for Prisoners”

Stand

Nicene Creed (8:15)

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen**

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with the following:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen**

Sit

Offering

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

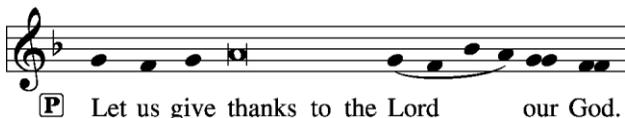
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

10:45 Service continues on page 15

Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



Proper Preface

- P** 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 saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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**

Pax Domini

John 20:19



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, “Take and drink.”

Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

Hymn: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440

Service Note: There will be an interlude between stanzas 3 & 4.

Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

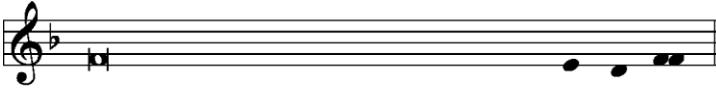
- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



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 A - - men.

Closing Hymn: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

Postlude

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty - John Behnke



Service Concludes (10:45)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Concluding Collect

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor
LWML Bake Sale in Parker Hall before Bible Class
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service
- MON - THURS:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Lenten Bible Class
5:15 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – Brass practice
7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study at St. Vincent’s
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir
- THURSDAY:** 5:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Dinner in Parker Hall
7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
- FRIDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 a.m. – Breakfast in Parker Hall
8:15 a.m. – Easter Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. – Breakfast in Parker Hall
10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt
10:45 a.m. – Easter Divine Service with Holy Communion

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - On this Passion Sunday, the Sunday School lesson studies “Peter Denies Jesus.” Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus cannot deny us, because we are part of Him, baptized members of His own Body. Instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back. Consider asking, *“How does Peter’s denial affect him? In what ways does God forgive us and welcome us back?”*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in classrooms downstairs in the church.

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter has started a new study from the series **God’s Word for Today: Galatians – The Cost of Freedom**. Pastor will conclude **Lesson 1** and begin **Lesson 2 – “How Could This Happen?”**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Mar. 29 – Florence and Jim Marvin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Mar. 29 – Gina Junkans

Mar. 31 – Jane Parsons

April 2 – Roy Andrews, Marc André LeBlanc

April 4 – Hunter Goodwin, Greg Pils

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Grant Geuther is hospitalized at the VA Fort Roots in North Little Rock.

Evelyn Chotkowski is in rehab at Good Shepherd Nursing and Rehabilitation, Room 206.

Beth Paulson is continuing her recovery at home.

Joan Ann Olsen is in The Lakes at Maumelle Health and Rehab.

Dennis Fastenau is continuing chemotherapy treatment.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 3/22: 160 (8:15 – 71 and 10:45 – 89). Lenten Service 3/25: 58. Offerings: Sunday 3/22: \$5,272.25. Lenten Offering 3/18: \$1,009.00. Missions: \$25.00. Building Fund: \$135.00.

ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE is this morning in Parker Hall following the 8:15 Service and before and after Bible Class. The proceeds from the Bake Sale are for the Grace Youth group as they make plans to attend the 2016 Youth Gathering. This is a great opportunity to purchase baked items for Easter. There will be matching funds from Thrivent Financial.

8th CONFIRMATION is Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

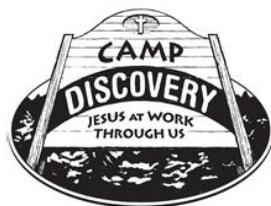
7th CONFIRMATION will NOT meet on Thursday.

2015 SUMMER CAMP at LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN - ROOTS - Campers will venture deep into Cedar Canyon as they explore the natural wonders of Petit Jean Mountain. They will also delve into God's Word to discover what it means to be a child of God. The camp theme, ROOTS, is based on the promises found in Ephesians 3:14-21 where the Apostle Paul writes of believers being "rooted and grounded in love." Brochures with more information are on the table by the ramp door and registration forms are on line at lutherancamp.org. Register by April 30th and save \$35.00. A multi-child discount of \$35.00 is also available for siblings of campers. For more information contact the camp director David Cox at director@lutherancamp.org or at 501-652-6304.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotion books for April – June are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to pick up your copy so you can begin using it April 1st. Remember to recycle your old copy in the box in the breezeway.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP – Sundays in April and May are available to serve refreshments in the Parlor between services. Please check the list on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for a Sunday on which you want to serve.

LWML SPRING ZONE EVENT is Saturday, **April 11th**, at First Lutheran Church, 8th and Rock. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall with opening worship in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. The cost is \$8.00 which includes lunch. The theme is ***Tend His Flock*** based on Isaiah 40:11. Guest speaker is Lori Ducey, Global Education Manager of Heifer International. The ingathering will benefit Arkansas Rice Depot's program Food for Kids. **Deadline to register is tomorrow, March 30th**. Contact Judy Rivers, Angie Proud or Pat Funk to be included in the registration or if you have questions.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 7 - 11, 2015

The volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the breezeway for **VBS 2015**. The theme is **Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us** and we would love for you to join us on this adventure! The dates are **June 7-11**. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Manchester at cmanchester@mac.com or 821-4140.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday Service

with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served before the service at 5:30 p.m.
in Parker Hall by ACTS – Chicken Spaghetti

April 3rd – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m.

April 5th – Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Matin Service

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast in Parker Hall

8:15 a.m. – Easter Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Breakfast in Parker Hall

10:45 a.m. – Easter Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday – April 5th - 10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

The children up to 8 years old are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt

beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.

in the grass area outside of Parker Hall.

Our thanks to Bette Bogart for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt!!