



Worship and Parish Notes

Week of April 5, 2020

EYES ON JESUS

AS WE GATHER

Palm Sunday begins with unbridled joy as we recall how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, while being acclaimed by the crowds with loud shouts of “Hosanna” and boisterous waving of palm branches. So today we begin with songs of praise and waving of palm branches as we hail Jesus as the One worthy of all glory, laud, and honor. But then the solemnness of Holy Week also begins. With a time of silence, the service shifts our focus to Jesus’ path to the cross. As foretold by prophets long ago, Jesus was stricken and afflicted, beaten and spit upon, crucified, and He died. He did this out of divine love for all of humanity, taking on Himself the sins of all people for our forgiveness. Today’s worship reflects the pattern of our lives. At times we experience unbridled joy and celebration. And then, sometimes in the next moment, we experience heartbreaking suffering. Jesus is there with us—in the joyful celebrations, in the heartbreak and suffering. He alone can transform it all into deeper love for God and neighbor. The hour of Jesus’ death on the cross is the hour of our life and salvation.

✠ PRAISE AND INTERCESSION ✠

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray for Christian parents, that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Pray that they set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.

LIVE STREAMING OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE...The 10:45 AM worship service of Grace Lutheran Church is available to be viewed LIVE from our website (or anytime after the service), <https://www.glwh.org>, and click on the “Live Streaming” button. If you want to print out the worship service, worship & parish notes, and/or prayer list, go to <https://www.glwh.org>, and click on the worship tab on the top of the page and then click on live streaming.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK!!!

You can join Miss Leah and Miss Casey Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM for Sunday School from the comfort of your home! Go to “**Grace WH Kid Min**” on Facebook and you’ll see and hear this week’s Sunday School lesson. You can interact by commenting on the page. Contact Leah, lwelter@glwh.org, or Casey, cbillman@glwh.org, to join the group or if you have questions! You can also catch up on last week’s lesson if you missed it. Have your palms ready for this week’s class!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR broadcast next Sunday, April 12, on WONN Radio, Lakeland, 1230 AM at 9:30 AM, will feature Lutheran Hour Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the topic “**You Haven’t Lost Me.**” The Lutheran Hour is also available on Sunday mornings on WFLR Radio, Maitland, 540 on the AM dial at 7:30 AM. To read, listen, or to print the four-minute daily devotions by Lutheran Hour Ministries go to WWW.LHM.ORG and under MEDIA PROGRAMS click on DEVOTIONS. To sign-up to receive the devotions every day go to CONNECT and SUBSCRIBE.



GIVE BLOOD - GIVE LIFE

You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to visit the BayCare Blood Donation Center. Blood donations are down drastically and so the need is great. The BayCare Blood Donation Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM; and Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon. Remember to tell them you are from Grace Lutheran Church Winter Haven when you donate. The Blood Center and Mobile are meticulous in cleaning and keeping people safe for donations and you can count on them especially now when the need for blood is so great! Thank you to all who donate and God bless you!

ALL WEEKLY MEETINGS, BIBLE STUDIES, REHEARSALS AND OTHER GATHERINGS

are cancelled. We will continue to communicate with you when we will begin meeting again.

PORTALS OF PRAYERS

If you want to renew your subscription to Portals of Prayer, or begin a new subscription, contact the church office. The deadline is Monday, April 6. Please send your payment to the church. Regular print is \$9.10, and Large Print is \$17.50. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

To **begin** or **renew** a subscription to Lutheran Witness please place your order with the church office by April 27, 2020. A subscription is \$13.00. Please make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 5 Wendy Rogers
April 6 Linda Lasseigne, Diana Schroeder
April 7 Jim Martinez, Bill Bartlemay, Sandy Woods
April 8 Emily Zinsmeister
April 10 Bill Crouse

GIFTS TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We thank the following who have given special gifts to Grace Lutheran Church in honor of

Gene Schedler by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kavelal

Sally Serrine by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Sipos

Charlie Stine by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Sipos

In honor of **Joan Richert** by Tammi Straughn