

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OLIVET

PREPARING *for the END*



MATTHEW 24-25

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOR HERE IS OUR

LORD

Jesus Christ

HE WILLINGLY EMPTIED HIMSELF;
HE NOT ONLY TOOK UPON HIMSELF
A HUMAN NATURE AND BECAME A
MAN, BUT HE ALSO SUBMITTED TO A
MOST SHAMEFUL DEATH IN THE SIGHT
OF BOTH GOD AND MAN. HOW
PRECIOUS TO HIM WE MUST HAVE
BEEN FOR HIM TO ALLOW HIMSELF
TO EXPERIENCE SUCH EXTREME
SUFFERING FOR OUR REDEMPTION!
IF WE COULD BUT TASTE SOMETHING
OF WHAT THIS IMPLIES, WE WOULD
FOREVER MAGNIFY THE UNSPEAKABLE
GRACE WHICH SURPASSES
ALL HUMAN UNDERSTANDING.
HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT
COMPREHEND IT FULLY, AND CAN
ONLY FATHOM THE HUNDREDTH PART
OF IT, IT DELIGHTS US TO KNOW
THAT WE CAN GRASP SOMETHING OF
ITS MEANING, HOWEVER SMALL!

— JOHN CALVIN



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

Grace is a church where people seeking more grace, more depth, and more community can start finding their way and sharing their gifts with the world.

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PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love having young children in worship. We want them to feel at home in the presence of God, and to learn how to worship by emulating you. Sit where you can easily hear and see, and if children have questions, you can quietly explain what is happening. Above all, relax. If your children wiggle or make noise, don't feel self-conscious. We understand, and we are delighted to have your whole family here to worship with us.

Check the inside back cover of this Order of Worship for Scripture memory schedule, financial reports, Mission of the Month, and podcast info.

Minister

Rev. J. Mark Bertrand

Elder

Rev. Dan Reed

Deacon

Donald Van Raalte

Music

Bethany Van Raalte, Caleb Coffee, Tim Murray

Reader

Alicia Fonder

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Merrill Friesen, Mitchell Minderhoud

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Christine Reed

Welcomers

Les & Jennipher Van Den Top, Jennifer Friesen

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Jenipher Van Den Top, Michele Pruett, Joanna Friesen

Nursery - During Sunday School

Mel Murray, Sarah Engbers

Teach Me To Worship

Sarah Engbers, Phineas Kroesche

Prayer After Service

Deb & Ira Kaul

Transformers

Brent Konvalin, Hannah Larsen, Rob Schleifer, Benton Smith



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A season of grace following the joy of resurrection.

The season of Easter continues until Pentecost on May 19. During this time, we celebrate the grace that is ours in Christ Jesus. Let our worship be joyous as we contemplate the forgiveness of sin and the restoration of the relationship between ourselves and the God who made us.

† We long for more grace.

INTROIT: PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

As the musicians play, use this time for prayer and contemplation, preparing your heart to worship the Triune God, your creator and redeemer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship is a back-and-forth dialogue between God and us, beginning when God calls us into his presence.

Minister: Peace be multiplied to you!

**All: It is good to show the signs and wonders
that the Most High God has done for us.**

Minister: How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!

**All: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion endures
from generation to generation.**

Daniel 4.2-3

SALUTATION

We are welcomed into God's presence for the sake of Christ.

Minister: Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

All: Amen!

SING PRAISE TO GOD

We enter the presence of God singing songs of praise. He deserves our praise both because he made us and because, after we were broken by sin, he did not abandon us but re-made us by grace.

§ “Rejoice”

*Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty, Skye Peterson*

INTRO **VERSE 1**

♩ = 206 E A E B C#m A C#m A E A E

1. Re - joice in the Lord now and al - ways.

8 B E A E B E

Sing it a - gain, we re - joice. De - light in the love he has shown us. Grate - ful - ly lift up your voice. His

14 C#m A B E C#m A B

gen - tle - ness a - mong us will join our hearts with praise. We gath - er in his good - ness, a fam - i - ly of

CHORUS 1a

21 E C#m E A E B C#m A

grace. With each breath he's giv - en, praise the Lord. In these times we live in, we will praise the

29 E C#m E A E B C#m A

Lord. Through - out ev - 'ry sea - son, I am sure. We have ev - 'ry rea - son to praise the

TURNAROUND **VERSE 2**

E A E B C#m A E A E B

Lord. 2. Re - joice and be anx - ious for noth - ing Pray - ing for all that you

44 E A E B E

need. Come with a song of thanks - giv - ing. Lay your re - quest at his feet. His

49 C#m A B E C#m A B

peace will fall up - on us to guard our hearts and minds. In Christ, who reigns e - ter - nal, Shep - herd of our

56 E N.C. D.S. al Coda

lives. With each

57 Coda INSTRUMENTAL A E A E B C#m A C#m A

praise the Lord. 3. Re -

VERSE 3

E A E B E A E

joyce in the Lord, now and al - ways. Tell of the good he has done. Wor - ship the Lord to re - mem - ber

69 B E C#m A B E

all of the joy yet to come. The hope that burns with - in us, the dark can - not de - stroy. With

CHORUS 1b

75 C#m A B E C#m B/D# E

praise that's nev - er end - ing, we say a - gain re - joice. With each breath he's giv - en,

81 A E B C#m A E C#m

praise the Lord. In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord. Through - out ev - 'ry

88 E A E B C#m A E

sea - son, I am sure. We have ev - 'ry rea - son to praise the Lord. We have

OUTRO

TAG B C#m A E A E B C#m A E

ev - 'ry rea - son to praise the Lord. —

§ “This Is My Father’s World”

Maltbie Babcock, Franklin Sheppard

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning ears
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world: The birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world: Oh, let me ne'er for - get

All na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought
 This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair;
 This is my Fa - ther's world, The bat - tle is not done:

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the won - ders wrought.
 In the rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me eve - ry - where.
 Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

CONFESSION OF SIN

In God's presence, we have to be honest about who we are. No more excuses. We confess our sins together aloud, and then confess in silence individually.

All: God Most High, we confess that we have sinned. We confess we are not worthy to receive your kingdom. We confess we do not deserve to possess your kingdom. With one voice we acknowledge that our sin has taken us far from you. And we thank you for crossing that distance, which we could never cross ourselves. Pardon us, Lord, and make us worthy of your kingdom through the death of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SELF-EXAMINATION & SILENT CONFESSION

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We don't have to hide our faults because we take comfort in God's all-forgiving grace. As you hear the words from Scripture, be assured of God's pardon to all who believe.

The saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.

Daniel 7.18

GLORIA PATRI

We glorify the Triune God for the great salvation he has ordained, accomplished for us, and applied to our hearts.

§ "Gloria Patri"

*Lesser Doxology, 2nd Century
Nathan George*

♩ = 90 F C B^b F B^b C B^b C F F C

Glor-y be -to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

7 B^b F B^b C B^b C D_m D_m/C B^b C F C B^b C F

gin -ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

SING THANKS TO GOD

Now that God has assured us of pardon, we sing a song of gratitude to glorify him.

§ “Song Refrain: Psalm 125”

Music by Cameron Brooks

REFRAIN (x2 - join musicians on the second round)

As the mountains surround Jerusalem so the LORD surrounds his
 peo - ple from this ti - me forth and for - ev - er - more

Reader: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
 which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 so the LORD surrounds his people,
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
 on the land allotted to the righteous,
 lest the righteous stretch out
 their hands to do wrong.

REFRAIN

Reader: Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
 and to those who are upright in their hearts!
 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
 the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
 Peace be upon Israel!

REFRAIN (x2)

† We long for more depth.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All that we have has been provided by God, and he asks that we give a portion back as a form of worship. We do not pass a plate at Grace, but we pray to dedicate offerings. You can give in the black box at the rear of the sanctuary near the sound booth, via mail, or online at graceforsiouxfalls.org.

SCRIPTURE READING

If we long for more depth, that depth is found in the Bible, where God has revealed himself to us. Through the reading of the Bible, God speaks to us.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4.5–12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Part of our worship is to make our needs known to God through prayer. An officer of the church offers prayer on behalf of the congregation, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. If you would like to request prayer, please speak to one of the officers.

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CLASS DISMISSED:
TEACH ME TO WORSHIP (AGES 4-6)

§ "Ancient of Days"

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves*

♩ = 80

C Am G C/E F G Am C/E

5 F G(sus4) G C(sus4) C

1. Though the

9 Verse
C Am G Dm Am

na - tions rage king - doms rise and fall there is
dread of night ov - er - whelms my soul He is

13 F C/E Am D7 G

still one King reign - ing ov - er all So I
here with me I am not a - lone O his

17 C Am G C/E F G Am

will not fear for this truth re - mains: That my
love is sure and he knows my name For my

21 F G(sus4) G C(sus4) C

God is the An - cient of Days None a -
God is the An - cient of Days

25 Chorus
F Am F G C

bove him none be - fore him all of time in his hands For His

29 F Am G G

throne it shall re - main and ev - er stand All the

33 F Am F G C
 pow - er all the glo - ry I will trust in His name For my

37 F G(sus4) G [1. C(sus4) C] 2.Though the

Lead Break

41 2. F Am F C/E
 days

45 F G(sus4) G C(sus4) C
 3.Though I

Verse 3

49 C Am G Dm Am
 may not see what the fu - ture brings I will

53 F C/E Am D7 G
 watch and wait for the sav - iour king then my

57 C Am G F G Am
 joy comp - lete stand - ing face to face in the

61 F G(sus4) G C(sus4) C
 pres - ence of the An - cient of Days None a -

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

As the word of God is proclaimed, receive the message of grace and be transformed.

OLIVET: PREPARING FOR THE END

MATTHEW 24-25, PART 5

“STAY AWAKE!”

Rev. J. Mark Bertrand

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 24.32-51

† We long for more community.

§ CONFSSION OF FAITH

Together we confess “the faith once delivered to the saints,” joining our voices to represent the unity of our hearts and minds, speaking the same words as countless believers who have gone before us.

Minister: Christians, what has Christ’s sacrifice purchased?

**All: The Lord Jesus,
by his perfect obedience,
and sacrifice of himself,
which he through the eternal Spirit,
once offered up unto God,
has fully satisfied the justice of his Father;
and purchased, not only reconciliation,
but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven,
for those whom the Father has given unto him.**

Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to come forward.

IF YOU ARE NOT YET A BELIEVER, have not yet made a public profession of faith, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

§ Please stand.

Come Forward to Partake of the Lord's Supper

Communion is a time of joy in which we feast with Christ. We eat and drink at Christ's table, symbolized by the serving table at the front of the sanctuary.

TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, come forward by rows. We move forward up the center aisles and return to our seats down the outer aisles. You will receive and eat the bread, then advance to receive the cup. After you drink, you may return to your seat. Children who have not yet made professions of faith and been admitted to the Table may accompany their parents forward. All the bread is gluten-free. The red cups contain wine, while the clear cups contain juice.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FORWARD, we invite you to join us by using the pre-packaged communion elements available in the reception area.

COMMUNION SONG

As we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together, we sing a song of joy in the salvation we have in Jesus Christ.

§ "This Is The Feast of Victory"

John W. Arthur, Richard Hillert

Refrain

D Bm F#m G A7 Bm D/F#

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

Em7 A7 D F Em A A7 Em A7 D

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!

D F#m Bm D Bm D G

- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Em A7 Bm F#m G Em Asus A7

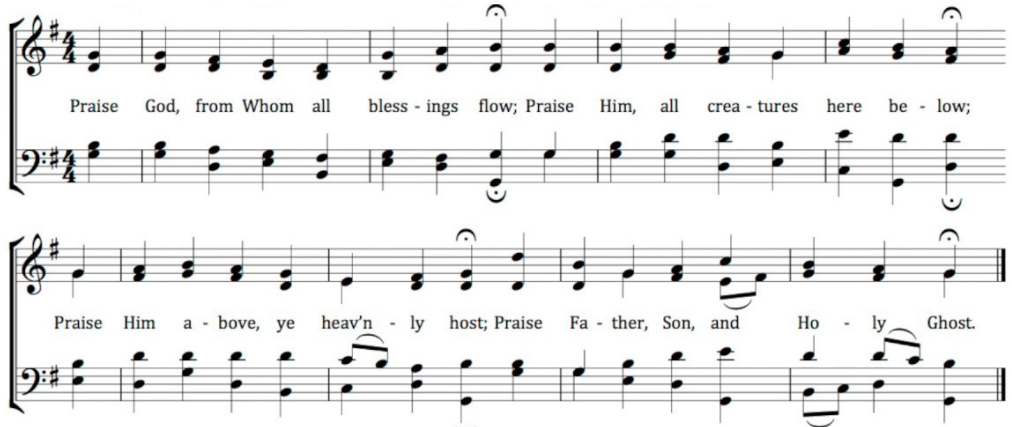
to Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

CLOSING WORDS

Encouragement to take the hope of the Gospel into the world to which Christ has called us as salt and light.

§ Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

BENEDICTION

As we depart, God's blessing rests upon us with this benediction.

Minsiter: Peace be multiplied to you! The saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.

People: *Amen.*

Daniel 4.2, 7.18



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE AFTER THE SERVICE, PLEASE MEET AT THE FRONT, RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

Let's Memorize Scripture Together

This semester our churchwide Sunday School memorization passage is **EPHESIANS 2.1-10**. Here is the schedule for recitation:

January 21

vv. 8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

January 28

v. 10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

February 4

Review vv. 8-10

February 11

vv. 1-2a

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked,

February 18 (Presidents' Day)

No Sunday School

February 25

v. 2b

following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

March 3

v. 3

among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and

were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

March 10 (Daylight Savings)

No Sunday School

March 17

Review vv. 1-3, 8-10

March 24

v. 4

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

March 31 (Easter)

No Sunday School

April 7

v. 5

even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

April 14

v. 6

and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

TODAY: April 21

v. 7

so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

April 28

Review vv. 4-10

May 5

Review vv. 1-10

Financial Reports

GIVING REPORT

LAST WEEK

<i>General Fund</i>	\$1,585
<i>Vision Fund</i>	\$50
<i>Benevolence Fund</i>	\$50
<i>Foreign Mission</i>	\$0

YEAR TO DATE

<i>General Fund</i>	\$86,475
<i>Vision Fund</i>	\$7,290
<i>Benevolence Fund</i>	\$935
<i>Foreign Mission</i>	\$245
Total	\$95,004

2024 BUDGETED

<i>Year to Date</i>	\$106,731 (-20,256)
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VISION FUND

IN ACCOUNT

<i>Investment</i>	\$231,571
<i>Returns</i>	\$11,957
<i>Bank Balance</i>	\$0
<i>Giving (Apr)</i>	\$550
TOTAL	\$244,078

GOAL

<i>Final Goal</i>	\$1,000,000
<i>Remaining to Fund</i>	\$755,922
<i>Percentage Funded</i>	24.4%

Mission of the Month: Worldview Academy

Worldview Academy applies the Bible's timeless wisdom to the complexities of modern life. Through summer leadership camps for teens, church conferences, and online resources, Worldview equips students for discipleship and service.

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TODAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday School
9:50 am Preparation for Worship
10:00 am Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:15 pm Women's Bible Study (Ann Hutchinson's)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:40 pm Youth Group (at Living Hope)
 Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 am Men's Coffee (Coffea on Louise)

Small Groups

*Small Groups meet on the first and third Sundays and
Wednesdays of the month. Ask Pastor Dan for info.*

*Join the Grace online com-
munity by signing up for
RealmConnect:*



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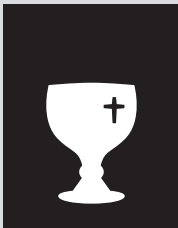
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