

## **PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

March 29, 2015

John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Zechariah 9:9–12

Philippians 2:5–11

Mark 14:1—15:47

### ***The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross***

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, “*sitting on a donkey’s colt,*” yet as the King of Israel “*in the name of the Lord*” (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out “*the ruler of this world*” and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to “*rejoice greatly,*” because her King comes with salvation, and “*he shall speak peace to the nations*” (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed “*beforehand for burial*” (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as “*the King of the Jews*” by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes “*as it is written of him,*” wherefore “*you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power*” (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So God the Father has “*highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*” (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

### **Life Quote for the week of March 29, 2015**

“A Christian father will also serve as spiritual priest of the family. As such he is to nourish the souls of the children, teaching them about the Lord, His will for their lives, and about His loving, gracious, and merciful ways.” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*



### **Constitution revision process continues**

The Church Council has begun the process of reviewing and revising the constitution and bylaws of Grace to better reflect our size and our ministry needs. This group will meet on a regular basis until the task is complete and a proposal is presented to the congregation for approval. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 8th. If you have any thoughts, ideas, or concerns please bring them to one of the Council members so they can be brought to the constitution revision meetings. Council members include, Dan Budd, Joe Steele, BJ Matthews, Lisa Wolf, Tomi Budd, Eric DuSoleil, Alethea Bushaw, and Pastor Matthews.

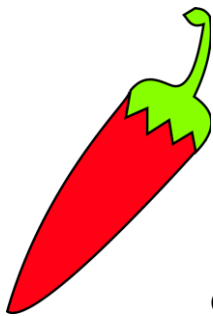
The Congregation is the only body that can approve modification of the constitution and bylaws. Any proposed changes will be given to the congregation and forums will be scheduled to discuss the revisions, before a vote to change the constitution and bylaws is called.



## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

With our transition to Good Shepherd's Annex Chapel and adjustment of our worship time to 10:45, we are able to join with Good Shepherd for Sunday School and Bible Class. Starting February 8th, at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Matthews will lead a study of our Lutheran teachings as we walk through the book, Lutheranism 101. This class will prepare anyone interested in membership at Grace for admissions as a new member, if they so desire, and it is a great refresher of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. Everyone is welcome to join in.

**Midweek Bible Study** is currently meeting Thursdays at the South Tacoma Library, located at 56<sup>th</sup> Ave and Puget Sound at 10:30. We are studying the Book of James. (Diverse opinions are welcome.)



## Chili Cook-off

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has invited us to join with them today** for an after service gathering for food and fellowship. Good Shepherd gathers whenever there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month, for a time of eating and visiting. This month the theme gathering features a chili cook-off. Everyone is invited. If you are so inclined, you can bring your favorite chili to share with the crowd.



# *Prayer*

Requests

## **Prayer Requests**

Dan Budd – relief from back pain  
Laird Kelly – relief from back pain  
Joy Schoolmaster  
Pauline Silvernail – healing and strength  
Edith Luco – recovering from surgery  
Carson Livingston – broken wrist  
Kirk Danielson – diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis  
Eric Steele – recovering from stroke  
Calvin Rose (father of Chris Rose) – kidney problems  
Kaleb Reis (son of Rev. Jeff Reis) – Optic nerve atrophy and hip problems  
Peggy Walker (friend of Pauline Silvernail) – fighting cancer  
Arden Rowe (son of Amanda Rowe) born with some physical challenges  
Mike and Karen Matzen – Mike battling cancer  
Mike Day – battling cancer  
Glenn Anderson – cancer  
Betty Danielson- Knee surgery



## *Scripture Readings*

for next week

## **Prepare for next week**

Spend a few minutes this week reading and thinking about the appointed scriptures for next week.

Isaiah 25:6–9  
1 Corinthians 15:1–11  
Mark 16:1–8



### **This Week at Grace**

Today      2:00 p.m.    Manor Care Worship

Tuesday    10:00 a.m.    Betty Ann Circle

Thursday   10:30 a.m.    Mid-week Bible Study @ South Tacoma  
              7:00p.m.    Maundy Thursday Service

Friday      7:00p.m.      Good Friday Service

Next Sun.   9:00 a.m.    Easter Breakfast with Good Shepherd  
              9:30 a.m.    **No** Lutheranism 101 class  
              10:45 a.m.    Divine Service with Holy Communion

