

Opportunities For Offering Tonight

Above all else we ask you to come and just enjoy the importance of the cross and the significance of it's sacrificial love and forgiveness and salvation for our lives. If you would like to support the ministry of Grace Church you have that opportunity. Following the worship service there will be offering plates in the entryway for you to contribute if you so desire. Please understand this is only an option. Most importantly, thanks for joining us as we walk the journey of the cross of our Saviour & Lord!

Easter Sunday April 4th

7 a.m. Sunrise Worship

Led by our young adults and our Youth Director Dallas Rostad

8 a.m. Breakfast in Grace Hall

9 a.m. Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary

10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in Grace Hall

11 a.m. Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary



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Church Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Grace Hall

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Coffee Fellowship at 8:45 & 10:00 a.m. in Grace Hall

Sunday School for all ages from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: *Rev. Bob Kandels*

Parish Nurse: *Trudy Hershner*

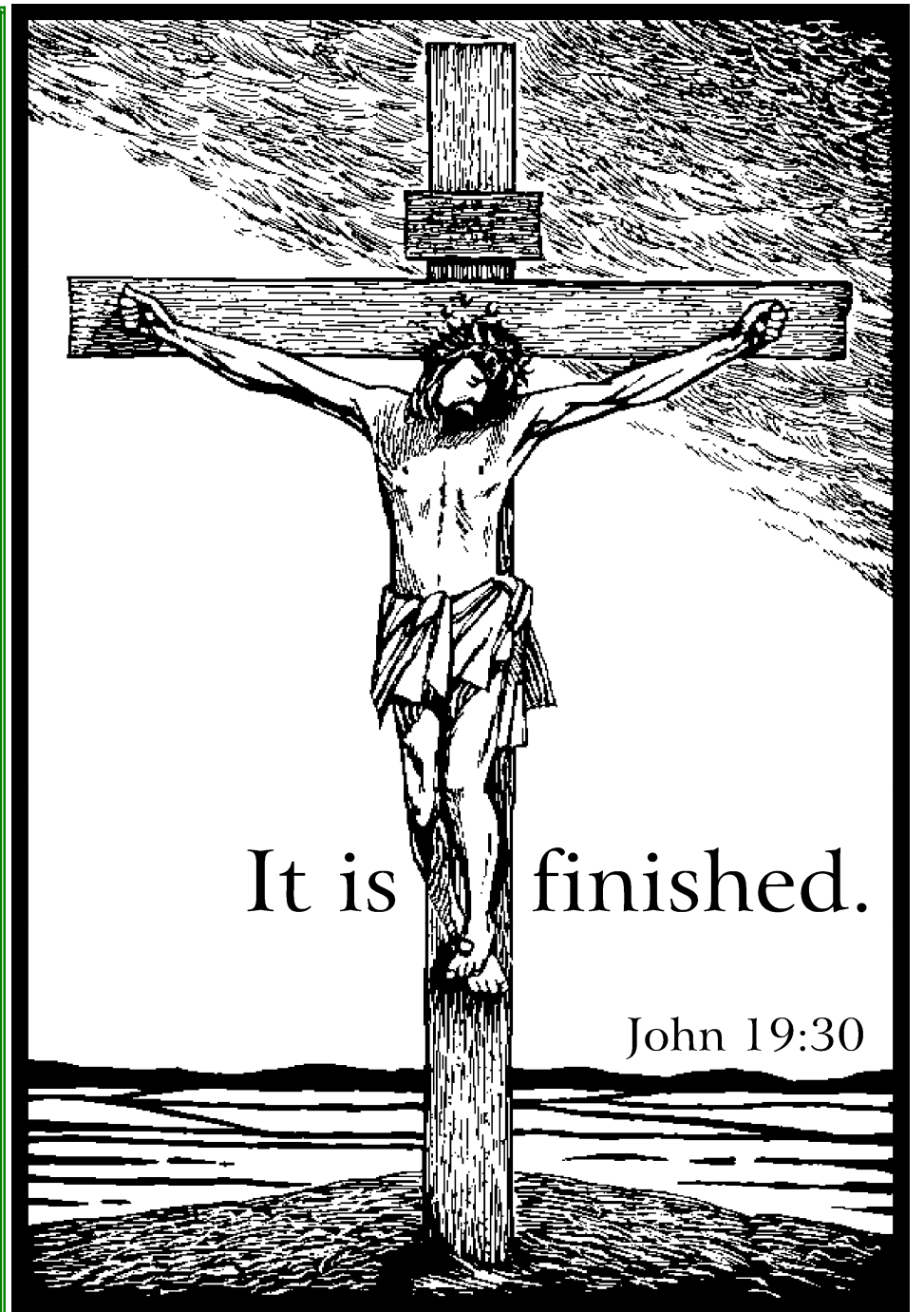
Secretary: *Mary Hiedeman*

Youth Director: *Dallas Rostad*

Education Director: *Carolyn Lunde*

Grace United Methodist Church

"Growing in Grace - Sharing the Journey"



It is finished.

John 19:30

Good Friday

Good Friday Drama - Stations of the Cross

April 2nd, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Robert A. Kandels

Organist: Genevieve Rostad

Prelude

*Traditional Hymn: #261

Lord of the Dance: (Verses 1 through 4)

*Greeting One Another & Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Isaiah 53:1-6

Leader: Who believes what we've heard and seen? Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this?

Congregation: The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field.

Leader: There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look.

Congregation: He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand.

Leader: One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum.

Congregation: But the fact is, it was our pains he carried— our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us.

*Gospel Lesson:

John 19:16-30

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BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE SERVICE:

Tonight our service focuses on the Stations of the Cross. Each station depicts a scene dealing with Christ's last few days on earth. As you witness each scene, imagine that you are there seeing it for yourself. Listen to the words and allow the words to express the thoughts of our Savior in each scene and possibly your own reply. Imagine Jesus saying, "These nine steps you are now about to walk you do not walk alone. I walk with you therefore, my way of the cross so long ago and your 'way' now are also one. But note this difference, my life was incomplete until I crowned it by my death. Your nine steps will only be complete when you have crowned them by your life."

"The Stations of the Cross"

Station One—Jesus is Condemned

Station Two—Jesus Takes His Cross

Station Three—Jesus Meets His Mother

Station Four—Simon Helps Jesus

Station Five—Jesus Falls Again

Station Six—Jesus Consols the Women

Station Seven—Jesus is Stripped

Station Eight—Jesus is Crucified

Station Nine—Jesus Dies

"Cast of Characters"

Christ: Sam Makovsky

Pilate: Dan Gerber

Roman Soldiers: Dallas Rostad & John Kandels

Mary: Amber Makovsky

Other Women: Trudy Hershner

Simon: Dan Gerber

Soloist: Genevieve Rostad

Readers: Pastor Bob Kandels & Mary Hanson

Stage Hands, Sound & Lighting: Kevin Knapp & Dan Prischmann

This presentation concludes to the music titled "Lead to the Cross" sung by Genevieve Rostad. Following the special music, the sanctuary will be darkened at the last scene. The pastor will conclude the worship service with a prayerful benediction. You are invited to remain in the sanctuary as long as needed for prayer, thought, and guided reflection following the last scene and song. Please leave the sanctuary silently, maintaining the spirit of worship befitting of this solemn evening.

*Prayerful Benediction

John 19:16-30 (NIV)

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