



Friday, April 18, 7:00 P.M.—Good Friday



**Saturday, April 19, 10:00 A.M.—
Easter Egg Hunt
& Games for children**



**Sunday, April 20—Easter
6:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.**

Easter Breakfast—7:30–9:00 A.M.



MAUNDY THURSDAY



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

7:00 P.M.

This day draws its name from Mandatum, the Latin word for “commandment.” Our attention on this night is focused towards the Lord’s Supper as a tangible expression of our Lord’s commandment for us to love one another. The stripping of the Chancel is a reminder that our Lord was stripped of his garments and his dignity.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” ELW, #347

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22

Please depart in silence!

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I Come to the Garden Alone

VERSE 1

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

CHORUS:

**And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

VERSE 2

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

VERSE 3

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke

Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnist:** Kathy Harrison

Reader: Heidi Davison **Ushers:** Marv & Ev Kelley

Communion Assts.: _ & _

Screen: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Ron Freund

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Gethsemane Prayer” Choir

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

PSALM: Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Let Your Steadfast Love...” ELW, p. 189

GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31–35

HYMN OF THE DAY: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW, #611

SERMON: “Living Bread from Heaven” Pastor Barb Lemke

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

P Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God's love for all who are in need.

P God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
C **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”	ELW, #473
“I Come to the Garden Alone”	<i>see p. 5</i>
“O Living Bread from Heaven”	ELW, #542
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	ELW, #759
“Jesus, Remember Me”	ELW, #616