



# Holy Week

*Remembering and Making Present*

Worship Services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday

**Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church**

Huntley, Illinois

*For those planning to attend Maundy Thursday,  
Good Friday and Saturday Worship,  
please keep this booklet and  
use it for worship these three days.*

# Maundy Thursday

## April 17, 2025

### In Remembrance of Me

#### As We Gather

*Welcome to the longest service of the church year. In the earliest tradition of the church, the three services included in the packet are one. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday flow from one gathering to the other as we walk alongside Jesus these three days. Tonight, we are participants in the two great commandments given by our Lord, “love one another” and “do this in remembrance of me.” We hear Peter not wishing his feet to be washed and Jesus' response, “unless I wash you, you have no place in my kingdom.” When we receive Jesus' body and blood, we remember and proclaim Jesus' death. As the writer of Hebrews explains, now there is no longer a need for further sacrifice. God remembers God's steadfast love and, for Jesus' sake, forgets our sins. We are, therefore, able to come into God's presence and also move one another to love and good works.*

#### Prelude Michael Waal

#### God Welcomes Us (PR)

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

**The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

(Psalm 34:7-10)

#### Song *Three Holy Days, Enfold Us Now* ACS 930 see screen

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

**And with you also.**

#### Prayer (PR)

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. **Amen.**

#### The Offering is Received

Maundy Thursday offerings this year will be directed to  
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

## Confession—Romans 3 and 4 (PR)

Lord, on this, the night you were betrayed, you gave Christian to Christian, sister to sister, brother to brother in the bonds of your strong love.

**I have not loved others as myself. I have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Lord, on this, the night you were betrayed, you offered up your own body and blood that all may be in Holy Communion with the Father.

**I have not loved the Lord my God with my whole heart, my whole soul, my whole mind, my whole strength. I have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

They are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

**For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

God did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

**For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Have mercy, Lord Jesus.**

David speaks of the blessedness of those to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin." Having heard your confession and by his command, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Sung Response *Jesus, Remember Me* ELW 616

The image displays two systems of musical notation for the song 'Jesus, Remember Me' (ELW 616). Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

## **“The Living Last Supper”**

*(As we participate in worship tonight, we remember the night Jesus was betrayed. The washing of feet as a symbol of loving service, the meal instituted by Jesus as nourishment for the journey of faith, and the betrayal are all part of this night. Listen to the disciples' message as they share a brief reflection upon their life, in relationship to Christ. Each reflection is a response to Jesus telling the disciples that one of them will betray him.)*

### **Communion Distribution Music**

*Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

*Here Is Bread* ELW 483

*Now We Join in Celebration* ELW 462

### **Stripping of the Altar**

*The meaning of this moment is manifold. 1. The altar represents Christ's body in two ways. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. Also, it is symbolic of the care that was given to his body after his death, Upon the death of any Jewish person, the body is reverently stripped of all clothing and other items. 2. It represents the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples. 3. The stripped altar represents the barrenness of the cross and helps us reflect on the emptiness of the world without Christ. 4. It is symbolic of the Israelites having to leave quickly to follow Moses out of bondage. God is telling us to pack everything. We leave this space a somber people, weighed down by sin, but we return a brand new community of believers on Easter morning.*

Removal of the Bread and Wine - Psalm 22:1-5

Removal of the Altar Candles - Psalm 22:6-8

Removal of the Paraments - Psalm 22:11-17

Removal of the Fair linen from the altar - Psalm 22:18-21

### **Song**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803 vv. 1, 4

### **Entrance of the Crown of Thorns**

*(In silence, a crown of thorns is processed and placed on the altar. There is a time of silent meditation. The congregation leaves the sanctuary in silence, and is invited to return, tomorrow night, for the continuation of this service.)*

**Good Friday**  
**April 18, 2025**  
**It is Finished**

*God shows God's love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8

**Anthem**      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*      arr. Bradley Elingboe  
Adult Choir with Jan Spees, oboe

**Meditation**      Pastor Mark Boster

(please stand as you are able)

**We Enter into Christ Suffering, Psalm 31 - (PM)**

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!

**Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You**

and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

**In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of people; You store them in Your shelter from the strife of tongues.**

Blessed be the LORD,

**for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.**

I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from Your sight."

**But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.**

Love the LORD, all you His saints!

**The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

**In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!**

**Hymn**    *God Loved the World*    ELW 323    verses 1,2,4,5

(PR) O LORD, do not stay far away! You are my strength; come quickly to my aid!

**Save me from the sword; spare my precious life from these dogs.**

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, I will praise you among your assembled people.

**Praise the LORD, all you who fear him! Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob! Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!**

For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help.

**I will praise you in the great assembly. I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.**

Our children will also serve him, and future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.

**His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything he has done.**

## **Anthem**

*God So Loved the World*  
Adult Choir

John Stainer

## **Responsive Reading (PR)**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
**so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world  
**but in order that the world might be saved through him.** *(John 3:16-17)*

(you may be seated)

## **The Prayers Appointed for Good Friday (PM will intro/PR will read prayer)**

*Let us pray for the holy church throughout the world.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.

By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world.

Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,

and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for Elizabeth and Stacie our bishops, for Mark and Ryan our pastors, for all servants of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, and for all the people of God.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,

your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.

Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors,

other ministers, and lay leaders.

Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,

and help each of us in our various vocations

to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.

Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.

Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,

and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,

long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.

Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own

may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace

all those who call out to you under different names.

Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses

of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,

you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.

Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace

in the world and in the lives of Christians,

and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for God's creation.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you are the creator of a magnificent universe.  
Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care  
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Let us pray for those who serve in public office.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.  
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,  
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,  
and a share in the goodness of your creation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Let us pray for those in need.*

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart.  
Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,  
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,  
and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.  
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,  
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

**Hymn**                      *Ah, Holy Jesus*    ELW 349                      vv. 1-3

**John's Account of Jesus' Passion**    John 18:1-14

Stan Chrisman  
**Candle 1**

**Hymn**    *Ah, Holy Jesus*    ELW 349    vv. 4-5

(you may be seated)

**Peter's Denial of Jesus**    John 18:15-18, 25-27

Stephanie Mondello  
**Candle 2**



## A Call to Remember (based on Isaiah 53) (PM)

For he grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground;

**He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.**

He was a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering.

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray.

**We have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

# Jesus before Pilate

John 18:28-32, 19:1-3

Tim Bueschell

### Candle 3

**Hymn**    *Chief of Sinners*    ELW 609    vv. 1-3

# Jesus on his Way to Calvary

## John 19:14-19

John Boehler

### Candle 4

**Hymn**    *Chief of Sinners*    ELW 609    vv. 4-5

# The Crucifixion of Jesus

## John 19:23-29

Adam Cruz

## Candle 5

**Hymn**    *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*    ELW 351    vv. 1-2

# The Death of Jesus

## John 19:30-37

Marcia Ball

## Candle 6

(please stand as you are able)

**Hymn** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW 351 vv. 3-4

(you may be seated)

## Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

## John 19:38-42

Austin Dennison

## Candle 7

**Hymn**    *Were You There*    ELW 353    v. 1, 2    Congregation  
v. 5    Shannon McMullen, soloist

## The Slamming of the Book

## The Whispering of the Lord's Prayer

*(The congregation leaves the sanctuary in silence and is invited to return tomorrow night for the conclusion of this service.)*

# Holy Saturday

## April 19, 2025

### Waiting for Easter

#### Prelude

#### Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

Siblings in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, we proclaim Christ's death and the hope of resurrection, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Tonight is a night of remembering the past while looking, with hope, toward the future. As we honor Jesus' passover from death to eternal life we will come to the font to remember and reaffirm our baptism, we will receive healing and wholeness through oil and prayer, and we will light a candle in honor and hope. On this night, we remember that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death and we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ.

#### Prayer

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**    *We are Baptized in Christ Jesus*    ELW 451

**Reading**    Isaiah 55:1-11

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel**    John 19:38-42

**Message**    Pastor Ryan Mackey

**Hymn**    *You are Mine*    ELW 581

## Prayers of Intercession

### Stations of Remembrance, Healing, and Hope

*There are three stations at the front of the nave. You are invited to approach any or all of the stations as the Spirit moves you, in any order you choose.*

Remembrance: *In Christ, you are a new creation. In the baptismal waters, you are cleansed and claimed. You are a beautifully and wonderfully made child of God. You are invited to the baptismal font to remember and affirm your baptism.*

Healing: *The brokenness of this world causes trauma, grief, fear, and regret to be ever-present in our lives. God hears our calls for help and relief. Through prayer, we can receive healing and wholeness through the Holy Spirit. You are invited to approach Pastor Ryan or Deacon Judy Rooney to ask for prayers and receive a blessing with oil.*

Hope: *Christ's light shines in you richly and shines through you into others. May the light of Christ's love comfort you, energize you, and inspire you to share His light with everyone you meet. You are invited to the candle station to light a candle in remembrance of Christ's dwelling in you and to receive a candle to take out into the world. (please wait until the end of the service to light the candle you receive)*

## Sharing of Peace

### Offering

(please rise in body or spirit)

### Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in nourishing the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for Light

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being,  
and you set light in the sky to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:

may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

*Christ Be Our Light*

ELW 715

*Battery powered candles will be distributed.*

*Please wait to light your candle until after the Sending Hymn.*

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Creator, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory*

ELW 561

## Preparing to Share Christ's Light with the World

*You are invited to light your candle. The candle is yours to keep as a reminder that you are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.*

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Light of Christ with everyone you meet.

**Thanks be to God.**



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