

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 18

Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt - 3:00 p.m.

APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise - 7:00 a.m.

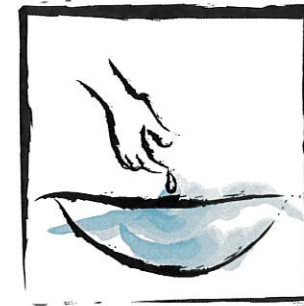
Easter Breakfast - Following Sunrise

Easter Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY



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WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

*Invitation and confession

P: In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism: God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of His love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

In this, we who receive God's love and forgiveness in Christ Jesus are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became a servant to all.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in His love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with His disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of Himself fully given, and present in, with and under the elements of bread and wine and we participate in this new covenant loving others as Christ loves us and inviting them into a life of reconciliation with God and one another.

P: Let us make confession to God.

C: *Almighty God, merciful Father:*

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being: forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. 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.*

*Greeting

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*Prayer of the Day

* Please stand as able

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Altar Candles are extinguished, the sacramental elements, linens, paraments, banner and Bibles are removed from the worship space as a symbolic representation of what Jesus suffered for us this night. All Altar/Parament committee members (and any member of the congregation who wishes to assist) are invited to assist in the stripping of the altar.

Psalm 22 (read in unison)

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Psalm 88 (read in unison)

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There is no blessing or dismissal and all are ask to depart in silence following the stripping of the Altar and the exit of the altar cross, pastor, and choir from the sanctuary.

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY: The Word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "commandment." On that first Thursday in Holy Week, Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another as He had loved them. He also instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and instructed them that this was a sign of His new covenant.

At the conclusion of the Service, there will be no closing benediction or the Doxology. Instead, we will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar. This act has both a practical and symbolic value in the Church's worship. Practically, it sets the stark stage for the Good Friday Liturgy. Symbolically, it represents the indignities which Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers which included the stripping of His garments in preparation for the Crucifixion.

Following the Stripping of the Altar, the processional cross will depart and will pass through the congregation in silence. The congregation will then depart in silence. No greetings will be exchanged in the narthex on either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

- P. In remembrance of those who during their lives loved and served You and are now embraced in Your love forever, help us to follow their example of love and service, as we await that day when we join them in the eternal feast of heaven. In prayer,
 C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

- P. You make us one in the body and blood of Christ, O Lord. Let both our individual prayers and these prayers of our worshiping community rise to You, for You promise to hear them and to give us what is good, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
 C. **Amen.**

The Offertory

***The Offertory Anthem** *"I Am the Lamb"* Choir
 ***The Offertory Prayer** **Page 67**

- P. Merciful Father,
 C. **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

***The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)** **Page 68**

- 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 Lord our God
 C. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

***The Eucharistic Prayer** **Page 70**

***The Lord's Prayer** **Page 71**
(We Sit)

Holy Communion *All are welcome at the Lord's table.*
We will receive Holy Communion by Intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to the Altar to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Holy Communion where you are.

***Post Communion blessing and prayer**

Hymn
(We sit)

"A New Commandment" *(sing twice)* **WOV Hymn 664**

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Psalms 116:12-19

¹²What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
¹³**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**
¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**
¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**
¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹**in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," ¹⁷then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good

works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

***Gospel Acclamation** **“Return to the Lord”** **Page 63**
Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

***Gospel** **Luke 22:7-20**

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

Sermon **“God on Trial: Respite”** **Pastor Randy Drafts**
(We sit)

***Hymn of the Day** **“Where Charity and Love Prevail”** **Hymn 126**

WE OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING TO GOD

***The Apostles’ Creed** **Page 65**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

*The Prayers

P. Remembering Jesus’ love shown in both the washing of His disciples’ feet and in instituting the Lord’s Supper, let us bring our prayers before the Father, trusting in His abundant mercy for us.

For the Church, that, following Jesus’ example of washing feet, we obey His command and love one another as He has loved us. And that, nourished by Christ’s body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, our lives reflect the One who first gave the Supper.
In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For leaders throughout the world, for national, regional, and local leaders, that they choose to lead as servants rather than as lords. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For those in our community who struggle with poverty, addiction, or unemployment, that You use us to serve them and love them as You loved and served them during Your earthly ministry. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For those who are sick, hospitalized, or dying, [*including . . .*]. Bless them with Your presence and heal them according to Your will. Use us to touch their lives in ways that reflect Your servant heart. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For this congregation, that You guide us toward being a people known in our community for serving others in love, as You loved and served Your disciples by the washing of feet and giving them the food of Your body and blood. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**