

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 28, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

To prepare for the Sacrament you may wish to use pages 295-296 of the blue hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Psalm Choir..... Andrew Kramer, Dir.
Vocalist..... Michaela Bubolz (Student Teacher)

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday

Service of the Seven Words - 1:00 p.m.

Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) - 6:30 p.m.

On Good Friday the office is closed. The building remains dark and quiet.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service - 6:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Festival Service - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

All three Easter services include the Lord's Supper.

Easter Monday

There is no Monday (April 1) evening service.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Welcome! This evening begins a special time of unhurried meditation for Christians. You will note these features of today's Maundy Thursday service:

Closing of the Lenten season: We finish the season of Lent with the sermon. The sermon comes first in this service.

Confession and Absolution: Perhaps more than any other service in the year we focus on confessing our sins, and receiving God's forgiveness in Christ through our pastor. We anticipate His forgiveness also in the Lord's Supper.

The High Priestly Prayer: An adaptation of Christ's High Priestly Prayer (John 17) in the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday evening will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Supper: This is the highpoint of the evening, when Christ instituted for all time His Holy Sacrament for our salvation, and commanded (Maundo) us to keep on doing this in remembrance of Him.

Christ's Command to Love Each Other: Maundy is from the Latin word Maundo, which means "to command." One of the final commands Christ gave us before His departure is "Love one another as I have loved you." Love is a fruit of the Sacrament. We will sing a hymn based on Christ's words from John 15.

The Reading of Psalm 88: As you hear the words of this psalm, imagine Jesus speaking them. This psalm reminds us how Christ was abandoned by His closest friends in the Garden of Gethsemane.

No Blessing at the End: There is no blessing because our observance of Christ's Passion continues on Good Friday.

OPENING HYMN

Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth | CW93 126

The congregation will sing the verses marked "The Soul."

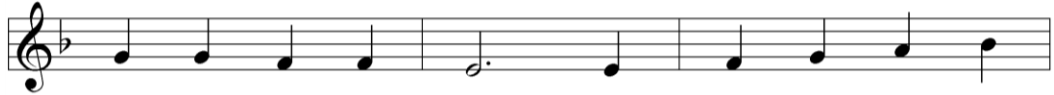
The presider will sing the verses marked "Jesus."



(The Soul:) 1 Lord Je - sus, you are go - ing forth
 (Jesus:) 2 O soul, come hith - er and be - hold
 (The Soul:) 3 'Tis I, Lord Je - sus, I con - fess,
 (Jesus:) 4 O soul, I take up - on me now
 (The Soul:) 5 What can I for such love di - vine



For me your life to of - fer, For me, a
 The fruit of your trans - gres - sion! My bur - den
 Who should have borne sin's wag - es And lost the
 The pain you should have suf - fered. My death will
 To you, Lord Je - sus, ren - der? No mer - it



sin - ner from my birth, Who caused all you must
 is the curse of old And for your sin my
 peace of heav - 'nly bliss Through ev - er - last - ing
 your re - lease al - low; My gift is free - ly
 has this heart of mine; Yet while I live I'll



suf - fer. So be it, then, My dear - est Friend;
 pas - sion. Now comes the night Of sin's dread might;
 a - ges. In - stead you go To bear the blow,
 of - fered. The curse I choose That you might lose
 ten - der My - self a - lone And all I own



I fol - low af - ter, weep - ing, Tears flow - ing free
Your guilt I here am bear - ing. Oh, weigh it, soul;
My pun - ish - ment to car - ry. Your death and blood
Sin's curse and guilt for - ev - er. My gift of love
In love to serve be - fore you. Then when time's past,



Your pain to see, Watch o'er your sor - rows keep - ing.
I make you whole, No need now of de - spair - ing.
Lead me to God; By grace I there may tar - ry.
From heav'n a - bove Will give you bless - ing ev - er.
Take me at last; In heav'n I shall a - dore you.

Text: Kaspar F. Nachtenhöfer, 1624–85, st. 1-3, 5; Magnus D. Omeis, 1646–1708, st. 4; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

SERMON

Luke 23:49

The Moment of Christ's Death
Those who knew him... watched at a distance.

Please remain seated

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

m In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering, which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also 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.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion 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 drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

m Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Please stand

C Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

EXHORTATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions toward each other.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as proof of your atoning sacrifice. Give us repentance and faith to receive the blessings of this Sacrament for our eternal good. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:21-30

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and take lambs for yourselves according to your family size, and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²You shall take a bundle of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and paint the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you are to go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³When the LORD passes through to strike Egypt and sees the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

²⁴“You shall observe these instructions as a perpetual regulation for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you just as he said he would, you shall observe this ceremony. ²⁶So when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷you will say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the Passover to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. When he struck the Egyptians, he spared our houses.’”

The people bowed down and worshipped. ²⁸The Israelites went and did all this. They did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, even all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰During the night Pharaoh got up—he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians—and there was a loud outcry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

The Word of the Lord.

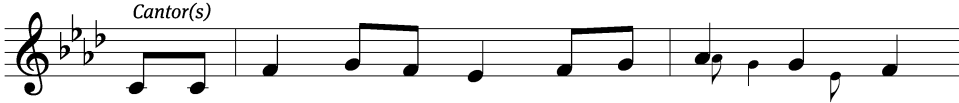
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 116C

The choir will sing through the whole first verse and refrain. The congregation is invited to join in singing the remainder of the "all" sections and refrains. **The refrain is on the following page.**

Verses



- 1 For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
- 2 In the cords of my death, I was tan - gled round:
- 3 God is mer - cy and grace and the sim - ple are blest:
- 4 God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:
- 5 What re - turn can I give for the gifts I claim?



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.



- 1 God has heard my dis - tress, and I shall not die:
- 2 Those who seek you in an - guish shall not be bound:
- 3 Raised me up in my pain, God my safe - ty and rest:
- 4 God has dried all my tears and re - newed my breath:
- 5 Lift the cup of sal - va - tion and praise your name:



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of God
in the land, in the land of the liv - ing.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,

but with the bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:12-26

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

¹⁶His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

¹⁸While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, “Surely not I?”

²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. ²¹Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “Take it. This is my body.”

²³Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Blood of the Lamb | CW21 418

A vocalist will sing verses 1-2. The congregation will sing verses 3-6.



- 1 The Fa - ther sees his chil - dren's chains. From Phar - aoh's
2 The lamb is slain as sun is set— a per - fect
3 As mid - night looms, the hour of death, God seeks the
4 Chil - dren of God, we too were slaves: our mas - ter—



land they cry in pain. To res - cue
lamb, with - out de - fect. They stain their
first - born, steals their breath, but pass - es
sin! Our end— the grave! But free - dom



them, he makes a way: the blood of the lamb.
doors with in - no - cence: the blood of the lamb.
o'er doors drenched in red: the blood of the lamb.
came in crim - son shades: the blood of the Lamb.

- 5 This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.
He gave himself as sacrifice.
His life poured out, the final price:
the blood of the Lamb.
- 6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent,
he gives us now in sacrament.
Eternal life on Christ depends:
the blood of the Lamb.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

You may remain seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - *Adapted from Christ's High Priestly Prayer in John 17*

Father in heaven, your Son, Jesus, brought you glory by completing the work here on earth for which you sent him. By your Spirit, help us to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent and so give us eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, Jesus is no longer visible to us for he has gone to you. We no longer belong to the world even as Jesus does not belong to the world. Protect us and all who believe in you by the power of your Name. Sanctify us by the truth; your Word is truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, let your Gospel go out into the world so that all whom you have chosen will believe in you. Unite all believers with you and with each other by faith. Continue to make yourself known to us through Word and Sacrament. Grant that one day, we will see your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, bless all who are about to receive Christ's real body and blood in the Sacrament. Forgive our sins. Fill us with peace. Induce us by your Spirit to love one another. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, bless us for Jesus' sake as we join to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Please stand

THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Please respect our practice of “Close Communion,” meaning we commune members of Peace and churches affiliated with Peace. For more explanation, please see the cover. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table | CW93 310



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
sole - ly in your Word, And, con - sci - ous of the sins be -
have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are



a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.



bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

The remaining verses are on the next page

6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.
Refrain

7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Refrain

8 By faith I call your holy table
The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.
Refrain

9 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Refrain

10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour.
Refrain

11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Your blood, which you for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever;
By them my hungry soul is fed.
Refrain

12 With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
It finds its peace on Calvary.
Refrain

13 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.
Refrain

14 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master
With help and strength is always near.
Refrain

15 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Refrain

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this true body and blood of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you.

Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

This Is My Will | CW21 728



1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should
 2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to
 3 I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows
 4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should
 5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwel a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should
 die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -
 all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all I
 go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in
 sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.
 bey what I com - mand that you should do.
 hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.
 me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
 mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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PSALM 88

¹O LORD, the God who saves me, by day I cry out. At night I cry before you.

²May my prayer come before you. Turn your ear to my cry.

³Indeed, my soul has had its fill of troubles, and my life has arrived at the grave.

⁴I am treated like those who go down to the pit. I am like someone without strength.

⁵I am turned loose with the dead. I am like the slain who lie in the grave,
like the ones you do not remember anymore, like those who are cut off from your hand.

⁶You have put me in the lowest pit, in dark places, in the depths.

⁷Your wrath presses against me. You have battered me with all your breakers.

⁸You have distanced my acquaintances from me. You have made me repulsive to them.

I am shut in and I cannot get out.

⁹My eyesight grows dim from affliction. I call to you, O LORD, every day.

I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰Is it for the dead that you do a miracle? Do the spirits of the dead rise up and praise you?

¹¹Is your mercy declared in the tomb, your faithfulness in decay?

¹²Is your wonderful work known in the darkness?

Is your righteousness known in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But I cry to you, O LORD, and in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴Why, O LORD, do you reject my soul? Why do you hide your face from me?

¹⁵I have been afflicted and I have been close to death since my youth.

I have endured your terrors. I am in despair.

¹⁶Your rage has swept over me. Your terrors have destroyed me.

¹⁷All day long they surround me like water. They have battered me completely.

¹⁸You have distanced my loved one and friend from me. My only friend is darkness.