

Holy Week 2025

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Welcome

We are glad you have joined us. Your children are welcome in church. When needed, a nursery is available during the service. This bulletin encompasses all worship services during Holy Week. Hymns are found in the *Lutheran Service Book* in the pew rack.

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The Most Holy Week

Holy Week encompasses the last week of the Lenten Season and begins with **Palm Sunday** which recalls our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds hailing him as the long-awaited "Son of David", the Messiah. This day has a dual focus with a joyful procession as well as a reflection on Christ's suffering.

Holy Thursday, sometimes called *Maundy Thursday*, remembers the events in the upper room the night Jesus was betrayed, namely the institution of the Lord's Supper, as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke where it is instituted. At the end of the service, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. Such stripping reminds us of Christ's own humiliation as he was stripped of his garments by the Roman soldiers as well as the abandonment in the Garden of Gethsemane and again the next day. We also contemplate our own sorrow of what will come. Making bare the space in which we worship reminds us that God meets us not only in the glory of joyful praise but especially in the bareness of our souls into which he brings the newness of life made whole.

Good Friday or Holy Friday, is the day we commemorate the death of our Savior. Our senses are painfully reminded of the cruel crucifixion our Lord suffered for our sake. This is the most solemn service of the church year – rightfully observed by entering in complete silence. The "Tenebrae" (*meaning darkness in Latin*) is a solemn service where candles are gradually extinguished, symbolizing the darkness of Christ's death and burial.

We observe an **Easter Vigil** early on Sunday morning. In it the darkness of a world without a future and hope apart from God is reflected upon. In the early church this was the time for new Christians to be baptized.

In order to show the continuation and connectedness of these events, the gatherings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are one event and therefore no blessing is extended on Holy Thursday nor Good Friday at the conclusion of the services but we wait until **Easter Sunday** when worship begins with the shouts of the Redeemed: "Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!" The achingly painful story comes to the amazing ending which truly never ends.

—*Emmanuel Grafton (revised)*

The Holy Communion

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (*as our Lord says in Matthew 28*). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Children and those not communing are invited to come receive a blessing. Please bow your head and fold your arms to receive the blessing.

An usher will direct you to the communion rail and the pastor will invite the communicants to kneel. The body of the Jesus is served first, placed onto your hand or tongue. The blood of Jesus is then served. The elder will offer individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice. If you desire to commune from the chalice, please extend both hands in an open position. Each table will be dismissed with a blessing.

The pastor will bring the gifts to you in your seat, please inform an usher or the pastor as needed.

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion



See how Christ the King abandons possessions, body, and life. Learn from this that his kingdom is not of this world. To enjoy the Christian faith here on earth does not mean to have all things in abundance and lack nothing. Look at your king, the Lord Jesus. Of what does he boast? What comfort has he in life? How highly is he praised? He has nothing but suffering, scorn and disdain, and he dies in shame. One little thing he has with which to rule. It is his testimony to the truth, the holy gospel. Through this he pours the Holy Spirit into our heart, forgives sin, and bestows the hope of eternal life. But all these things remain in faith and in the Word. They are not seen, nor are they handled. They exist in hope.

—Martin Luther, 1545

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Procession of Palms

Choir—*Look! Someone's Coming*

Please stand

Confession & Absolution

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

[Matt 28:19b; 18:20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

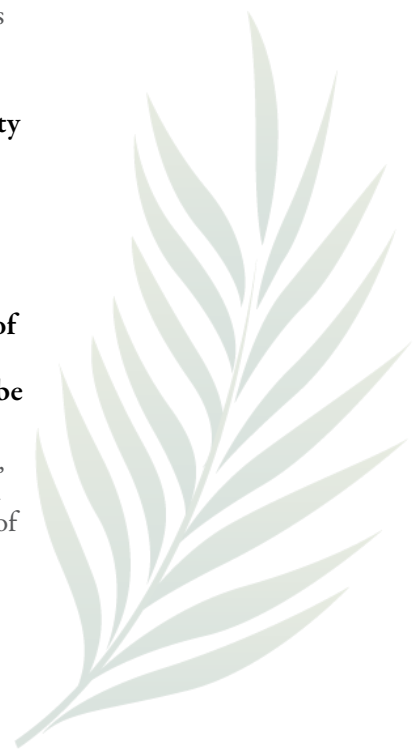
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father.

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**





Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray... *[silence for individual prayer]* Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah chapter nine:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River
to the ends of the earth. [Zechariah 9:9-10]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from Philippians chapter two.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [Philippians 2:5-11]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty | **441**

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

*"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"*

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continues to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." [John 12:12-19]

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Children's Talk

The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Fitch.

Please stand.

Credal Hymn

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Please sit.

Offering

In Person | Mail to Church | Bank Bill Pay

Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:



[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Hymn

Give Thanks | 806

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in the true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day 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. [Matt 6:9-13]

The Words of Our Lord

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

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

Hymns

All Glory, Laud, and Honor | **442**

The Lamb | **547**

Glory Be to Jesus | **433**

When all have communed, please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

[Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26]

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you + peace. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Hymn of Departure

Go to Dark Gethsemane | **436**

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Holy Thursday



Tonight, our mighty Lord, who has proved His power over demons, sickness, and even death, takes the humbler part. His loving service is shown, first, by taking the role of a servant washing His disciples' feet. His greatest and chief service, however, He announced as He took charge of the ancient Passover meal, changing it from a mere memorial of what God has done in the Old Testament exodus of the past to its fulfillment in what He was about to accomplish in His innocent, bitter suffering and death on a cross. From now on, the fulfillment of the annual Passover feast is to be celebrated "often" as the chief means by which God literally connects us with our Lord's crucified body and His precious blood that take away the sin of the world "as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup."

—*The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us*

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

☞ Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread | 625

Please stand.

Confession and Absolution

During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words

and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. **Amen.**

Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's? **Yes.**

Let it be done for you as you believe.

Please be seated.

Choir—Remember Me

As the choir sings, the pastor absolves the penitents individually at the rail, laying his hands on the head of each and pronouncing the following absolution:

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When all have returned to their seats, please stand.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace. **Amen.** [1 Thes 5:23-24]

We share the peace of our Lord with one another.

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray...*[silence for individual prayer]*

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of

Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus:

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt."

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

[Exodus 12:1-14]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle is from First Corinthians:

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do

this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. [1 Cor 11:23-32]

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

...“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I

also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35]

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Our Confession of Faith

We confess the Nicene Creed printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Please sit.

Sermon

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Hymn

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

*On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be;
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation! [LSB 422]*

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

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

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

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Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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.** [Matt 6:9-13]

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: 'Take, eat: this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.'

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The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with thy spirit.**

Please sit.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns	When You Woke That Thursday Morning 445
	Where Charity and Love Prevail 845
	The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord 634

Please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

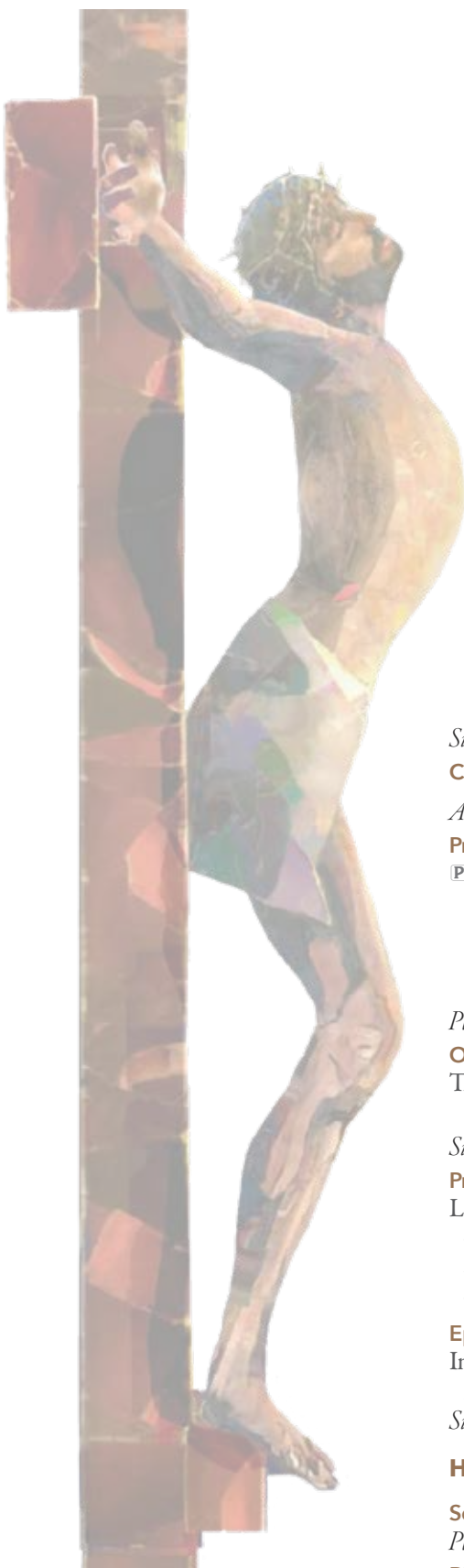
The Stripping of the Altar

The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday. As Psalm 22 is sung by the soloist/choir, please meditate on the Lord's Word from Psalm 22 found in Psalms listed in the beginning of the hymnal.

We leave in silence without a benediction.

The service continues tomorrow at 6³⁰p. The offering will be gathered at the door.

Good Friday



In this Lenten season we have considered all the works of our Lord's hand contrasted with the works of our hands. His hands created us. At His hands, the devil and his demons are defeated and put in their place. His are the careful, gentle yet strong hands of a Great Physician bringing healing not only of sickness and injury but the ultimate healing of raising us from death itself. To this day the hand of the Lord cares for us and feeds us with spiritual nourishment and life. How different are the works of our hands, unable to grasp what we need the most: the help and mercy and grace of God. In the most mysterious way, it was our hands that nailed His hands to the cross, and it was our sin that caused His grief, sorrow, and bitter suffering and death. Yet in those nail-pierced hands was the power to take our sin away and give into our hands forgiveness, life, and salvation. We caused His death. His death gives us life. Without His death, today there can be no Easter resurrection. It all comes down to this: Christ crucified for the life of the world. Without His death there can be no salvation. Let us contemplate His death at our hands that we may receive eternal life from His hands.

—*The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced for Us*

Silence is kept as we are gathered.

Call to Worship

Choir—*Were You There (verse 3)*

All stand for prayer.

Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray...Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🕯 **Amen.**

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah,...

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for meditation

Prayer

Let us pray...Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading—Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. (Hebrews 1:1-2a)

Silence for meditation.

Hymn

Not All the Blood of the Beasts | **431**

Sermon

Please stand.

Bidding Prayer

We pray silently after each bid made by the lector and pastor and then respond "Amen" at the close of each prayer.

...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 🕯 **Amen.**

Please sit.

† The Tenebrae †

(with the Passion according to St. John)

Hymn Were You There | **456 (1-2)**

Reading John 18:1-18

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world!

O come, let us worship Him!

O Lord Jesus Christ, You willingly gave Yourself up into the hands of Your enemies in order to atone for our disobedience. Help us to give ourselves to You with our whole hearts and to live, suffer, and die according to Your will; in Your name. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the First Candle

Hymn Go to Dark Gethsemane | **436 (1-2)**

Reading John 18:19-27

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world!

O come, let us worship Him!

O Lord Jesus Christ, You were bound on account of our sins. Free us from the bonds of sin and eternal death. You were disgracefully slapped in the face, protect us from eternal disgrace and from the blows of the devil. Give us a patient heart to suffer all wrongs with patience; in Your name. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Second Candle

Hymn Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted | **451 (1-2)**

Reading John 18:28-38a

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world!

O come, let us worship Him!

O Lord Jesus Christ, You in an innocent manner were accused as an evil-doer for the sake of our sins! Let Your holy suffering resound to the good of us poor evil-doers. You, King of Truth, make us partakers of Your Kingdom, guide us into all Truth, and transfer us from the gracious Kingdom of Truth into eternal Kingdom of God; in Your name. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Third Candle

Hymn Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted | **451 (3-4)**

Reading John 18:38-19:3

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world!

O come, let us worship Him!

O Lord Jesus Christ, may Your scourging and stripes be a healing medicine for our souls; may Your holy blood wash us from all our sins; may Your crown of thorns cut our hearts so that with penitent hearts we may fruitfully contemplate Your holy sufferings; in Your name. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle



Hymn O Dearest Jesus | **439 (1-2)**

Reading John 19:4-11

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world!

O come, let us worship Him!

O Lord Jesus Christ, for our sins You were so pitifully disfigured that a heathen heart was also moved to compassion. Grant that we may view You with the eyes of a repentant and believing heart. You, who were innocently accused by the Law of God, pronounce us free from the legitimate accusation which the Law had against us, so that from now on nothing may be found in us which could condemn us. For we are in You and You live and rule in us; in Your name. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle



Hymn O Sacred Head Now Wounded | 449 (1-2)

Reading John 19:12-30

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world!

O come, let us worship Him!

O Lord Jesus Christ, may Your thirst which You endured on the cross quench the thirst of our souls and protect us from eternal thirst; may Your perfect atoning sacrifice, which You accomplished on the cross, be a comfort to our souls. Give us grace to thirst for You, the Fountain of Life, and grant that we may commend our souls into Your hands at the hour of death; in Your name. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle

Hymn

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

*On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be;
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!* [LSB 422]

Reading

John 19:31-42

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world!

O come, let us worship Him!

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant us grace to acknowledge You from our hearts to be God's Son, and through such faith overcome the world. May Your holy blood which flowed from Your side on the cross, wash us from all our sins. Stretch out Your arms and embrace us in them, hide us in Your wounds; in Your name. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Seventh Candle

Strepitus

The strepitus means "loud noise" and is signified by the slamming of a book or door at the conclusion of the Good Friday Service. The "loud noise" recalls the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matt. 27:51) at Jesus' death, and foreshadows the "violent earthquake" (Matt. 28:2) at the opening of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning. These loud noises are recounted for us only in Matthew's Gospel. Please stand.

The Lord's Prayer (whispered)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day 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.** [Matt 6:9-13]

Please feel free to stay as long as you would like to meditate on the love Christ showed us by His suffering and death on our behalf. All depart in silence, without benediction.

The offering will be gathered at the door as you leave. The service continues Sunday with the Festival of Easter at 7³⁰a and 10³⁰a.

Easter Vigil Sunrise Service

Good Friday, the day of our Lord's crucifixion, death, and burial, was certainly a dark day, and not only emotionally. St. Matthew describes the actual darkness during midday. Even the creation itself turned dark.

How could anyone expect a normal night of sleep after such a great tragedy? St. John tells us that after that silent Saturday, Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb early on the first day of the week while it was still dark (*John 20:1*). Christians have from ancient times concluded the Lenten discipline with a night vigil, sometimes through the darkness of the entire Holy Saturday night until Sunday sunrise to celebrate the "Son-rise" of Jesus' resurrection. And so the great Vigil of Easter is celebrated, centered on the themes of darkness to light and God's rescue of His people by His mighty arm throughout Old Testament history and now through the Word and Sacraments of Christ. With special attention to the first Reading from Genesis 1, today's celebration embraces the hand of the Lord at work in all of creation, redemption, and sanctification—the entire life of the Christian.

—*The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen*



We are gathered in silence around the new fire, under the portico.

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

An Old Testament Reading from Genesis 1:1–2:3.

Time for Reflection

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy morning, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

Gospel Reading from St. John 1:1-5.

Time for Reflection

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray. O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Pastor will Light the Paschal Candle and those gathered follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.

At the entrance of the nave, the bearer of the Paschal Candle stops and says:

Lux Christi

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation will gather in the pews as the Pastor moves into the Chancel. After the candle bearer places the Paschal Candle in its stand, the Pastor will speak the Easter Proclamation:

Please stand.

Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels: rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing; with the praises of all God's faithful people. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. **Amen.**

Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today | 457

Opening Sentences and Prayer

Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever, the beginning and the ending, **the Alpha and the Omega.** His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever. **By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

O Lord, You have made us witnesses of your resurrection, alongside the blessed Disciples. Like the women returning to the Apostle's after reaching the open tomb to announce the resurrection, we return to confess our sins to You, trusting in the fulfillment of Your promise of a fountain opened for the house of David, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

Brothers and sisters, Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, and in word and in deed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, that there have been times when we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that Your will had not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, friends and beyond.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess the sins that we know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—as well as those that are known only to You.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, 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.**

Kyrie (chanted)

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [B] Lord, have mer - cy.
 [A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 [B] Lord, have mer - cy.
 [A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 [B] Lord, have mer - cy.
 [A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. [B] Lord, have mer - cy.
 [A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. [B] A - men

Prayer of the Day

[B] The Lord be with you. [B] And al - so with you.

Let us pray, O Lord, on this occasion, we remember how the lifeless body of Your Son rested in the tomb, showing forth Your mercies to us. You spared the only son of Abraham, but gave Your only Son into death to bear our sin, and be our Savior. In Jesus blessed grave, you have blessed the graves of all your saints who die in faith, and in His rising from the grave, you have given us not only the promise of resurrection, even of life eternal with You. Thank you for giving us Christ's body and blood, strong medicine to cling to in faith as we journey through this race called life. Please continue to fill us with gratitude for Jesus' death and resurrection on our behalf, and make us one in the Spirit, even as you cause us to shout for joy on such a day as this, we join together in heart and voice to sing:

Hymn of Praise—This Is The Feast*Sung to music on page 155***Ⓐ This is the feast of victory for our God.****Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.****Ⓜ** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain****Ⓜ** Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain****Ⓜ** Sing with all the people of God, and join in the Hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen **Refrain****Ⓜ** For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **Refrain***Please sit.***Readings from God's Word**

The Epistle Reading is from Ephesians 2:1-10.

*Time for Reflection*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***Please stand.***Alleluia Verse**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.



Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,

"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her. [John 20:1-18]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Please sit***Hymn****He's Risen, He's Risen | 480****Sermon****Our Confession of Faith***Please stand to confess the Nicene Creed printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.***Prayer of the Church**

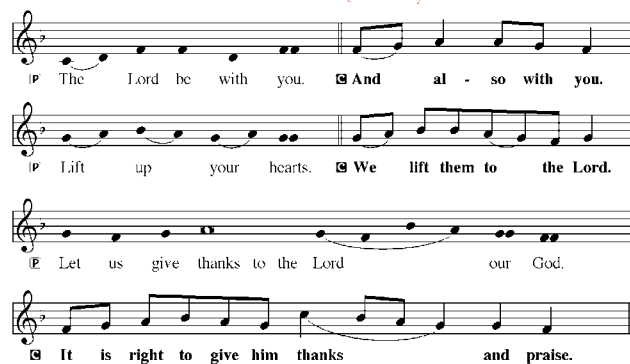
[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.***Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.**Please sit.***Offering**

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*Please stand.***Offertory Hymn** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen | **474 (1, 4, 5)****Sacrament of the Altar**

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]



Ⓜ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, And most especially are we bound to praise you on this day for the glorious resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By his dying he destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter, James, and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as he bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.**The Words of Our Lord**

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

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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.** [Matt 6:9-13]

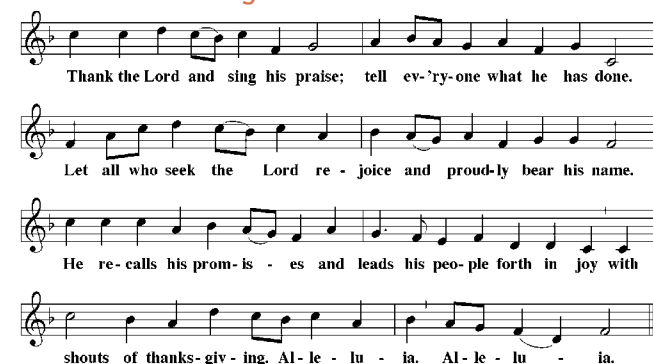
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today | **463**

I Know My Redeemer Lives | **461**

When all have communed, please stand to pray.

Post Communion Song**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray... For the body and blood of Your Son, O Lord, we give You thanks. May this Holy Communion prepare our hearts for the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Fill us with Your Spirit, that the Church may overflow to a parched world with the love of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you + peace. **Amen.** [Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26]

Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds | **465**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Announcements**Postlude**

Easter breakfast served until 10a.

Easter Festival Service

This day of days, this feast of feasts,
is the climax of our Lenten
meditations on "The Hand of
the Lord." It brings all of God's
promises in the Old Testament,
all of our Lord's words and
works of His earthly ministry,
all the peace, all the healing,
and all the hope of eternal
life now given to you and to
each person who comes to
the risen and reigning Lord
of all in repentance and faith,
here where He promises to be
through Word and Sacrament
for us. We thank the Lord for all
His grace and mercy shown to
us as we wend our way through
the various days and times of
our earthly lives. Yet all of that is
but a prelude to the great and
promised feast of the day of "the
resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come"
(Nicene Creed). As God the
Father did not abandon His Son
to the corruption of the grave
but raised Him bodily to endless
life, so also is our certain hope.
God will not abandon you
now or ever.

—The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen



Prelude

Call to Worship

Choir & Choir Chimes—Easter Song

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today | 457

Easter Proclamation

☩ Alleluia. Christ is risen!

🔊 **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels;
rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet
of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our
King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance
of the light now poured upon you and made
brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King
know that the ancient darkness has been forever
banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed
in the brightness of this light let all this house of
God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of
all God's faithful people. May the God of peace
Himself sanctify you completely, and may your
whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who
calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and
the truth is not in us.

O Lord, You have made us witnesses of your
resurrection, alongside the blessed Disciples.
Like the women returning to the Apostles
after reaching the open tomb to announce the
resurrection, we return to confess our sins to
You, trusting in the fulfillment of Your promise

of a fountain opened for the house of David, to
cleansing them from sin and uncleanness.

Brothers and sisters, Let us come before God
in true repentance, seeking His mercy and
forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we
are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have
sinned against You in thought, and in word and
in deed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that we have not lived as Your
followers but have sought to go our own ways in
directions that have not brought glory to You or
blessing to others.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that Your love has not reached
others through us in every situation, that there
have been times when we have been loveless,
thoughtless, and judgmental toward others,
unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that Your will had not been our
priority at all times and that we have not always
been defenders of the weak and helpless in our
circle of family, neighbors, friends and beyond.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess the sins that we know—the thoughts
and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—
as well as those that are known only to You.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Upon this your confession and by the command
of our Lord, I, 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.**

Entrance Psalm

[Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1]

Pastor will chant the Psalm.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;

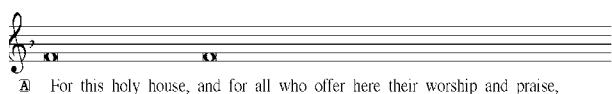
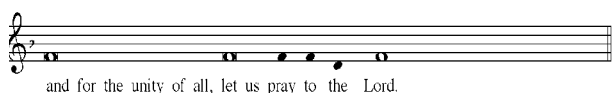
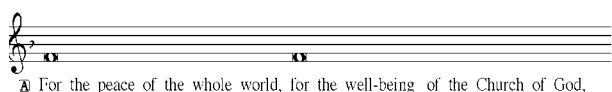
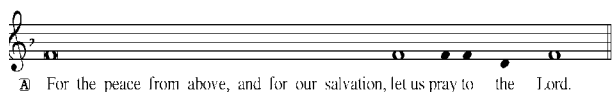
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom
you have redeemed; you have guided them by your
strength to your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own
mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made
for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your
hands have established. The LORD will reign forever
and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Kyrie (chanted)**Hymn of Praise—This Is The Feast***Sung to music on page 155*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain whose
blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

M Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain**

W Sing with all the people of God, and join in the
Hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and
might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

Refrain

M For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. **Refrain**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your
only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome
death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our
Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of
sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.***Readings from God's Word**

The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah 65:17-25.

Time for Reflection

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

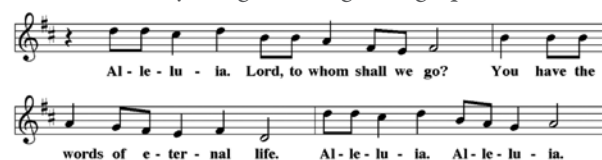
The Epistle Reading is from First Corinthians 15:19-26.

Time for Reflection

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.***Alleluia and Verse**

Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:



But on the first day of the week, at early dawn,
they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had
prepared. And they found the stone rolled away
from the tomb, but when they went in they did
not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they
were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood
by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were
frightened and bowed their faces to the ground,
the men said to them, "Why do you seek the
living among the dead? He is not here, but has
risen. Remember how he told you, while he was
still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be
delivered into the hands of sinful men and be
crucified and on the third day rise." And they
remembered his words, and returning from the
tomb they told all these things to the eleven and
to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and
Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the

other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. [Luke 24:1-12]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit.

Children's Talk

The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Fitch.

Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen | 480

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the **Nicene Creed** printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Litany of the Resurrection

Following the Litany, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [Matt 5:22-24; Eph 4:1-3]

O Lord, **have mercy**.

O Christ, **have mercy**.

O Lord, **have mercy**.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **hear us**.

Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us**.

Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification, **have mercy on us**.

Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again," **have mercy on us**.

Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light, **have mercy on us**.

Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women, **have mercy on us**.

Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her, **have mercy on us**.

Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread, **have mercy on us**.

Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit, **have mercy on us**.

Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe, **have mercy on us**.

Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish, **have mercy on us**.

Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road, **have mercy on us**.

Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them, **have mercy on us**.

By Your glorious resurrection from the dead, **good Lord, deliver us**.

By Your victory over sin and death, **good Lord, deliver us**.

By the majesty of Your risen body, **good Lord, deliver us**.

We poor sinners implore You **to hear us, Lord Jesus**.

That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness.

grant us, good Lord.

That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You, **grant us, good Lord.**

That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints, **grant us, good Lord.**

Those for whom we pray are listed in the Life @ Faith insert.



Offering/ Announcements

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Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:

Offertory Hymn Alleluia! Jesus is Risen | 474 (1, 4, 5)

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And most especially we are bound to praise you on this day for the glorious resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By his dying he destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter, James, and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as he bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

Amen.**The Words of Our Lord**

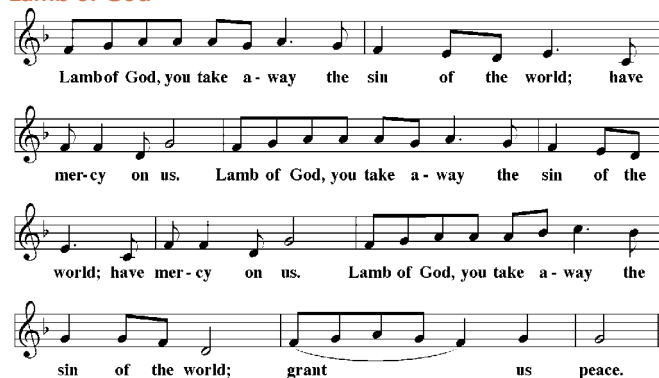
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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.** [Matt 6:9-13]

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Lamb of God**

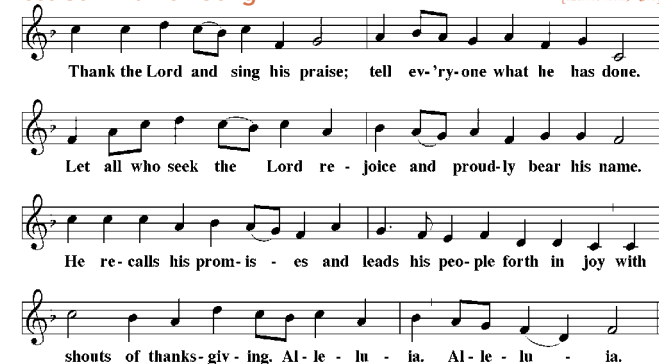
Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/HymnsChrist has Arisen, Alleluia | **466**I Know that My Redeemer Lives | **461**Christ the Lord is Risen Today | **463**

When all have communed, please stand to sing.

Post Communion Song

[Luke 2:29-32]



Let us pray. Gracious God, from Your Son's loving, nail-pierced, and now glorious hands, You have fed us with His own risen body and precious blood, giving us the forgiveness He won for us on the cross as well as a foretaste of the feast to come in the day of the resurrection of all flesh and of our final redemption. We thank You now with hearts and hands and voices, and we pray that You would take us by the hand to lead us faithfully until that day when we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Benediction

[Hebrew 13:20-21]

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace. **Amen.** [Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26]

HymnNow All the Vault of Heaven | **465****The Sending**

Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Postlude

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Allegra Carmickle soprano
Pamela Drebus soprano
Cindy Gommel alto
Yvonne Hotz alto
Karen Meyer alto
Debbie White tenor
John Drebus tenor
Bob Jeffrey bass
Bill Schnackel bass

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John Simpson organ
Doreen Stache organ
Carol Batten piano
Itsuki Nagamine piano
Ting Ting Yang piano

Choir Chimes

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Christina Runge

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Alayna Jacobus trumpet
Bill Schnackel trumpet

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