

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday celebrates the climactic final night of Jesus' time with His disciples. He shows them the fullness of His love as he washes the disciples' feet, gives them the ongoing gift of the Lord's Supper, and commands them to love one another as He has loved them.

Theme of the Day

Receiving the Lord's Supper is a unique experience. It is almost as if it has a gravitational pull with no filter for who it pulls in. It draws people of ever every background and experience into the presence of Christ to receive His love and forgiveness. On this Maundy Thursday, we celebrate this unifying and life giving practice that we call communion.



MAUNDY *Thursday*

Are You a Guest? *Welcome! We are so glad to have you. Have a need? See an usher at the entry doors. Want to find out more about our church or school? Include your contact info in the red connection pad. Please Note: Communion will be offered in service today. We encourage you to see more details on p. 6.*

Red Connection Pads

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online using clcs.org/attendance or the QR code to the right.



A Note on Offerings

In thanksgiving for God's many gifts, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts.

Donation boxes are located at each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use clcs.org/give or the QR code to the left.

Welcome

P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Call to Worship *(Please stand)*

Mark 14:22-26

P: As we gather for worship tonight, we consider the words of Jesus when He instituted His unifying and forgiving Lord's Supper.

"²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵"Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."

P: Jesus said "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

C: **"By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."** *(John 13:34-35)*

P: "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." *(Romans 5:8)*

C: **"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for others."** *(1 John 3:16)*

P: Let us, then, turn our hearts and minds to Him who welcomes us to the table wherein we receive the fruits of His labor of love.



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 13:34-35

Processional Hymn “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

LSB 438

(Please face the processional cross)

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And

guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al

sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When

pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall

out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in

stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

yet re - plies, “All this I glad - ly suf - fer.”
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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Prayer

† The Word of the Lord †

New Testament (*Please be seated*) **“The Full Assurance of Faith”** *Hebrews 10:19-25*

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let 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. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music **“Go to Dark Gethsemane”** *Calvary Handbells*
(*For meditation and reflection, the full text may be followed in the hymnal - LSB 436.*)

*Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray. (verse 1)*

Holy Gospel (*Please stand*) **“The Institution of The Lord's Supper”** *Luke 22:7-20*

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)*

“I Come with Joy, a Child of God”

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| 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me. | 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here. |
| 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread. | 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one. |
| 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends. | |

Sermon

“The Gravitational Pull of Jesus”

Hebrews 10:19-25

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Confession and Absolution *(Please stand)*

P: Lord, if You kept a record of sins, who could stand before You?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore we honor You above all.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, having been restored to God's family by the blood of His Son, we are called to live as children of God. Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved Him with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, nor have we loved one another as God has loved us. We are fallen and sinful by nature. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Let us reflect on those sins known to us, and confess them to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)

P: With humble and repentant hearts, let us say to God,

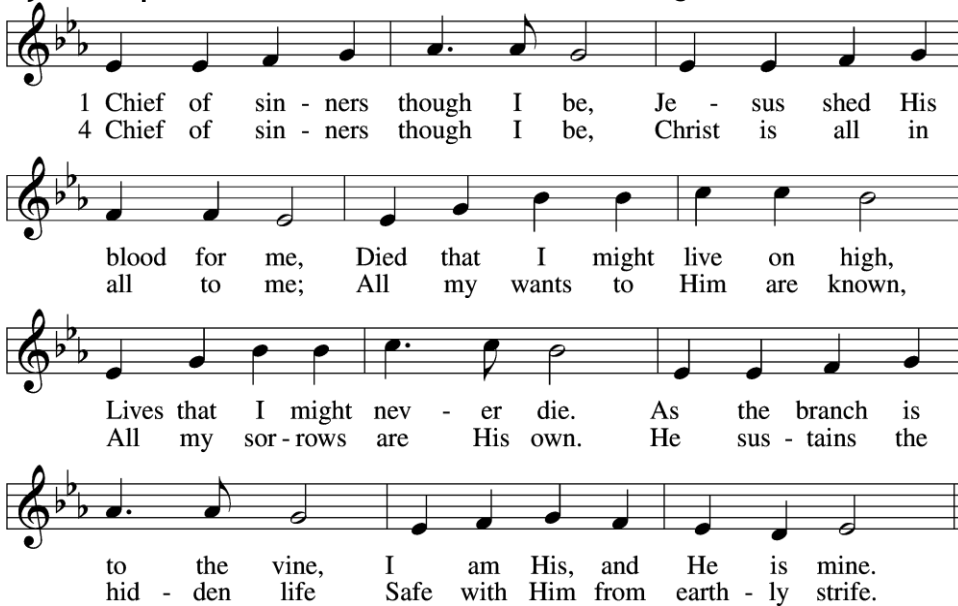
C: **"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."**

P: On this day, the Lord Jesus institutes a new supper for you. With His broken body and shed blood He creates a meal that fills you with His forgiveness, love and life. Jesus remembers you at His supper. Because of His perfect sacrifice, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn Response

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
blood for me; Died that I might live on high,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

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✠ Holy Communion ✠

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward ways and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community in which I now seek to receive communion? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on stands at the end of the first row for those with a gluten allergy to pick up on their way to the communion rail.

Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.

Rite of First Communion (*Congregation please be seated*)

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Institution & the Proclamation of Christ

L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

The Lamb of God ("Agnus Dei" - John 1:29)

"Just as I Am"

LSB 570



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Communion Distribution

The Lord's Supper is received in **continuous** lines today.

Ushers will guide you forward from the back of the sanctuary in two lines using the center aisle.

Two stations for bread and wine are available with a glass bowl to deposit your individual cups.

If you desire to take a moment for personal prayer, you are welcome to go to the communion rail.

If you do not wish to go to the rail, continue in your line and return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the stand at the front of the center aisle.

Special Music**“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”***Calvary Handbells**(For meditation and reflection, the text may be followed in the hymnal - LSB 425.)***Distribution Hymn****“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”***LSB 631*

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

Distribution Hymn**“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”***LSB 563*

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| <p>1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
 My beauty are, my glorious dress;
 Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
 With joy shall I lift up my head.</p> | <p>3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
 Which at the mercy seat of God
 Pleads for the captives' liberty,
 Was also shed in love for me.</p> |
| <p>2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
 Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
 Fully absolved through these I am
 From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.</p> | <p>4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
 Than sands upon the ocean shore,
 Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
 For all a full atonement made.</p> |

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh . . .
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

✠ Stripping of the Altar ✠

(This ancient custom points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.)

- L: After the Last Supper, events in our Lord's life changed dramatically, moving from the Garden of Gethsemane to the cross of Golgotha.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the life of Jesus.

- C: **As creation fell into darkness at His suffering, so we remove our candles.**

(Candles are removed, except the Christ Candle)

- L: Plants remind us of the new life that springs forth at this time of year.

- C: **As the young life of Jesus draws to a close, so we remove the plants from our altar.**

(Plants and flowers are removed)

- L: The missal stand holds the books that guide our worship, our prayer, and our praise to God. As Jesus suffers, joy turns to mourning.

- C: **As the sounds of praise are removed from our lips, so we remove the missal stand.**

(Missal stands and service books are removed)

- L: Jesus offered His body and blood in the holy mystery of the Lord's Supper.

- C: **As He was removed from us in death, so we remove the elements of this Sacrament.**

(Communion vessels removed)

- L: It is here at our altar that the Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The altar coverings are made of materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

- C: **As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.**

(Altar cloths and paraments are removed)

The altar lights are now dimmed as the darkness of this night sets in around us.

Jesus will soon be betrayed, arrested, and taken away to the first of several trials before his final path to suffering and death upon the cross.

The Psalm

Psalm 22 Selected Verses

On the cross, Jesus took up the familiar words of Psalm 22 as they spoke of the profound rejection that he would experience. Though written hundreds of years before the crucifixion, these words pointed to their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus.

L: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: **My God, I cry out, but you do not answer.**

. . .

L: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

C: **For he has not despised the suffering of the afflicted one;**

L: He has not hidden his face from him

C: **but has listened to his cry for help.**

L: For he has done it.

C: **The LORD has done it all for us.**

Dismissal

The Christ Candle is removed as Jesus, the Light of the World, goes into the darkness of the night, where he will be betrayed and arrested.

The cross is veiled for Good Friday.

There is no benediction on Maundy Thursday.

We depart the church in silence as we await the continuation of our worship on Good Friday. May the Lord deepen your faith in Jesus and bless your journey through Holy Week.

✠ Serving Our Lord and His People ✠

Preacher: Pastor Sam Troemel

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Ebert

Communion Assistants: Phil Hendershott, Tim Benzinger, Brian Krohmer, Andy Lee

Organist: Rhonda Hansen

Projectionist: Rachel Daeger

Press Creator: Rachel Daeger

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Good Friday, April 18th at 2:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Both services trace the final words of Jesus interspersed with songs and prayer

The 2:15 p.m. service is our Calvary School chapel, but all are welcome to attend.

The 6:30 p.m. service includes our Calvary Chorale.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Bridges the gap between the darkness of Good Friday and the joy of Christ's resurrection.



Easter Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Both services provide an opportunity to celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus with special music from our choir, handbells, and other musicians.

Easter Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Food service takes place in the cafeteria with seating in the gym.

A freewill offering will take place to support our youth attending the mission trip to St. Louis this summer.



First Communion Service

Maundy Thursday—April 17, 2025

Calvary Lutheran Church & School

Benjamin Marlin Camin

Parents: Nick & Tereasa Camin

Grant Richard Davis

Parents: Scott & Kristina Davis

Jace Riley Hernandez

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Oliver Andrew Lee

Parents: Andrew & Erika Lee

Ava Mascari

Parents: Eric & Jenny Mascari

Faith Madyson Sachs

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