



Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:30pm**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace
is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health,
race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,
education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do,
have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God.

God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise,
prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work
for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

Assisting Minister: Pastor James Radatz

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Communion Assistant: Lois Losby

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to 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 called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

(People may come forward and stand at the altar for individual absolution.)

[In obedience to the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.
The individual responds: Amen.]

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal,
Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us.
Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #515

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

READING: 1 Corinthians 11: 23—26

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Refrain

Text: Susan R. Briebl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

Heal the wounds of your church, God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy three days.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Nourish all who hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember the saints who rest in you. We give thanks for all our beloved dead. Confident of your steadfast love, we commend them to your eternal care.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God most mighty,
God most merciful,
God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love,
he granted people life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
Amen.

God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

God most majestic, O God most motherly,
God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Jesus, in this sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this meal of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR—Portions of Psalm 22

(The congregation reads as pastors strip the altar)

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night but find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not human,
scorned by others and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me;
they sneer at me; they shake their heads...
- ⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰ Deliver my soul...

**27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

**28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

HYMN

ELW #466

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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Now the Silence

The musical score is written on seven staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed', 'Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come', 'Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing', 'Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion', 'Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing', 'Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny', and 'Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now'.

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Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK 2025 WITH US

Come to church this Holy Week. Come just as you are, with your doubts and fears and questions and uncertainty. Holy Week is when we can be our most human, our most broken, our most vulnerable... and it's ok. Come hear that there is more mercy in God than sin in us. Come hear that when death does its worst, that's when our God does God's best. Come hear that a glorious new day is coming! Come hear that YOU are who God came to save. Just come.

GOOD FRIDAY—Friday, April 18, 2025

We read the Passion according to the Gospel of John.

EASTER SUNDAY—Sunday, April 20, 2025

Luke 24: 1-12 The resurrection of Jesus!

Join us as we sing, worship, and celebrate the most important day in the life of the church. Come hear, for the first time or the 50th, that the best news this world ever received came from a lonely graveyard. *"He is not here! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"* Come see what all the excitement is about. **Don't forget to bring your bells to worship!**

This is Christ's church and there is a place for you here.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

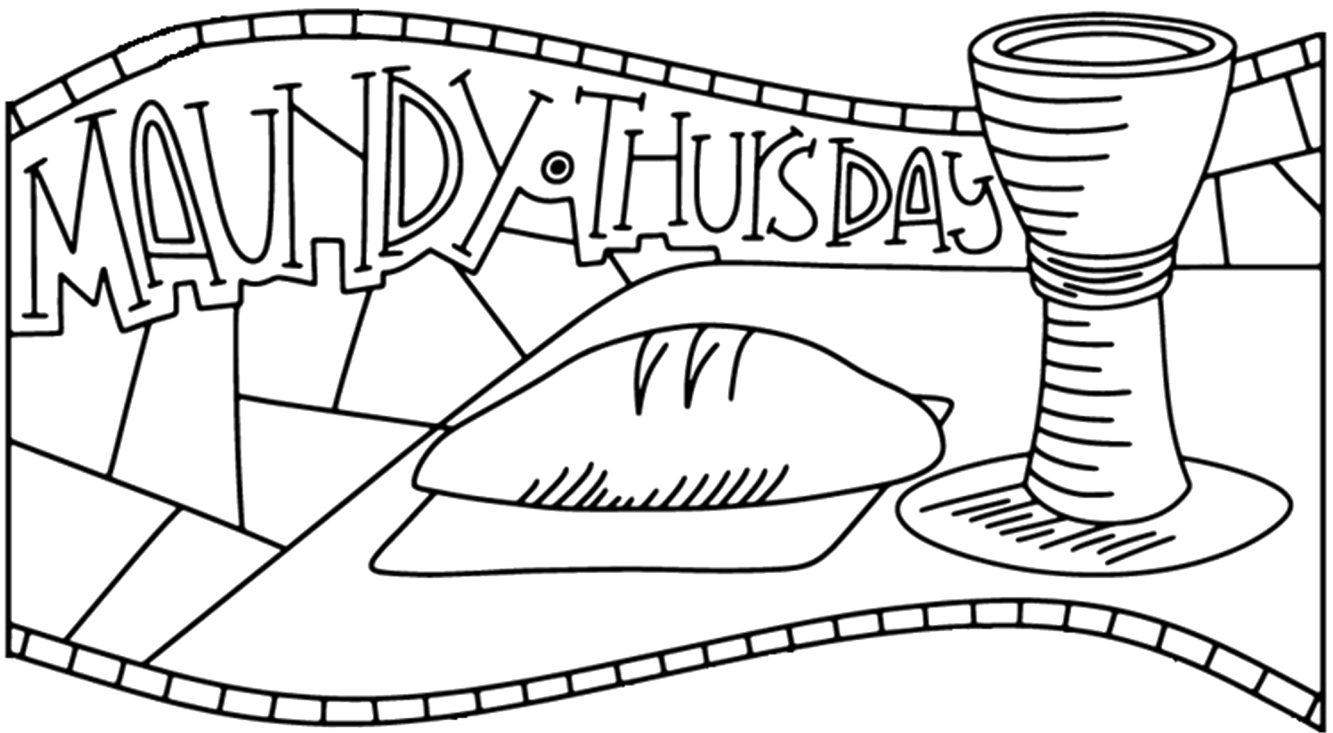
Please note that the church office will be closed, Monday, April 21, 2025 in observance of Easter. The church office will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 9am.

MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB, Sunday, April 27, 10:15am—Sanctuary

All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God!

MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE: SUPPORTING THE HUNGER TASK FORCE

Each month, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our community by contributing to The Hunger Task Force. This month item is **oatmeal**. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving others in love. Let's continue to make a difference together!



OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:30am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Palm Sunday Breakfast
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Vouchers
6pm Priscilla Circle

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
1—5pm WCC
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open
1pm Art & Faith

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship
6:30pm Worship

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

12 noon Worship
6:30pm Worship

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Noisy Offering Emergency Fund

9:30am Worship/HC
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Athena Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dottie** Pierce, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Inara**, **Kjersten**, and **Kaden** D., **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** & **John** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kate** and **Kalvin**, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica** & **Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Lucy Radatz, **Robert** Suter, and **James** Anderson

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dallas Ellefson April 14
Sue Brobeck April 15
Kim Richards April 15
Tarah Hill April 19
Marlene Cravens April 20