



Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025
6:30 PM Worship Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB #430
vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

AND YOU FORGAVE THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY ON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-13

- 1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
- 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,
- 6 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.
- 7 "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.
- 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.
- 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.
- 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:18-21

- 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
- 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
- 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you
- 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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Gospel Reading:

Matthew 26:26-30

- 26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."
- 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,
- 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."
- 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: The Lamb

LSB #547, vs. 1-3

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

Message: "Lamb of God" - Pastor Steve Roth

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB #445
vs. 1, 2, 3, 1

When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely,
Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
Washing Your disciples' feet.

What was there that You could give them
That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
What last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me,
Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
Eat this body, drink this blood."

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Communion

Glory Be to Jesus

LSB #433
vs. 1-4

Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB #437
vs. 1-5

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For His own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.

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Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22:1-11, 16-21 (ESV)

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

- 16 For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
- 17 I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
- 18 they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- 19 But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

All leave the church in silence.

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COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it. Gluten-free wafers are available. Grape juice is provided on the inner ring of the communion tray.

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- ◆ Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- ◆ Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- ◆ Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- ◆ Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward. Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.

GRACE LUTHERAN

HOLY WEEK

Schedule



THURSDAY
APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM
Maundy Thursday

FRIDAY
APRIL 18 @ 6:30PM
Good Friday

SUNDAY
APRIL 20 @ 9:30AM
Easter Sunday



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