

The Services of Holy Week

The Triduum

The enormous significance of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection has always been the central focus of Christian worship. After six weeks of Lent, the Christian Church year has reached its climax. This is the celebration for which we have been preparing throughout Lent.

We now see what our Savior came to do. In the upper room, we see the depths of his love as he institutes the Lord's Supper and gives power to his followers to live out his command. On the cross at Calvary, we see the fullness of his devotion as he takes upon himself the sins of the world and suffers and dies on our behalf. At the empty tomb, we see the completeness of his victory as he rises triumphantly on Easter morning and assures us that our salvation is complete. The victory is won.

The three days that mark this climax of the Christian Church year—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday—are known as the *Triduum*, or the Three Holy Days of Christendom. The Triduum services are closely connected with one another. Together, they form a unit: a single worship service that extends over the "three holy days." Some churches present this worship service in a single continuous service folder. This single service takes us through our Savior's suffering and death to his glorious triumph on Easter dawn.

Because this service is a unit, a few special notes are in order. There is no benediction at the end of the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The benediction will occur at the end of the service on Easter Sunrise morning. In parallel, there is no invocation at the beginning of the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services.

May the risen Christ bless our worship as we celebrate his passion and resurrection.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

His Food, Our Fill

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

It Was a Dark and Dismal Night

Christian Worship 417

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Instruction for the End of Lent

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

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

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

In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one

another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Please kneel

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please stand

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

*God promised a New Covenant to be written on his people's hearts
and minds and fill their spiritual hunger.*

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant,

though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel

after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor,

or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’

because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,”

declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

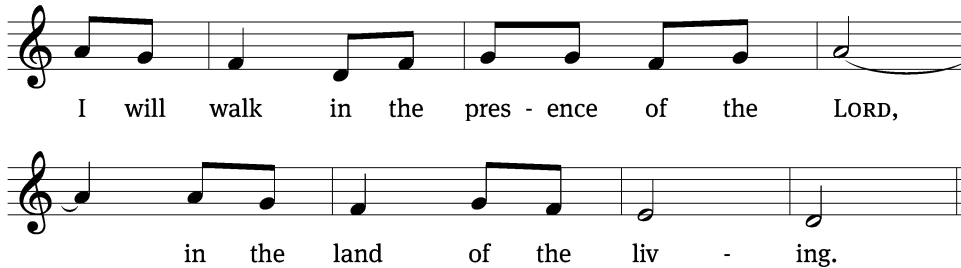
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day


Psalm 116

Refrain



I will walk in the pres - ence of the LORD,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Tone



I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;
he heard my cry for / mercy.
Because he turned his / ear to me,
I will call on him as long / as I live.
The LORD is gracious and / righteous;
when I was brought low, he / saved me. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the LORD
for all his good- / ness to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation
and call on the name / of the LORD.
Precious in the sight / of the LORD
is the death of his faithful / servants.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Hebrews 10:15–25

The New Covenant perfectly fills our spiritual hunger and draws us near to God.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.
I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 11:26

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

Jesus establishes the New Covenant and offers his body and blood to fill our spiritual hunger.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the

guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (6:45 p.m.)

Adult Handbell Choir

Lamb of God / There is a Redeemer

arranged by Peggy Bettcher

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Hymn of the Day

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
Christian Worship 659

Sermon

Luke 22:7-20

A Most Magnificent Meal

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you became our Passover Lamb when you came into our world to be sacrificed on the cross to save us from eternal death.

We offer our humble thanks for the pardon given through this sacrifice.

On the night you were betrayed, you washed your disciples' feet and prayed for those that might believe through their message, that all of them might be one.

We offer our humble thanks for bringing us to faith through the Gospel.

On that night, you established a new covenant as you offered your body and blood, given and poured out for us.

We offer our humble thanks for the continued blessings given and imparted through this sacrament.

As you prepared to suffer and die in our place, you approached your Father in prayer and received strength to do the work for which you were destined.

We offer our humble thanks for a restored and right relationship with our heavenly Father.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Precious Redeemer, on this night we are reminded of the full extent of your love. Keep your sacrifice before our eyes and imprint it on our hearts as we walk with you from the upper room to the cross and finally to the empty tomb.

Help us to live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to you who first loved us. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Please stand

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

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

Words of Institution

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

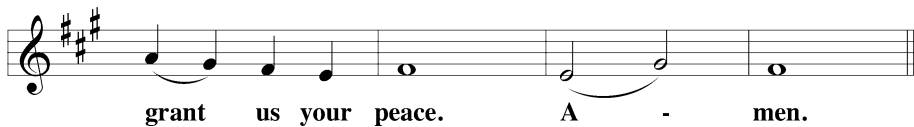
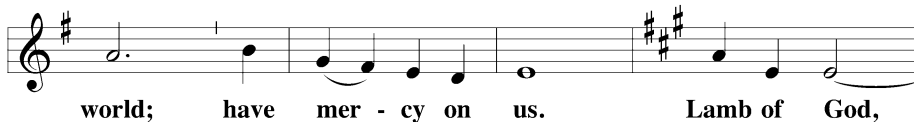
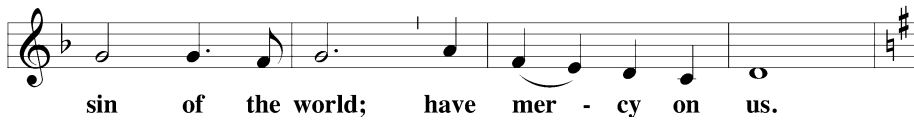
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



Be seated

The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.

To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 16 of the service folder.

Distribution Hymns

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
Christian Worship 677

What Is This Bread
Christian Worship 665

Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord
Christian Worship 661

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

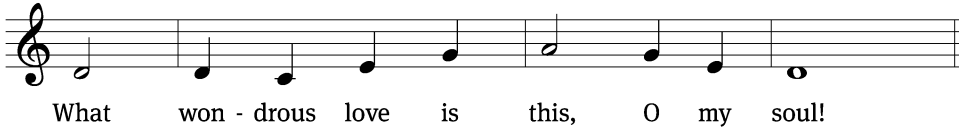
Be seated

During the singing of the psalm, the altar will be stripped. This marks the transition from the celebration of Holy Communion to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, this calls to mind how the Lord Jesus, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. The events of Good Friday are near.

Closing Psalm

Psalm 88

Refrain



Tone

LORD, you are the God who / saves me;
day and night I cry / out to you.
May my prayer come be- / fore you;
turn your ear / to my cry.
I am overwhelmed with / troubles
and my life draws / near to death. *Refrain*

Your wrath has swept / over me;
your terrors have de- / stroyed me.
You have taken from me friend and / neighbor—
darkness is my / closest friend.
But I cry to you for / help, LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes be- / fore you.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

Personal Prayer for After Communion

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted me as your child and made me a member of the body of Christ. I thank you for the forgiveness of sins present in this Sacrament. As I leave the table, empower me by your Spirit to witness and serve in your name. Amen.

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Lector	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Musicians	Mandy Treder, organ Annalise Kuehn, trumpet Mary Schmal, vocals
Adult Handbell Choir Director	Kristi Meyer
Communion Assistants	Andrew Duncan & Keith Hackbarth (3:30 p.m.) Greg Martin & Scott Uecker (6:45 p.m.)

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

April 15: Good Friday

1:00 p.m.* worship with Holy Communion

6:45 p.m.* Tenebrae worship

April 17: Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m.* sunrise worship

7:15 a.m. breakfast

8:30* & 10:30 a.m. festival worship

*Services marked with a * will be broadcast online at www.sjtosa.org/video.*



The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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