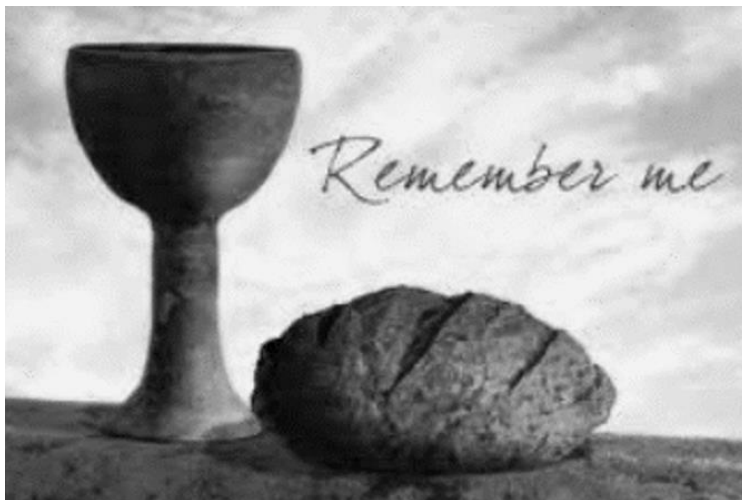


HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY
“A New Covenant for You”
April 17, 2025



For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on “Ginny the Giraffe”. Children may take home the pictures they color.
Please return books, crayons, and bags to “Ginny”.

(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above)



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AS WE GATHER

Maundy Thursday is when the Christian Church honors the memory of Jesus establishing what we call the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Jesus gathered with His Disciples to honor the memory of the Passion Event, the 10th and final Plague God sent against Pharaoh and the Egyptians: the Death of the First Born. To protect the People of God, God instructed them to sacrifice a lamb for each family, take its blood and place it on the top and sides of their door, and then to feast on the lamb with unleavened bread. When God brought the Judgement upon Egypt, "the Blood of the Lamb" would redeem the lives within the home. On Good Friday, the "Blood of the Sacrificed Lamb of God" Redeemed the People of God from the Judgement against All Sin. The Bread and the Wine of the Sacrament are the Body and Blood of Jesus in our Sacramental Eating and Drinking, which assures us intimately of God's Forgiveness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

LSB 915

- 1 Today Your Mercy calls us, to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
however long from mercy, our hearts have turned away,
Your Precious Blood can wash us, and make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your Gate is open, and all who enter in,
shall find a Father's welcome, and pardon for our sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,
a future grace be promised, a glorious crown in Heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His Blessèd Angels gather, around the Heav'nly Gates.
No question will be asked us, how often we have come;
although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's Home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
what should we do without You, when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
we know One Gate is open, One Ear will hear our prayer.

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+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 32:1, 5*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our transgressions and sins to the Lord, our God, in the presence of one another.

All: Almighty Lord, God, when we look into the mirror of Your Perfect Law, we are reminded that we are no better than our ancestors. We rebel against You like the Israelites on the way to the Promised Land. We are like King David, committing sins we think no one will know about. You know us. You know our transgressions and sins against You, and one another. We humbly come to You seeking forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts and make them clean. Forgive our sins by the Blood of Jesus that was Given and Shed for us. Renew a right spirit within us for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: Blessed People of God, you have confessed your transgressions to the Lord. He forgives your iniquity and remembers your sin no more. As a Called and Ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

HANDBELL CHOIR: *"Jesus Paid it All"*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Gift of Divine Peace and of Pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, on this night You poured out the New Covenant in Your Blood.

Grant that we may so receive the 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.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

ESV 784

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a New Covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, ³²not like the Covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My Covenant that they broke, though I was their Husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My Law within them, and I will write It on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My People. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will Forgive their Iniquity, and I will Remember their Sin No More.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:15–25*

ESV 1194

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears Witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the Covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my Laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then He adds, “I will remember their

sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Holy Places by the Blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the New and Living Way that He Opened for us through the Curtain, that is, through His Flesh, ²¹and since we have a Great Priest over the House of God, ²²let 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. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who Promised is Faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 13:1b*

Pastor: Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 22:7–20*

ESV 1048

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to Him, “Where will You have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He 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 ¹¹and 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?’ ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the Apostles with Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God Comes.” ¹⁹And 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.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This Cup that is poured out for you is the New Covenant in My Blood.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

LSB 575

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness.
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name. *Refrain*

Refrain: On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils His lovely Face, I rest on His unchanging Grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my Anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His Oath, His Covenant and Blood, support me in the raging flood.
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found,
clothed in His Righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His Throne! *Refrain*
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SERMON

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”*

OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

PSALM 116:12-19; antiphon: v. 17

Pastor: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the Name of the LORD.

All: What shall I render to the LORD for all His Benefits to me? I will lift up the Cup of Salvation and call on the Name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His People.

Pastor: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

All: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the Name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His People, in the Courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

APOSTLES CREED

All: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, on this night we remember how You rescued Your People from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land. We are reminded of how You have rescued us from slavery to sin and are bringing us to Your Heavenly Kingdom. Nourish our faith and lead us to walk in Your Ways.
Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.** *(after each petition)*

Pastor: Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; redeem us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 the Universe, for You made a Covenant with Your people, Israel, when You rescued them from Egypt. In these last days, You sent Your Son to be the Mediator of a New Covenant, sealing it with His Precious Blood, which is Given and Shed for us for the Forgiveness of our Sins. Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the Company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(sung)*

LSB 195

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy Glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of Creation, for You made a New Covenant with Your people in these last days wherein You Promise to remember our sins and lawless deeds no more because of the Blood of Jesus, our Great Priest.

As we eat and drink His Body and Blood, grant us the ability to trust in Your Promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the World.

All: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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 this, all of you; this Cup 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."*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim the Lord's Death until He Comes.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen. *(sung)*

LSB 197

AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

LSB 198

All: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION:

All who Commune receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, each one must take seriously the responsibility to examine oneself:

- To acknowledge oneself as a sinner and repent of one's sins.
- To trust Jesus as one's Savior for forgiveness and submit to Him as Lord.
- To believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, that His true Body and Blood are received in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
- To ask the Holy Spirit to assist in living a moral and obedient life to glorify God.

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[Please follow the instructions of the Usher. Exit the pew down the center aisle.

As you approach the Altar Rail, if you desire the Individual Cup of Wine, please take one with you.

Stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Receive the Wafer, then receive the Wine either from the Common cup or the Cup you brought. If you have selected the Individual Cup, please discard the cup in the container on the side aisle as you return down the outside aisle to your pew.]

HANDBELL CHOIR: *"Here at Your Table, Lord"*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +



HYMN *“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”*

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, for weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able, to satisfy and make me whole. *Refrain*

Refrain: Lord, may Thy Body and Thy Blood, be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy Heart is filled with fervent yearning, that sinners may salvation see,
who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; so I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, because I have a sinful heart,
yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, for Thou my Faithful Shepherd art. *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden; with sin my soul is sore oppressed;
receive me graciously and gladden, my heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain.*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's Bond and Solid Base;
it is the Strength of Heart and Spirit, the Covenant of Hope and Grace. *Refrain*

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HYMN *“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”*

LSB 563

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise, to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath Lived and Died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose Boundless Mercy hath for me,
for me, and all Thy Hands have made, an Everlasting Ransom paid.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutory 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.

All: Amen.

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

Pastor: After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the Earthly Life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane; betrayal by Judas; arrest, mock trial, painful beating; the trudge to Golgotha and execution by crucifixion.

Jesus' offered Body and His shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacred Mystery that is the Sacrament. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

The Cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the Gift of Heaven. When John the Baptizer saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the Sin of the World!" (John 1:29). As this statement was fulfilled on the Cross, (the cross is removed from the Altar area.) The Altar Cross is draped in Black.

The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, our songs of joy are removed from our lips.

As Creation was dark while Jesus suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade, materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our Altar is stripped of its coverings.

The Via Dolorosa (The way of Sorrow), Solo sung by Katie DeVries, accompanied by Donna Munnik on piano.

All may exit, in silence.

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UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 18: Good Friday

- Worship Service at **6:30pm**
 - The full Scripture report of Jesus' Condemnation, Suffering and Death

April 19: Easter Saturday – Alleluia!! He Is Risen!!

- Worship Service at **3:00pm**

April 20: Easter Sunday – Alleluia!! He Is Risen!!

- Easter Breakfast **8:30am** - (*Registration for breakfast is appreciated*)
- Easter Worship Service at **10:00am**

