

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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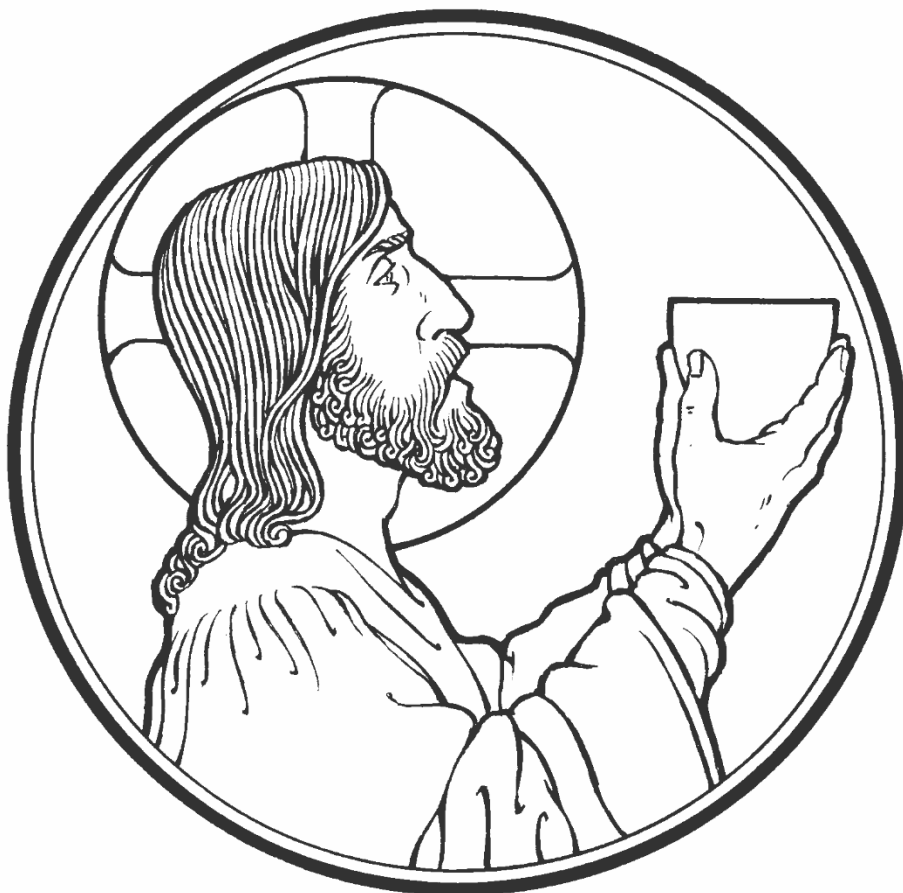
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

Divine Service 2



EGL WHY Statement: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament."

Choral Response **In the Upper Room (John 13 & 14) – Russell Nagy**

Epistle

Hebrews 10:15–25

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

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

C 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."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

639 Wide Open Stand the Gates

Sermon

"Why The Lord's Supper?"

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Sharing The Peace: Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3).

Offering

Wide Open Stand the Gates – Kevin Hildebrand



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(Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.)

Offerings from Maundy Thursday are being designated by the Board of Evangelism to continue our support for Bienfait Romero and Jonah Khalid. We have an opportunity to help these Lutheran Pastors in Africa as they serve God and the church.

Offertory

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758

Text and tune: Public domain

This hymn is the center stanza of a twenty-nine-stanza Passion hymn, "Bryder frame, I hule Sukke," by Danish hymn writer Thomas Kingo (1634-1703). Only this stanza of the hymn has found continued usage in English, but some of the other stanzas from Kingo's Passion hymns were used among Danish and Norwegian Lutherans in America in translation. The hymn invites people to ponder Christ's suffering for the sin of the world, to follow on the way to the cross, to see "God's unspotted Lamb lifted on the cursed tree."

Service of the Sacrament

EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

Preface – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

**547 The Lamb
435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

Nunc Dimittis

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The Stripping of the Altar

The rite of stripping the altar is the church's preparation for Good Friday and the deep mystery of the death of God for the sins of the world. During the stripping Psalm 22 is read from the balcony. The sacred vessels and cloth paraments are removed from the altar, together with other chancel furnishings, as a reminder of our Savior's stripping, suffering, and death for the sins of the world. "For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

When the pastors leave the chancel, worshippers may leave in silence.

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White paraments today are the color of the Godhead and point us ahead to festive Easter white after the penitential purple of Lent.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Organist and Pianist
Choir
Soloist
Conductor
Dramatic Reader
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Rev. Dennis Hipenbecker
Richard C. Ewert
Exultate Singers
Bruce Bessert
Karla Bessert
Samuel D. Ewert
Bruce Bessert
Doug Grelk

Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
Meg Grelk, Diane Olson

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (12:00 p.m.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

USHER TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner,
Duane Wunsch

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Matias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

USHER TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam
Thompson

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 (7:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM 1: Anthony Bagwell, Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly
Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 (10:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

USHER TEAM 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein,
Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

Holy Week

#1 **Friday:** Arrival in Bethany. John 12:1

#2 **Saturday:** The Sabbath, probably spent 'hanging out' with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

#3 **Sunday:** Palm Sunday entry. Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19.

#4 **Monday:** Time to clean out the Temple. Matt. 21:10-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48.

#5 **Tuesday:** Arguments and parables. Matt. 21:23-24:51 (Olivet Discourse); Mark 11:27-13:37; Luke 20:1-21:36.

#6 **Wednesday:** Mark 14:1 mentions this day as a day the chief priests and scribes conspire to kill him.

#7 **Thursday:** Passover/Last Supper. Matt. 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; John 13:1-30.

#8 **Good Friday:** betrayal, arrest, trials, crucifixion. Matt. 27:1-66; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 22:66-23:56; John 18:28-19:37.

#9 **Rest in the tomb.** At some point during the Sabbath, Christ descended into hell to proclaim victory (1 Peter 3:19).

#10 **Resurrection.** Matt. 28:1-13; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-31.