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April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 290, 184)

**No more Gloria or Alleluia until Easter*

Opening Hymn: 445 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

Hymn of the Day: 640 "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 547 "The Lamb"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Sou, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Stripping of the Altar: Psalm 22

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel,

Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte Easter Sunday - Noah Thalmann

Acolyte April 11th - Liam Voelker

Ushers this evening - *John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Brady Kolle, & Cody Ohlde

Ushers Easter Sunday - *Evan Bott, Eli Thalmann, Elijah Meier, & John Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour duty April 11th - Ryan Stuenkel & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour duty April 18th & 25th - Claire Beikmann & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

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| April 1 | 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion |
| April 2 | 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service (Tenebrae Vespers) |
| April 3 | 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil service at Bethlehem, Greenleaf |
| April 4 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School |
| April 5 | 8:00 p.m. Men's Club |
| April 7 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek
8:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting |
| April 11 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School |

Announcements

- * The new date for the LWML Prayer Service at Zion is **Sunday, April 25th, at 2 p.m.**
- * Easter lilies can be donated for Easter Sunday (April 4th) by following these steps: buy your Easter lily, bring it to St. John by Friday, April 2nd, and then let Ann Ohlde know if it is in memory or honor of someone. You may pick up your Easter lily on Easter Sunday or leave it at church for enjoyment through April. Thank you!
- * Thanks to all who donated to the LLL/LHM. Your support brings the Gospel to millions everywhere in the world. You can find more info about how to support them by calling 800-944-3450 or visiting their website at LLL/LHM.org.
- * St. John has \$22,058.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until July 15, 2021, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * Our LWML will be assembling backpacks (filled with toiletries, a Bible, and a Thrivent T-shirt) that will be given to kids when they enter the foster care system in Clay, Washington, and Marshall counties. LWML is asking the congregation for Bible donations (new or used) and toiletries (body wash, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, brush/comb, & deodorant). The donations will be collected through April and distributed in May, which is foster care month. A suitcase will be placed in the parish hall for donations. We are also looking for volunteers to sew backpacks. Pre-cut material with easy straight stitching instructions are on a table in the parish hall. Thanks for your help.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit *(Psalm 67:1-3, 6b-7; antiphon: Galatians 6:14b; Liturgical Text)*

But far be it from | me to boast*
except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.
In him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead;*
by him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

**May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make his face to shine up- | on us,
that your way may be | known on earth,*
your saving power among all | nations.
Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise you!
God, our God, shall | bless us.*
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth | fear him!**

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Collect for Maundy Thursday

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred 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.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 12:1-14*

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.

¹⁴ “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Gospel Reading: *John 13:1-15*

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

As We Gather...

Let Us Love One Another, as Christ Jesus Has Loved Us

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes” (**1 Corinthians 11:26**). By eating His body and drinking His blood, we proclaim to all the world that Jesus is, indeed, our Passover Lamb (**Exodus 12:1–14**), who was sacrificed for us on Calvary. In Christ, the Lord remembers us in mercy and remembers our sin no more; He forgives us all our iniquity. With such love, he “loved His own who were in the world,” and even loves us “to the end” (**John 13:1**). As He washes us and feeds us in love, let us love one another, just as He has loved us (**John 13:34**).



BEGINS A WEEK BEFORE EASTER

No other week in the church year has so strong an aura of special devotion. The eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday immerse us in the central mystery of God's work of salvation through the Lord's death and resurrection.

Holy Week contains in itself not only the final days of Lent but also the celebration of the Passion of the Christ. Holy Week falls into two distinct parts. Palm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, and the day hours of Maundy Thursday complete our time of preparation. The Holy Communion of Maundy Thursday night begins the Three Holy Days, or Holy Triduum, which is completed at Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Easter Day. The services of these days form a single unit of celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. The week thus faces both back to the very beginning of Lent, and forward to the 50-day celebration of the resurrection, which is sealed on the Day of Pentecost.

Calendar: Holy Week is always the week before Easter.

Customs: On Palm Sunday, have a procession of children waving palms and singing. For many congregations, Palm Sunday is the day of confirmation. Congregations or individuals may renew their confirmation vows through the questions and answers of the confirmation service. Traditional confirmation gifts include Bibles, hymnals, and prayer books. Footwashing is part of the Maundy Thursday service in some congregations. Some congregations conduct a *Seder* meal, the traditional Passover liturgy Jesus would have observed with His disciples. Read the entire story of Jesus' passion from the Gospels. Spend Good Friday in quiet contemplation (turn off your electronic devices and TV). Show kindness to those who cannot repay you.

*With fervent desire have I desired to eat this
Passover with you before I suffer.*



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