



HOLY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

The Three Holy Days (*TRIDUUM*)

Christ's suffering, death and resurrection are the heart and center of the Christian Church, its worship and its Church Year. Over fifteen hundred years ago, the Christian Church distributed these three emphasis over three days of special observance, which St. Augustine called the "most holy Triduum (or three days) of the crucified, buried and risen Lord."

The Triduum services are closely connected; in fact, they are seen as one long service, a grand worship event, extending over the three days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) or Easter Sunday. This is why the closing blessings are omitted on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

In this way of worship during Holy Week, we are reminded of our connection to Christ's suffering and death and resurrection in our baptisms: *"Having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead."* (Colossians 2:12) and in our reception of the Lord's Supper: *"Is not the cup of thanksgiving which we bless a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread we break a participation in the body of Christ?"* (1 Corinthians 10:16)

May this week and these services lead us to a deeper contemplation and appreciation of these gifts and the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord.



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Holy Saturday

This is my body...this is my blood...for you

In the Upper Room that night, after Jesus washed His disciples feet, Jesus gave them Himself. He forgave their betrayal and fear with His parting gift: take and eat, take and drink, for the forgiveness of sins.

The same gift is yours tonight. He's not here washing feet, but still serving, still washing. It is the greatest gift of love ever given in this world: the blood of the Lamb of God. This sacrament washes your body and your soul. It cleans your feet to walk with Christ. It fills your heart with love.

Come, take what He gives and leave all your sins behind. Examine yourself and know that you are not worthy of such a holy thing, but don't fear it. This is a gift. Come reverently certainly for this is the most holy thing on earth, but not frightened. Here is Jesus Himself, His Life and His love and His peace.

It is a foretaste, as our prayer after communion says. This Holy Communion looks back to the death of Christ, it is done in remembrance of that incredible love, but it also looks forward. It is only an appetizer of sorts, a foretaste of the eternal banquet that is to come, when He comes. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Jesus said, "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." So that is what we wait for and anticipate with great joy - our glorious future with our Lord, drinking the fruit of the vine in blessed paradise!

His body and blood will carry us there. If you are weak, weary, burdened, dying, scared, having a hard time loving or forgiving, battling temptation, lonely, sad or worried - here at the Communion is the One who loves you, who can understand, who heals all things.

WELCOME

We're glad you're here as we begin Holy Week together.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.

Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Headsets are available in the entryway.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 9.

OUR OFFERING / CHURCH CENTER

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Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word.



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SERMON

How Deep the Father's Love for Us - *sung by soloist*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

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.

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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.

**Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to You that I have not loved You with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of Your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity.
I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for Your mercy, O Lord.**

Silence for personal confession

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me Your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent His Son to die for all. For His sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to His marvelous light. 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on His promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The congregation extends the peace of Christ by turning to each other and saying:

Peace be 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 the 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"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.

*And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
[Refrain]*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
[Refrain]

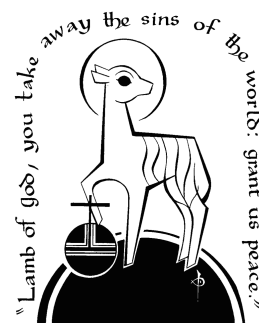
1 Corinthians 11:23-28

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat

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

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. [...]"

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN 658 With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord

PLEASE STAND

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-15, 34

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

BE SEATED

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to 1 (844) 791-0302. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

PLEASE STAND

THE GREAT LITANY

Forms of this prayer have been prayed by Christians, especially at special times in the Church Year for 1500 years. It is modeled after the responsive thanksgiving in Psalm 136, and asks for the Lord's blessing on us and those around us.

Prayer of Approach to God

- God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.
 - God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
 - God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,
Have mercy on us.
- Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
three persons in one God,
Have mercy on us.

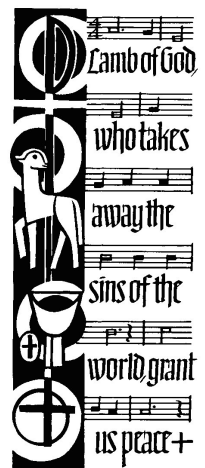
Prayer for Deliverance

- Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare Your people, whom You have redeemed with your precious blood.
Spare us, good Lord.
- From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.
- From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.
- From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for Your Word and Your will,
Good Lord, deliver us.
- From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying

suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

- By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by Your proclamation of the kingdom,
Good Lord, deliver us.
- By Your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by Your cross and suffering, and by Your precious death and burial,
Good Lord, deliver us.
- By Your mighty resurrection, by Your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,
Good Lord, deliver us.
- In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.



Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for the Church

Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to Your will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of Your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Encourage and prosper Your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep Your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us hearts to love and revere You, that we may diligently live according to Your commandments.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all your people, give grace to hear and receive Your Word and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for Our Country

Rule the hearts of Your servants, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for All People

To all nations grant unity and peace, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten with Your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Hear us, good Lord.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit to amend our

lives according to Your Holy Word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Concluding Prayer

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.
**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.**

THE WORDS OF JESUS

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.



After an introduction, the congregation sings:

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with You.**

**Mine is the sin but Yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt but Yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Your blood, Your righteousness, O Lord, my God.**

CW 660:2,4

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us - sung by soloist

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

HYMN 677 The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord

HYMN 814 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Spirit help us to live as Your people until that day when You will receive us as Your heavenly guests at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN 523 How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Soloist sings stanza 1; the congregation is invited to join in stanzas 2 + 3

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

During the hymn, the altar, which symbolizes Christ, is solemnly stripped in token of Jesus' abandonment by His disciples in Gethsemane and to prepare it for Good Friday.

The candles are extinguished and removed. This reminds us that while Jesus Christ is the light of the world, Jesus' life was snuffed out for us upon the cross.

The paraments (cloths) are removed, and the altar is alone, reminding us of all that Christ endured for us in that dark night of Maundy Thursday and on the darker day that followed as He was left alone in the Garden of Gethsemane.

PSALM 88 *(selected verses)*

The words of Psalm 88 are the words of the Savior before He was born, as recorded by the psalm writer. Psalm 88 is Jesus anticipating the agony of His suffering and death.

O LORD, the God who saves me, day and night I cry out before you.

May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.

For my soul is full of trouble and my life draws near the grave.

I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength.

I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.

You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.

Your wrath lies heavily upon me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.

I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.

But I cry to you for help, O LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Why, O LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

You have taken my companions and loved ones from me; the darkness is my closest friend.

There is no closing blessing as this service continues on and through Good Friday.

The ministers exit the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly on their own.

Thank you to our accompanist Greta Boettcher, and singers Grace Peterson, Chandra Lange, Sophie Leng, Lexi Watanabe, Chris Watanabe, Zach Brandt and Tom Bruce for serving us and our Savior tonight.

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Please return tomorrow night for the continuation of our remembrance of our Lord's suffering and death for us.

Good Friday Services: Noon - Midday Meditation
6:30 pm Service of Darkness

And for the glorious resurrection day this Easter Sunday!

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WEST JORDAN - 6:30 pm on April 4

Easter Sunday Services:

7:00 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am Easter Festival Service
10:15 am Easter Festival Service

Easter breakfast too! 9:00 - 10:00 on Easter Sunday

Easter egg hunt too! 11:30 on Easter Sunday
