

## Holy (Maundy) Thursday

**Note:** On back of bulletin - The beginning of the "Triduum" today

April 17, 2025 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church -LCMS Norman, OK. 73071

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**-Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution**

**- Service of the Word -**

**-Service of Holy Communion**

**- Stripping of the Altar**

Prelude "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved" by Theodore Beck

Service Explanation

Stand **Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution** pp.290-291

**The Collect of the Day**

Sit **Service of the Word**

**THE LESSONS** (after each Lesson: "Thanks be to God")

The Old Testament – Exodus 12:1-14

**GRADUAL -Psalm 116:12-19 (sung responsively by whole verses – no Gloria)**

The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Stand Verse (Pastor)

*"Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end"*

The Gospel - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

(responses pp. 190,191)

(Omitted on Maundy Thursday: NICENE CREED)

Sit **HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Lord We Praise Thee" **LSB 617**

**SERMON** **"Take and Eat - Take and Drink"**

(Omitted on Maundy Thursday: OFFERTORY)

**OFFERINGS** (Fill out the **Ritual of Friendship** sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates as they are passed down the pew)

**VOLUNTARY** "Triduum: I" by Timothy Schmidt

Stand **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** Page 194

**DISTRIBUTION COMMUNION HYMNS**

**LSB 436** "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

**LSB 634** "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

**LSB 431** "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

(Omitted on Maundy Thursday: NUNC DIMITTIS)

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

(Omitted on Maundy Thursday: BENEDICTION)

Sit

Stripping of the Altar

*(The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.)*

**Psalm 22 in front of Hymnal - no Gloria (Chanted by the Congregation)**

**Leave in Silence**

### **HOLY COMMUNION POLICY**

*Holy Communion is distributed to members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and LCMS guests who have been baptized, instructed and catechized in the Lutheran faith. If you are visiting today, please speak to the Pastor or Elder before communing.*

### **OFFICIANTS:**

*Pastor David Nehrenz  
Vicar Tanner Sawall  
Elder Derek Hartman  
Organist Timothy Schmidt  
Acolyte Hayden Poarch  
Livestream Cadence Davis*

## **FOUR DIVINE SERVICES - GOOD FRIDAY - April 18**

**9:00 a.m. Litany and Readings**

**12:00 noon Litany and Readings**

**3:00 p.m. Good Friday Chief Service**

*This special service features: Hymns, Scripture Lessons, Prayers. Also includes the processional of the rough hewn cross carried down the aisle through the sanctuary to be placed in the chancel. It is a very moving experience and we encourage your attendance.*

**7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Tenebrae and Chorales**

**"The 7 Last Words of Christ" from the Cross**

*Candles extinguished one by one. Leave in darkness. This ancient and very moving service will feature the extinguishing of the candles as Jesus speaks His last words and phrases on the cross before He dies. Come honor the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ for us on this HOLY DAY in the church year and life of our Lord!  
Anthems by the Choir*

## **HOLY SATURDAY and EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**INFORMATION (continues on back page )**



**HOLY SATURDAY –April 19 7:30 pm.**

**“The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Communion”**

**“A Service of Baptism Remembrance,  
Holy Communion and  
the Resurrection of Christ”**



- Candle-light procession into darkened church
- Gather around the Baptismal Font
- Old Testament readings of God’s great acts for Israel
- Mark’s Gospel - the Resurrection of Christ
- Service of Holy Communion

**EASTER SUNDAY –April 20 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Both are Services of Holy Communion**

Bell Choir and Special Music – Resurrection Gospel lessons

**8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion**

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Easter egg hunt

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Sunday School and Bible Class

(Pastor’s Class in the Sanctuary w/Holy Land slides)

“The Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ “

**10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion**



**WHAT IS “THE TRIDUUM?”**

The most solemn and joyful celebration of the Christian calendar is the period from Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday. Worship services on these days or evenings are traditionally considered to be parts of a single extended liturgical event called **The Triduum (Latin for "Three Days")**. There is no Benediction till Holy Saturday.

The first part of the Triduum begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), during which Christians recall the events that took place the night Jesus was betrayed. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke concentrate on the institution of the Lord's Supper. The gospel of John focuses instead on the Lord's final teachings to His disciples, dramatically punctuated by His washing of their feet

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum*, meaning "new commandment." It refers to the Lord's words to His apostles as recorded in John 13:34: *A new command I give you: love one another*. The true climax of Maundy Thursday worship is the celebration of the Lord's Supper. This night is the "anniversary" of the sacrament and therefore a memorable event.

After the sacrament has ended, the stripping of the altar takes place. The ministers and several assistants remove all vessels, crosses, books, candles, linens, paraments, banners, and other decorations from the altar and chancel area. This ancient ritual is a powerful and dramatic reenactment of the Lord's humiliation at the hands of the Roman soldiers. As the altar is being stripped, Psalm 22, containing clear prophecies of Christ's suffering, is chanted. The altar, left bare or adorned only with black paraments, is transformed from the communion table of Maundy Thursday into the tomb stone slab of Good Friday.