

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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April 18, 2019

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 Gruoner, 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 184)

***Reminder:** Since we are in the season of Lent, we forego singing the **Gloria in Excelsis** (LSB 187-189) and the **Triple Alleluia** (LSB 190)

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

Sermon Hymn: 446 "Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

Communion Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Communion Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Communion Hymn: 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Closing Hymn: 878 "Abide With Me"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at gholtorf@bluevalley.net.

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

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolytes on Maundy Thursday - Claire Beikmann & Ethan Bott

Acolytes on Good Friday - none

Acolytes Easter Sunday - Sophia Bott & Mason Tiemeyer

Ushers this week - *Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Cody Ohlde, & Tyler Ohlde

Ushers Easter Sunday - *Brady Kolle, Lance Gerleve, John Bott, Trey Voelker



Introit

Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

**I love the Lord, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*

therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs
of Sheol laid | hold on me;***

I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the Lord:*

"O Lord, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;
our God is | merciful.

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.

This week on KFuo.org, we celebrate Palm Sunday with our listeners as we enter Holy Week. On Good Friday (4/19), hear Sacred Music throughout the day and also hear the Tre Ore Service broadcast 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT from Messiah Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Also Monday-Thursday this week, continue studying Genesis 16-18 on Sharper Iron at 8:00 a.m. CT, hear the final chapters of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word at 11:00 a.m. CT, and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org!

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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, 32 not 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. 33 But 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. 34 And 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.”

Epistle Reading:

Hebrews 10:15-25

15 The 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,” 17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let 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. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not 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.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 22:7-20

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

14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom

of God.” 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And 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.” 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

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. David Gruoner, Vacancy 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.

Upcoming Events

- April 18** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service
with Holy Communion
- April 19** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service
- April 21** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school
- April 24** 5:30 p.m. St. John Midweek
- April 28** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school
1:00 p.m. Quarterly Voters Mtg & Call Mtg

Announcements

- * The Zone 7 LLL Spring Rally will be held on Sunday, May 5th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg) of Bremen. The speaker is Rev. Harrison Goodman. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m., the hymn sing follows at 4:15 p.m., and the rally starts at 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be served following the rally.
- * Save the date: VBS will be held at St. John in the mornings from July 8th-12th! Stay tuned for more details about Splash Canyon later. If you have any questions or if you are willing and able to help with VBS (planning, gathering materials, decorating, working part or all of the days, etc.), please contact Theresa.

...As We Gather

The name Maundy Thursday is derived from the Latin words for "Day of the Commandment" (dies mandati). They refer to the new covenant which Jesus sealed on this day by instituting the Lord's Supper.

The Gospel lesson reports how Jesus and his disciples celebrated the last Passover together. Jesus reveals that Judas had broken the fellowship. Jesus then replaces the Passover with the Lord's Supper. By this sacrament we receive that which purchased our redemption. It is given to us as the seal of the new covenant. This sacred meal is also a foretaste of the feast which the saints will enjoy with Jesus in heaven.

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



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