

Peace Lutheran Church
MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 28, 2024 + 6:30 PM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“O Love How Deep”

LSB 544 v. 1, 2, 3, & 5

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Psalm 116:12-13,18-19

L: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
C: **Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!**
L: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
C: **Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**
L: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.
C: **The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: In the Upper Room on the Thursday night, our Lord Jesus Christ gave a new command that His people are to love one another as He has loved them. When we look at our lives, we see clearly that we have not fulfilled that new command He has given.
C: **We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and realize that we have broken the Law of God in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves and have missed opportunities to be of service in the name of the Lord.**
L: In His mercy, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him, humbly asking for His grace in Christ Jesus. Realizing our need for forgiveness in Christ, the Lamb of God, let us then silently make our confession to our God.

(Time is given for personal confession)

L: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As a called servant of Christ, be assured that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Blessed be the Lord, the God over all. Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 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.

"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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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.

“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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 41

L: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C: **In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

L: the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

C: **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

L: The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

C: **As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**

L: My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”

C: **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

L: All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C: **They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”**

L: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C: **But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

L: By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C: **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

L: Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,

C: **from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.**

HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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, 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 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 13:28-30

Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“O Lord We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

SERMON

“My Close Friend”

Pastor Dave Karolus

Psalm 41:9

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Sacrament of the Altar from Luther’s Small Catechism (2017)*

L: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

L: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: **These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

L: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

L: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

OFFERING PRAYER & HYMN

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550 v. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

L: It is truly good and right that we should give thanks to You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may hear and believe the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

“The Lamb”

LSB 547 v. 1-5

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621 v. 1-4

COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING PRAYER

L: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C: **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR *(Following the Benediction)*

After the Last Supper, events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, and the trek to Golgotha and execution. As his life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us: Flowers and plants are new life springing forth. In the passion and suffering of Christ, human life ebbs from him. In recognition of this we remove these flowers from our altar.

[Flowers/plants are removed]

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human light of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when he suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

[Candles extinguished and removed]

Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

[Offerings are removed]

The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

[Missal stands and service books are removed]

Jesus' offered Body and his shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

[Communion vessels removed]

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

[Altar cloths and paraments are removed]

DEPART IN SILENCE

We leave the church in silence as we consider the arrest of Jesus this night, His trials, His suffering and His death tomorrow.

GOOD FRIDAY **1:30pm** (Live Radio Broadcast 106.1 FM)
6:30pm (Live streamed on Facebook and peaceantigo.org)

PRAYER VIGIL **Fri. 8:00PM – Saturday Midnight** In-Person or at home.

EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 AM Sunrise with Communion (Live-streamed)
7:00 AM Easter Breakfast
8:00 AM Traditional Easter with Communion (Live-streamed and recorded for radio broadcast at 10:30)
9:30 AM Family Service with Communion (Live streamed)
10:30 AM Traditional Easter with Communion

