



AGAPÉ MEAL

APRIL 17, 2025

6:00 PM

OPENING HYMN

ELW # 638

Blessed Assurance

- 1 Blessed assurance,
Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste
of glory divine!
Heir of salvation,
purchase of God,
born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.

Refrain

*This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior,
all the day long:
this is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long.*

- 3 Perfect submission,
all is at rest;
I in my Savior
am happy and blest,
watching and waiting,
looking above,
filled with his goodness,
lost in his love. *Refrain*

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

Pastor Analyse

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit this food and these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

++ The meal is served. ++

READING

Mark 14:1-9

The Holy Gospel According to Mark,
beginning at the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." ³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way?" ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me.

⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial.

⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HAND ANOINTING

P: On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to follow the example of extravagant love of the woman in Jesus final hours. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the anointing of hands, following the example given to us on this night.

++ After the hand anointing is concluded the congregation moves to the sanctuary for Holy Communion and the stripping of the Altar. ++

One person at the table will start by anointing the hands of the person to their left using the holy oil on the table, marking the sign of the cross on both palms with oil saying:

*"[NAME], receive this oil as a sign of healing--remember that you are loved.
Amen."*

Then pass the basin to the person whose hands were anointed and continue around the table.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C (Sung) :

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

I Am the Bread of Life

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1 "I am the Bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Response (sung)

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

P: Again, after supper,...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Response (sung)

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
and teach us to pray:

C: 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

COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

++ Those not communing will sing: ++

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat this Bread ELW #472

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."

Jesus Christ, bread of life,
those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,
those who trust in you will not thirst.

++ Repeat until Communion is finished. ++

AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace. C: Amen

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Musical Interlude

Reading: Psalm 22

*++When the stripping of the altar is
concluded, we depart in silence. ++*



What does the name mean?

The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum;" it is from a verb that means "to give" or "to order" — command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment — "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

The Last Supper

On the first Maundy Thursday, after they had eaten, Jesus gave the disciples his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins. Called Holy Communion or the Eucharist, Lutherans believe this to be one of two sacraments — gifts from God. Most worship services focus on the meal and communion as a way to commemorate this day.

Foot Washing

The story of the Last Supper in John's Gospel records a remarkable event that is not mentioned in the other Gospels — to illustrate humility, Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another. Some Lutheran congregations incorporate this act of humility into their Maundy Thursday services.

Stripping of the Altar

After the Eucharist is celebrated it is customary to "strip the altar," which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life. In many congregations Psalm 22 is read or sung while the paraments are being removed.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

GOOD FRIDAY ✚ APRIL 18TH

Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

EGG HUNT ✚ APRIL 19TH

Egg Hunt at 11:00am

Pasta Lunch to Follow

EASTER SUNDAY ✚ APRIL 20TH

Service at 10am

No Coffee Hour After.

