

Post-Communion Prayer
Blessing

Stripping of the Altar

Reading: Psalm 22
Read while the altar and chancel are stripped

Megan Holland

The altar is stripped of its paraments and the chancel is made bare. This is a remembrance of Jesus' humiliation and suffering at the hands of the soldiers. The service ends with NO BENEDICTION because our service continues tomorrow night at 7 pm with our Good Friday service. You are invited to remain for prayer and meditation. When ready, we invite you to leave in silence.

Thank you for joining us this evening.

Holy Week Schedule:

Ecumenical Good Friday Service at United Methodist at 7pm.

Easter Sunday schedule for Bethlehem Lutheran:

Sonrise Service will be at 7:00 am

Easter breakfast will be served by the Confirmation Students, 8:15 - 9:15 am

Easter Festival Service at 9:30 am

We invite you to bring family, friends and neighbors!

First Communion Class:

***Joel Boekelman
Brynlee Engelbarts
Tessa Holland
Elsa Jacobs
Jace Lawson***

These students met with Pastor Eric for 2 classes and then met to make the communion wafers for tonight's service. Thank you to Lorie Bierle for teaching the kids how to make them.



***Welcome to our Maundy Thursday
Ecumenical Worship Service.
We're glad you're here!***



Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

Gathering

You are invited to sit in silence for meditation and preparation for worship.

Prelude
Introduction to Maundy Thursday

Hymn ***“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”*** LBW #305, vs 1, 3

Confession and Absolution

P: Trusting in God’s wondrous love revealed in the cross of Christ, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another...

<A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession>

...Holy and Gracious God

C: I confess that I have sinned against you in many ways, again and again. Some of my sins I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some are known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may live in peace and faithful service, and know the fullness of life everlasting. Amen.

P: In mercy, Almighty God has given Jesus Christ to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit, God cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness and into the splendor of God’s marvelous light. So, by the authority of God Almighty I therefore announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn ***“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*** LBW #107

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Prayers

P: Let us pray, God of all love and mercy,

C: 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 the Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, refresh our bodies, and encourage us to service one another in love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Hebrews 10:15-25

Psalm 116:12-19

Gospel Reading – Luke 22:7-20

Message ***“Enter the House”*** Pastor Eric Hullstrom

Hymn ***“Let us Break Bread Together”*** LBW #212

Prayers

Holy Communion

Offering *(Our offering will go to the North Iowa Ministerial Association)*

Offertory ***“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”*** LBW pg. 66
Offertory Prayer

Words of Institution
Lord’s Prayer
First Communion
Distribution