



**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
April 17th, 2025
Maundy Thursday**



~PRESERVICE MUSIC

Jesus, Bread of Life, I Pray Thee

~WELCOME

**Please stand.*

~THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P : In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, we came tonight to set our hearts and minds on You, Your sacrifice, and our forgiveness.

C: Lead us into a deeper appreciation of Your gift of love.

P: Lead us to mourn at the injustice of Your trial and conviction.

C: Lead us to cringe and weep at the abuse You endured at the hands of soldiers, the suffering on the road, and Your agony at Calvary.

P: Lead us to the death of the cross, the haste of the burial, and the hope of Sunday morning.

C: Lead us to see ourselves in this story, because Lord, this is Your story of my salvation.

P: Lead us to worship, to contemplate, and to thank You these next few days and for all the days of our lives.

~HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;

Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:
Savior, teach us so to rise.

**Please stand.*

~CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but You are steadfast.

Trusting in your unwavering love in Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, we acknowledge our sin before You.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, how well You know our hearts,

C: and still You love us; You have loved us to the end.

P: We have denied You,

C: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

P: We have betrayed You,

C: and we have betrayed Your commandment to love one another.

P: Pour out Your Spirit of grace upon us.

C: Teach us to love and serve You faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example You have set for us.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

~PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of humility and grace, walk with us through this Holy Week journey. Gather us at Your table and fill us with Your grace. Help us live as people who

serve and love. Guide us to be disciples who stay awake, even through dark and troubling times. Strengthen us to be disciples who are steadfast and true. In Jesus' name, we pray.

C: Amen.

**Please be seated.*

~SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 13:1-14

**Please be seated.*

~WORSHIP SONG

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down; *Chorus*
Bridge
Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down); *Chorus*

~THE HOMILY

~Offering

~PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++

~LORD'S PRAYER

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.

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Please be seated.*

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

~WORSHIP SONG - "THE WONDERFUL CROSS"

When I survey the wonderous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near
And bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
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~POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.

~STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel. This is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. As the altar is being stripped, we listen to the words of Psalm 22.

~CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at Your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we go now from this night to Your promised day. In Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace, in silence,

C: in the name of the Lord.

*There is no benediction.
We leave the sanctuary in penitential silence.*

Join us for worship again:

***Good Friday – Tenebrae Worship at 6pm
Easter Sunday – Celebration Service at
10am; Breakfast begins at 8:30am***