

Holy Week Schedule:

Good Friday, April 2, 6:00 pm

Easter Breakfast, April 4, 7:30-8:45 am (free-will)

Easter Service, April 4, 9:00 am (with Communion)

Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

Sunday Worship 9:00am

Sunday School (Sept-May) & Adult Bible Study 10:15am



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Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Ringing of the Bells & Welcome

Opening Hymn #445 “*When You Woke that Thursday Morning*” (Tune #686)

1. When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin’s wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.

2. Never so alone and lonely,
Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
Washing Your disciples’ feet.

3. What was there that You could give them
That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
What last will and testament?
“Show Me and the world you love Me,
Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
Eat this body, drink this blood.”

4. One in faith, in love united,
All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,

¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths
wide against me. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones
are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within
me. ¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks
to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce
my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people
stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment. ¹⁹ But you, Lord, do not be far from
me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me. ²⁰ Deliver me
from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns
of the wild oxen. ²² I will declare your name to my people; in the
assembly I will praise you. ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you
descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned the
suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help. ²⁵ From you comes the theme
of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I
will fulfill my vows. ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; those
who seek the Lord will praise him may your hearts live forever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.
²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go
down to the dust will kneel before him those who cannot keep
themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future
generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his
righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

(Please leave in silence as we prepare for Good Friday.)

HOLY COMMUNION If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure that your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine, if you would prefer that option. Thank You, Pastor Geitz

The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Quiet Music

Communion Blessing

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Amen.

Hymn LSB #878 (vs 1, 6) "*Abide with Me*"

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

6. Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes; Shine through
the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee; In Life, in death O Lord, abide
with me.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. ⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. ⁸ "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." ⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast. ¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

One in ev'ry place and time.

5. One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Confession and Absolution

Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to him, and implore his forgiveness.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you or your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son U and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Collect for Maundy Thursday

God of mercy and might, through the resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the anguish of guilt and the bonds of death. Be with us on our pilgrimage and help us glorify you in the presence of all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Passion Reading

Response to the Passion Reading

This is the Passion of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Hymn #857 *“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”*

1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other’s need.

2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow’r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.

3. No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.

4. You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.

5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other’s need.

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Sermon "Hands of Humility (Jesus)" John 13:1-5, 12-17

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light
of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of
one substance with the Father, by whom all things were
made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day
He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will
come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who
spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer for Maundy Thursday
Amen.

The 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.**

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