

Peace Lutheran Church  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
April 17, 2025 + 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. 1-3 & 5**

**RESPONSIVE LITANY**

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: Let us pray. 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**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Hebrews 10:19-25*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but

encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO**

“In Christ Alone”

Todd Burns

**GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 26:26-36*

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN**

“O Lord We Praise Thee”

**LSB 617**

**SERMON**

“Crushing Stone”

Pastor Jarod Fenske

*Matthew 26:26-36*

**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**

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

“The Lamb”

***LSB 547 v. 1-5***

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

***LSB 621 v. 1-4***

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **POST COMMUNION 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](http://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)  
**10:30 AM** Traditional Easter with Communion