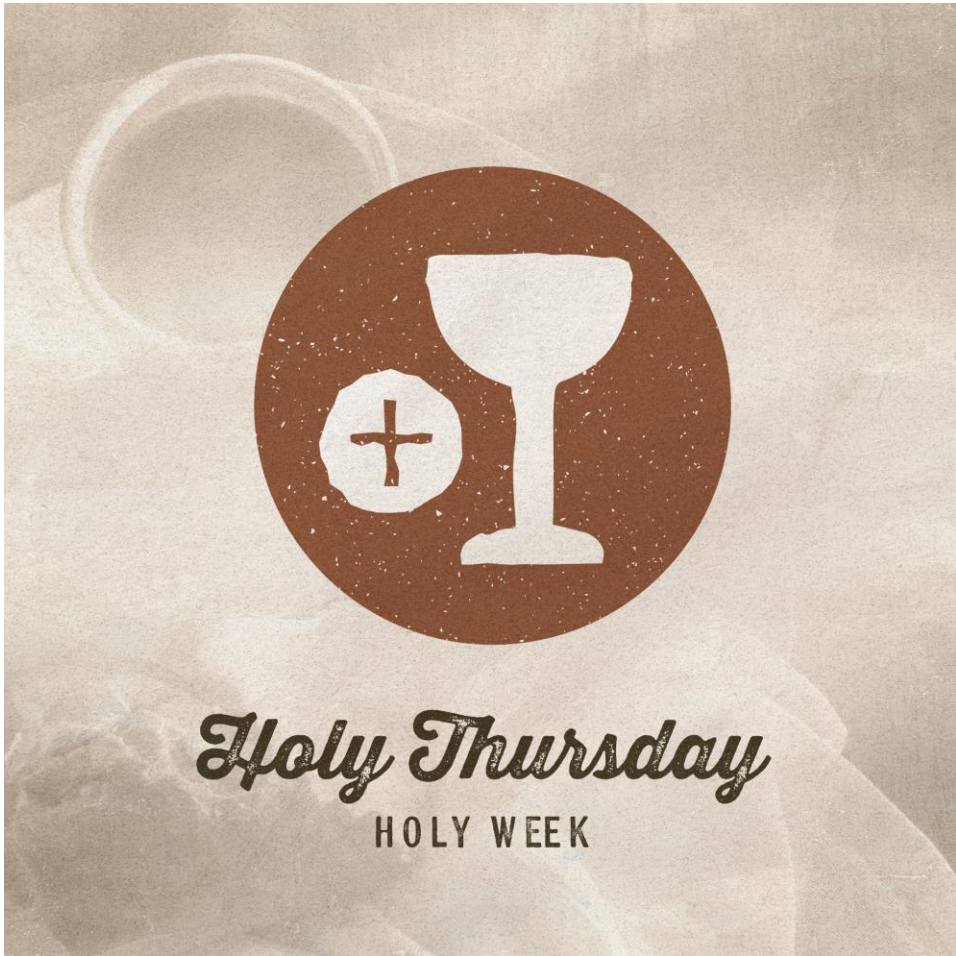


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



DEAD AND BURIED:  
A NEW COVENANT BURIES AN OLD COVENANT

April 17, 2025



## Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

## Service Notes For This Service



On Thursday of Holy Week, Jesus began to execute the terms of the New Covenant. This New Covenant replaced an old one and was fundamentally different from in it every way. While the Old Covenant was more like a contract, the New Covenant is more like a will. The old offers rewards in return for work; the new makes unconditional and lasting promises. The old will always leave us starving in our relationship with God; the new satisfies the deepest hunger of our soul.

This is precisely why Jesus connected this new covenant with a special meal. To an uninformed outsider, the Lord's Supper looks like a poor snack—a bite of bread and sip of wine. But the followers of Christ understand that this holy food provides all the blessings of the new covenant.

## Those Serving in Worship

Pastor Peter Plagenz; Accompanist Sue Kulhanek; Church Choir; Soloist Kristi Perry

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# Holy Thursday Service

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## Welcome

## Hymn

394 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

*Remain seated*

In the name of the Father and of the  $\mathcal{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\mathcal{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

*Congregation sings:*

*911 God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises (sts.1,2)*



1 God, we sing your glo - rious prais - es as we  
2 We re - mem - ber, Lord, your cov - 'nant, which ex -



tell your awe - some deeds; you have fash - ioned  
tends from heav'n to earth: how Christ's death and



all cre - a - tion, and you meet each crea - ture's needs.  
res - ur - rec - tion con - quers sin, re - news our birth.



We re - joice in how your peo - ple fast - ed  
Thank you for this gos - pel mes - sage, which in -

your great faith - ful - ness; graced through ev - 'ry  
 spires your Church to preach grace to ev - 'ry  
 gen - er - a - tion, we your might - y acts pro - fess.  
 gen - er - a - tion in our deeds and in our speech.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

*The Old Covenant could only modify behavior. The New Covenant transforms people's hearts and minds.*

<sup>31</sup>Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more. (EHV®)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 10:15–25

*Since the New Covenant perfectly satisfies our spiritual hunger, it enables us to confidently draw near to God.*

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said: <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says the Lord. I will put my laws on their hearts and I will write them on their mind.” <sup>17</sup>Then he adds: “And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.” <sup>18</sup>Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. <sup>21</sup>We also have a great priest over the house of God. <sup>22</sup>So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

<sup>24</sup>Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. <sup>25</sup>Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (EHV®)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Reading

Luke 22:7–20

*Jesus institutes the meal of the New Covenant. In this sacrament his body and blood are the food and drink that satisfy our every spiritual need.*

<sup>7</sup>The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.”

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?”

<sup>10</sup>He told them, “Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup>Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there.” <sup>13</sup>They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup>for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup>He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup>In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.” (EHV®)

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

## Hymn of the Day

*659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Confession of Faith

*from the Small Catechism*

First: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

**It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

**That is shown us by these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

**It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.**

Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

**Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words “for you” require nothing but hearts that believe.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, now giving your own body and pouring out your own blood in Holy Communion. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God’s promise to deliver them from death,  
**strengthen our belief that the bread is your real body and the wine is your real blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.**

Prepare us to receive this sacrament remembering your death and repenting of our sins.  
**Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.**

We rejoice in our fellow believers who have been instructed in your Word and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, who are now ready to receive Holy Communion.  
**Equip them with every spiritual blessing for doing your will.**

We pray for those absent from the sacrament because of their own neglect.  
**Call them in your mercy to return and renew their faith.**

Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament often because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope.  
**Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast, that we remain faithful unto death, and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb. Amen.**

## Connect Card and Offering

*Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card. After a few moments, the ushers will come forward to collect the offering. You may place your Connect Card and any offering you brought in the plate as it is passed. Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## Choir Anthem

Communion Song

### Questions for Examination

- † Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
- † Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?
- † Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?
- † Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?
- † Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?
- † If you answered “no” to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.



# The Sacrament

## Preface

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

to the tune of O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of  
Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is  
hosts on high, your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry  
Christ our King, who died as our Re - deem - er,  
fills earth and sea and sky." Our vo - ices cry "Ho -  
e - ter - nal life to bring! How blest are you, Lord  
san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea: in mer - cy,  
Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name! "Ho - san - na  
come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\mathcal{T}$ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\mathcal{T}$ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

# O Christ, Lamb of God

Tune: HAMBURG

to the tune of When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled



cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

**Solo**

*The Blood of the Lamb*

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and  $\mathcal{T}$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

Be seated

## Hymn

*417 It Was a Dark and Dismal Night*

Good Friday Services  
at 12:10 & 5:00 pm

Easter Services  
at 7:00 & 9:30 am

Breakfast served 8:00-9:00 am

