



MAUNDY

THURSDAY

April 17, 2025
Agape Dinner
6:00 PM

Welcome to Holy Week at St. Luke's! We're glad you found your way here, and we would love to get to know you better. No matter what your background or experience with religion, **there's room for you here.** This is a week that offers more than beloved traditions; it also addresses **deeply relevant questions and human needs.**

Palm Sunday asks **what does real power look like?** What does it mean to lead? Who are we worshipping when we worship Christ? Can we trust the fickle whims of a crowd?

Maundy Thursday asks what does it mean to serve? **How do we know Jesus is with us?** What connects us as a community? We will share a meal and worship around the tables as we remember that communion was first given in a meal.

Good Friday asks how can society be so blind and evil? Why is there suffering in the world? **How is Jesus present in today's suffering?** What do I do with my guilt and shame?

And finally, after the high of Palm Sunday's Hosannas, the intimacy of Maundy Thursday's meal together, and the stark reality of crucifixion on Good Friday, we come to Easter. Easter gives hope to all of us who have ever felt like giving up, who have wondered if a new life is possible, who have suffered from loss and grief, and **who have questioned if there is more than just this life.**

Let God meet you in the prayers, the music, the words and actions of this Holy Week. **There's a place for you.**

Welcome to Worship!

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Pastor Monte

Reader 1: Just before the Passover feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Reader 2: Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

ALL: "Master, you wash my feet?"

Reader 1: Jesus answered, "You don't understand now what I'm doing, but it will be clear enough to you later."

Reader 2: Peter persisted,

ALL: "You're not going to wash my feet—ever!"

Reader 1: Jesus said, "If I don't wash you, you can't be part of what I'm doing."

Reader 2: Simon Peter said to him,

ALL: "Master, not only my feet then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!"

Reader 2: After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

Reader 1: "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Master—and rightly so. That's what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you must now wash each other's feet."

Reader 2: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples, when they see the love you have for each other."

All: This is our commandment. To love each other.

POEM

"Wash my Hands"

Lucy Nanson

WASHING OF HANDS

*There are multiple bottles of hand sanitizer on each table. You are invited to use the sanitizer to wash another person's hands, gently taking their hands into yours, and saying these words: **God bless these hands, the work they do, the people whose lives they touch, and the love they give.** Make sure everyone's hands at your table get washed and blessed.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Reader 1: Before Jesus and his disciples gathered for the meal, there was one who had taken matters into his own hands. For thirty pieces of silver, Judas had agreed to hand Jesus over to the chief priests. From that moment on, Judas was looking for the right time to betray Jesus.

Reader 2: "I assure you, one of you will betray me."

All: I'm not the one, am I, Lord?

Reader 2: "The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl."

All: Judas said, "It's not me, is it, Rabbi?"

Reader 2: "You said it."

Reader 1: Let us confess together:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have betrayed you. We have denied you. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have rebelled against your love and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment of quiet reflection for personal prayer and confession.

Pastor: Hear the good news: when Christ gathered with his disciples to remind them of his love, he knew that he gathered with the one who betrayed him, the one who would deny him, and all who would abandon him. This shows that Jesus loved them, even when they failed him, and he loves us still today. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

MEAL *Send one person from each table to get a bowl of salad and another to get a tray with bowls of soup. Enjoy the bread and hummus while you wait!*

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, and while they were

Todd Beutin
Andrew Clark
Cheryl Dordel
Judy Hassman
Nan Hoene

Karla Holcomb
Dan Hutchison
Sandy Hutchison
Liz Keller
Sandy Tellefson

GOOD FRIDAY

2 pm Cross Walk (Begins at St. Thomas of Canterbury)

3 pm Ecumenical Worship at St. Alphonsus

6:30 pm Worship at St. Luke's

EASTER

Celebratory Worship at 9am

Stay for the egg hunt....bring your basket

Litany for Burning Prayer Chain

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: The light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Stay with us Lord for it is evening.

All: And the day is almost over.

Pastor: Let your light scatter darkness.

All: And illumine your church.

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before you as incense;

All: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Reader: A reading from the book of Revelation: “Another angel with a golden censor came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.”

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before you as incense;

All: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Pastor: Let us pray. Loving God, we lift before you these prayers of your people. As the smoke rises heavenward, may our hurts and hopes contained on these pieces of paper be brought before you. Bless all those for whom we pray, strengthen us in our own prayer lives and help us to listen for your most gracious response. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

“Jesus Remember Me”

Jesus remember me,

**When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me,
When you come into your kingdom.**

“Sanctuary”

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and Holy, tried and true.
And with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living Sanctuary, for you.
Sanctuary, for you.
I exalt thee, I exalt thee,
I exalt thee, O Lord.**