



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025



***Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community***

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In Worship This Evening...

My Body Broken for You: Last Supper

Prelude: Where Charity and Love Prevail arr. Robert A. Hobby

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness with Hand Washing

Sharing of the Peace

Gospel Acclamation: **Lenten** ELW p.189 | Luke 22:1-27 *Pew Bible* p.857

Homily

Hymn of the Day: **Where Charity and Love Prevail** ELW 359

Prayers of Intercession*

Offering

For your convenience, online giving can be accessed through this QR Code:



Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW p. 207

Distribution: **For Everyone Born**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion

Stripping of the Altar: **Stay with Me** ELW 348

Congregation Departs in Silence

**Worship this evening will include the use of incense*

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Kathy Sieja | Acolyte: Katie Roome

Ushers: Craig Satterfeal & Don Sieja | Tech Volunteer: Oliver Sieja

St. Mark's Celebrates Open Communion

which means none are turned away from Christ's table. We believe Christ is fully present in the bread and wine, and no less present in our gluten-free and alcohol-free options. If you wish instead to receive a blessing, you may signify this by crossing your arms over your chest.

We Welcome the Joy, Laughter, Sights, and Sounds of Children in Worship!

There are children's activity bulletins and worship activity bags available - just ask our ushers. If a moment out of the sanctuary is needed, a toy-filled nursery and changing table are available too, however, we ask that an adult family member stay present at all times.

The Great Commandment & Hand Washing

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word “mandatum,” which means mandate or commandment. The commandment is from John’s Gospel, where Jesus tells his disciples “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” We see Jesus set an example for this love, when he kneels before his disciples to wash their feet. It is an act of humility and service; an act of love that goes beyond expectation or requirement. For centuries, the Church has remembered this act of love and the commandment it exemplifies through a ritual of foot washing on Maundy Thursday. We are reminded just how great is our Savior’s love for us, and we are exhorted to go forth from our worship to show such love to those we meet. This evening, we invite you to come forward to have your hands washed. As the water washes over you, be reminded that you have been washed clean by a God who is endlessly forgiving, and remember the promise that in baptism, we are united with Christ in both death and resurrection. And when you have been washed, remember that you are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in this world, sharing the same extravagant, love with everyone you meet. May God give you clean hands and clean hearts to meet this world in humility, service, and grace.

First Communion

Tonight, we are privileged to witness a rite of passage for nine of our youth as they partake in their First Communion. After receiving instruction on Palm Sunday and participating in the Seder Meal, John Michael Brown, Jake Carter, Lizzie Carter, Dax Gradl, Evelyn Haugh, Millie Kaufman, Taryn Miller, Ben Sieja, and Mason White are one step further down their path of discipleship. Please celebrate in joy and thanksgiving with these youth and their families!

Triduum– The Great Three Days

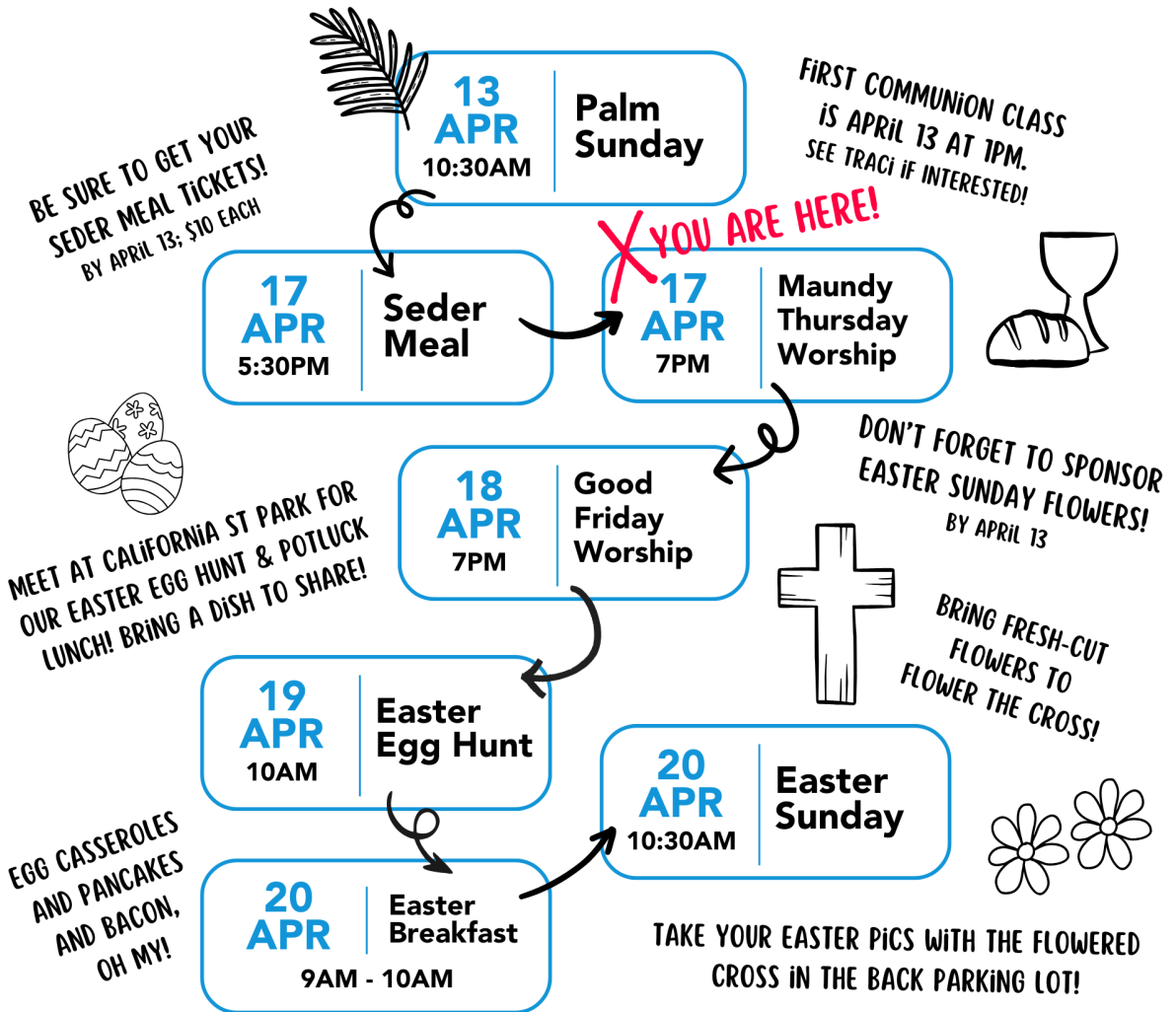
At the end of the forty-day journey through Lent lies what is known as the Triduum – the Great Three Days. Encompassing Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, the three services actually comprise one complete worship experience; beginning Thursday evening, the service does not conclude until Christ arises on Sunday. We typically depart in silence on Maundy Thursday and both gather and depart in silence on Good Friday as a recognition that we are in the middle of our three day worship. From the Upper Room to the Garden, the Cross to the Empty Tomb, the Triduum takes us through the central story of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. Come, let us enter into these Holy Days together to witness what God has done for us!

Easter Volunteer Opportunities—Please let Traci know if you’re able to help!

Volunteers are needed Saturday morning at 9am for Easter Breakfast Prep at church and Egg Hiding at California Street Park as well as 8:30am on Easter morning for Easter Breakfast.

Holy Week

April 13 - 20



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