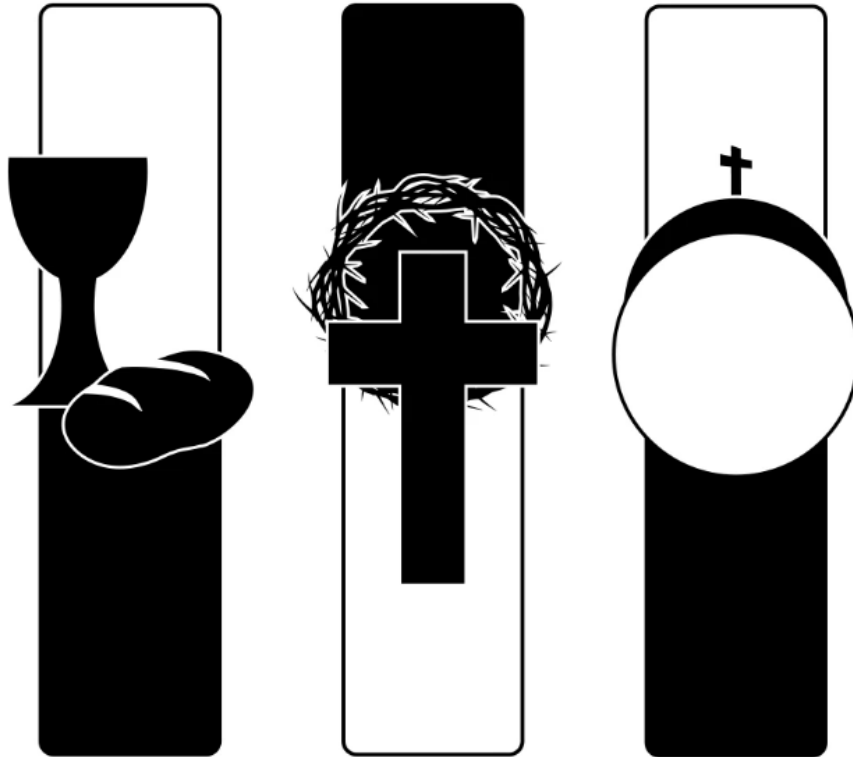


**Muddy Creek
Lutheran Church**



TRIDUUM

2026 Bulletin

Welcome

to

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are a congregation committed to being a place of grace for all people. We strive to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in being a vibrant faith community that supports people in their unique journey of faith, discipleship, and service.

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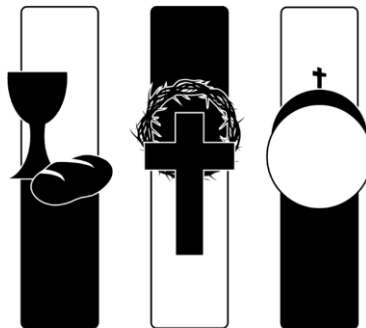
The Triduum (*the Three Days of Easter*) refers to the time from the Maundy Thursday evening liturgy until the final liturgy on Easter Day.

The Three Holy Days of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ are the culmination of the entire church year.

The Triduum is **one** commemoration/celebration. That is why we have one booklet representing one continuous liturgy of Thursday-Sunday's saving activity of Our Lord.

Once we begin the Triduum on Maundy Thursday evening, we stay in it until Easter Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of God's redeeming love spent in remembrance of giving, dying, and rising with Christ.

God's Peace be upon us.





Maundy Thursday Service

April 2, 2026 – 7pm

GATHERING

Welcome

Announcements

PRELUDE: “Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow” W. Bradbury

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy spirit, that we perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and on another.

C: **Amen.**

P: Merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C: **Amen.**

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen you with power through the holy spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN:** “Our Father, We Have Wandered” #606

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray,

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Church Choir: “He Has Surely Born Our Sorrow” Lister/Skillings

THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

² **for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

¹² How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord. R**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people,
¹⁹**in the courts of | the Lord's house,**
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

***Gospel:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

***Prayers of Intercession**

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds. *A brief silence is held for reflection.*

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***Proper Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**..... pg. 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are filled with your glory: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.**

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

C: **Amen**

All are invited to participate in Communion. Gluten-free wafers and juice are offered as alternatives.

***Post Communion Prayer**

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament, you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

*After the Eucharist is celebrated it is customary to "strip the altar," symbolizing the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion.
The congregation is invited to watch or pray silently at this time.*

***Psalm 22:1-3, 14-15, 25-26, 29-31**

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

The congregation departs in silence.



Good Friday Service

April 3, 2026 – 7pm

Tenebrae – a service of darkness and shadows that allows us to focus on Christ’s passion, death, and burial. Candles will be extinguished and sanctuary lights will be dimmed.

GATHERING

Welcome

Announcements

PRELUDE: “O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins” J. S. Bach

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” #347, v1

P: The Passion of our Lord, according to the Gospel of Mark.

C: Thanks be to God

Mark 14:26-42

L: ²⁶ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

²⁸ “But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even though all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰ Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹ But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were

possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” #347, v2

Mark 14:43-15:15

P: ⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’ ” ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶² Jesus said, “I am, and
‘you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power’
and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’ ”

L: ⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him and beat him.

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the female servants of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹ And the female servant, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them,

for you are a Galilean, and you talk like one.”⁷¹ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.”⁷² At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

P: ^{15:1} As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” #347, v3

Mark 15:16-47

L: ¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷ And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

P: ³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is

calling for Elijah.”³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.³⁹ Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome,⁴¹ who followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁴⁴ Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time.⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.⁴⁶ Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Sermon

***Bidding Prayers**

L: Let us pray, for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.

By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world.

Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

L: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.

We pray for our bishops, our lay leaders, our committees and ministries, and all servants of the church. Keep them in health and safety, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

L: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

L: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe.

Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

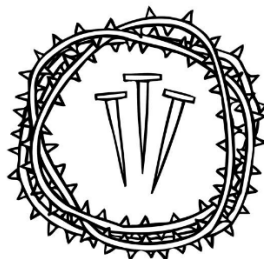
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against 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.**

THE SENDING

Removal of the Cross

“Were You There?” Soloist, Gail Bare

The congregation departs in silence.



Holy Saturday Reflection & Prayer

April 4, 2026

Vigil

Today is Holy Saturday, a day of vigil.
However, this vigil isn't one that is only about death,
it's a time where we hold Holy space from Good Friday to the Vigil of Easter.

This in-between space prepares us for a wonderful celebration.
This is the night of salvation!

At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death.

In her statement on Holy Week, former Presiding Bishop Eaton called Holy Saturday a day “we miss at our peril” and reminds us to take time to realize that Jesus rested in the tomb. That a beating heart stopped. That he breathed his last and was in this space.”

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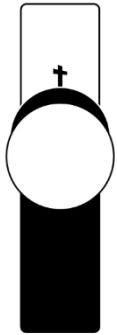
This Saturday,

- Reflect on your in-between spaces: the emotions of being in-between jobs, between school years, and other experiences.
- Take a moment to think about the anticipation you had before something great happened in your life and how that felt.
- Use this as an opportunity to be truly present with another person who is navigating and “in-between” time.

PRAYER

*Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines
with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth
and may shine as a light in the world,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

Amen.



Easter / Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service

April 5, 2026 – 6:30am

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone.

Welcome

Announcements

Resurrection Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! (spoken 3 times)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

Poem – “Easter Morning” (by Paco Lopez)

Softly sings the morning light, Skies of blue and clouds of white.

Hope awakens, fresh and true, With the glistening of dawn's drops of dew.

The stone is rolled, the grave is bare, A whisper rides the springtime air—

“He is risen,” hearts repeat, As he's ascended to take his place by Our Father's seat.

Joy reborn, like sun through rain, Peace and love arise again.

Easter's promise, sweet and clear, he's Our LIVING Christ, don't shed a tear!

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 118:14-15

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
“The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Thanks be to God

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily of Joy

Parting Prayer

With Resurrection joy, we confirm that he has been raised from the dead and is going ahead of us. May we too be reborn in faith and our commitment to spread the Good News.

Amen.

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Easter / Resurrection Sunday

7:30am and 10:15am Services

April 5, 2026
GATHERING

Welcome

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Resurrection Greeting

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Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen.

Passing the Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE: "The Easter Messiah" G. F. Handel

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins, in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, † your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN:** “Christ is Risen Today”#365

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

***KYRIE**.....PG. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** PG. 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Church Choir: “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” G. Young

Children’s Message



THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel,
and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Congregational responses are **bold**.)

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;

God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

² **Let Israel | now declare,**

“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength | and my song,

and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!

The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,**

and declare the works | of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.

²⁰ “This is the gate | of the Lord;

here the righ- | teous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**

and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.hh
²³**By the Lord has | this been done;**
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
²⁴This is the day that the | Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #367

***Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Thanksgiving for Offering**

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.



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***OFFERING HYMN**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence is held for reflection.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ’s victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus’ resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ’s resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ’s victory over death in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

*The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Proper Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: **Amen**

*All are invited to participate in Communion. Gluten-free wafers and juice are offered as alternatives.
Children will receive communion or a blessing according to parental wishes.
Please follow the direction of the ushers.*

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift and faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen** (sung)



***SENDING HYMN: "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"** #382

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "Christ is Risen" P. Wachs

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In the hope and joy of Easter, we offer these flowers as a tribute of love and remembrance. Just as Christ brings new life through His resurrection, these blooms symbolize the beauty, faith, and everlasting spirit of those we hold dear. May this garden of honor remind us that their light shines in our hearts, now and forever in God's eternal care.

In Memory

Mildred & Galen Shimp
by Gail & Ted Bare

Walter Buohl
by Marie Buohl

William & Celia Lausch
by Family

Ralph Bearinger
by Nedra Bearinger

Loved Ones
by Kathleen Ebling

Mark Lorah
by George & Jeanne Lorah

All Family Members
by Connie & Joe Becker

Betty & Lester Ramsey
by Dave, Julie & Marleise Emrhein

Parents: Leonard & Harriet Moodhart
by David Moodhart

Nathaniel & Kathryn Berger
George & Katie Yeager
John & Cora Berger
Susan Bland
Sandy Stinson
Gladys Stauffer
Leroy Berger
Mickey Jones
by Linda & Brenda Berger

Melvin & Dottie Burkhardt
by Their Grandchildren

Roger Noll
Helen Stender
by Audrey Noll

Elmer & Ernestine Gerhart
by Their Grandchildren

Jean Yerger
Leon Yerger
Anna Boyer
by Richard & Barbara Yerger

Leslie Hinden
by Grandchildren

Nancy & John Brendle
Elva & Cloyd Brendle
by Pat Brendle

Carlos & Ana Laceda
Alice, Jun, & Cora Laceda
by Family

Maria Baez
Loved Ones
All Saints

In Honor Of

Sev Yerger
Sisters, Aunt & Sister-in-Law

Mellanie Harbaucht
Pearl Kilhefner
by Bob Brugger

Marleise Emrhein's Birthday
by Mom & Dad

Family & Friends
by Brad & Doris Rauch

Children, Grand Children
& Great Grandchildren
by Pat Brendle

Children & Grand Children
by Marie Buohl

Parents
Chet & Cassie Kochel
by George & Jeanne Lorah

Grand Children
by Jane Wenger

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