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Maundy Thursday

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** Emmanuel is a liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation, in fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA). We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the truth of Scripture according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580, without exception or reservation. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God’s Word with us.

 With regard to Holy Communion, we ask our visitors to respect our practice of *closed Communion*, which means that only communicant members of our congregation or of other congregations in communion with us are invited to commune at the Lord’s Table here, after they have been examined and absolved. Classes are offered throughout the year by the pastor so that those who are interested in joining our Communion fellowship have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and our confession of it.

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday**, occurring on the eve of our Lord’s crucifixion, begins the celebration of the holy Three Days of Christ’s Passover (*Pascha*), commonly known as the *Triduum*. Each service of the *Triduum* flows into the next, all of them being treated as a single unit, not as three separate services. The Service for Maundy Thursday consists of three parts:

* The Confessional Service
* The Service of the Holy Communion
* The Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday Chief Service**: This is the Second Service of the *Triduum*. During this service, which is held during the hours of darkness (12 – 3PM), the Passion History will be read from the Gospel of John.

**Easter Vigil**: This is the Third Service of the *Triduum*, held on Saturday evening after sunset, which is already the beginning of Easter Sunday, according to Hebrew reckoning. The Paschal Candle is used prominently in the service, which consists of The Service of Light, Service of Lessons, Service of Holy Baptism, Service of Prayer, Service of the Word, and Service of Holy Communion.

The Order of the Confessional Service

*The Lutheran Hymnal*, *p.46*

*Remain seated*

Versicles and Responses *p.46*

The Psalm *Psalm 88*

The Scripture Lesson *Exodus 12:1-14*

The Exhortation *p.47*

*Stand*

The Examination and Absolution *p.48 (bottom half)*

The Order of the Holy Communion

*The Lutheran Hymnal, beginning on p.19*

The Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis *p.17-19*

The Salutation and Collect for the Day *p.19*

*Sit*

The Epistle *1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

The Gradual and Tract *Philippians 2:8, 9 paraphrase*



P Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to | the point of death, \*

 Even the death of | the cross.

C **Therefore God also has highly | exalted Him \***

 **And given Him the name which is above ev- | ery name.**

*Stand*

The Gospel *John 13:1-15*

The Nicene Creed *p.22*

*Sit*

Hymn *TLH #163 - The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

The Sermon

The Offering *(no Offertory is sung)*

*Stand*

The Litany*p.110*

Hymn *TLH #311 – Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

The Preface *p. 24*

*The Service continues on p.24 through the Communion Distribution. No hymns will be sung during the Distribution. The Nunc Dimittis is omitted.*

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

*The collect is spoken.*

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

Stripping of the Altar

**HYMN** *TLH #150 – Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth*

*The* ***Congregation*** *sings* ***stanzas******1,3 &******5*** *– the words of* ***The Soul****.*

*The Pastor sings stanzas 2 & 4 – the words of Jesus.*

*During the hymn the Communion vessels are removed and the altar is solemnly stripped as a picture of the Lord’s abandonment by His disciples on Maundy Thursday.*

*The pastor exits the chancel, carrying the Paschal candle. The congregation may depart as the post-service music begins to play.*

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**Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Friday Service of Word and Sacrament, 1 PM

Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter, 8 PM

Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8:30 AM

Easter Sunday Divine Service, 10:15 AM