

The Stripping of the Altar *(7 pm service only)*

As a sign of the total humiliation of Christ in His suffering and death, the altar and chancel are stripped of all appointments in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. Psalm 22, the psalm our Lord prayed from the cross, will be sung as the vessels and sacred appointments are removed.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper. *We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender*

Order of Service

Corporate Confession and Absolution

Follow the liturgy printed below

Hymn of Invocation

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"Not All the Blood of Beasts"

Choir sings stanza 3

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

P: I will go to the altar of God.

C: **To God my exceeding joy.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading**Exodus 24:3-11**

The Blood of the Covenant Is Sprinkled on the People

Psalm 116:12-14, 18-19 *sung responsively with the choir**Antiphon*I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.*Psalm*What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all His bene- | fits to me?**I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD,****I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all His | people.***Antiphon is repeated*I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all His | people,
**in the courts of the house | of the LORD,*
in your midst, O Je- | rusalem.****Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit:****As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.***Antiphon is repeated***Epistle Reading****Hebrews 9:11-22**

Christ Is the Mediator of the New Covenant in His Blood

Hymn of the Day**617**

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

*Choir sings stanza 2***Gospel****Matthew 26:17-30**

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth
chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.***After the reading of the Gospel.***P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C: Praise to You, O Christ.****Sermon****Confessional Address for Maundy Thursday****Confession and Absolution****P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.**P:** O almighty God, merciful Father,**C: I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and
iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly
deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am
heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I
pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the
holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,
sinful being.***The pastors will absolve all baptized penitents individually at the kneeling
stations. Penitents approach the kneelers as directed by the ushers and return to
their seats down the center aisle.**All baptized Christians of every age are welcome to come forward for individual
absolution. This practice reminds us of how our Lord absolved His baptized
disciples in the act of washing their feet.***Hymns During Distribution of Absolution**“Glory Be to Jesus” *Choir sings stanza 4***433**

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

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“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

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“O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day”

Choir sings stanzas 3 and 6