

Who is the G.O.A.T.?



+ Maundy Thursday +
Holy Thursday
April 17, 2025



**Messiah Lutheran
Church**

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Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping the Lord with us today!

Holy Thursday Divine Worship

Thursday of the Passion

Maundy Thursday

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Who is the G.O.A.T? Greatest Of All Time

FROM THE LAY ELDER-DEACONS: Welcome to Messiah. We want to make sure your worship experience goes well. So just as a reminder, ***please turn off cellphones ringers during worship. Please remove hats, no earbuds, no gaming, no texting, and no social media. If you need to use your phone or have a conversation with someone, please excuse yourself from the sanctuary. Thank you.***

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Live audio of the worship service is available in the room that is just off the Narthex in the back of the sanctuary. This room has a bathroom and is a safe place for anxious children (or adults) to go and still be a part of the worship service. Also, audio is available in our Fellowship Hall.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Maundy Thursday celebrates the anniversary of the institution of Holy Communion by Jesus at the Last Supper. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *Mandatum* for "word in the ceremony." *Mandatum novum* stands for the new commandment Jesus gave to the Disciples to eat and drink His body and blood "in remembrance of me" with the promise of forgiveness of sins.

This service of Holy Thursday is the first service in the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover commonly known as the Triduum. It culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's passion and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf.

As such: the Service, like that of Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. It consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Stripping of the Altar.

Tonight, we remember the Disciples arguing over who was the greatest among them? Jesus' answer will surprise you as you are brought into the passion narrative. Let God's Word humbled you and exalt you as you listen, learn, and love to be His greatest.

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIPPING

Gracious Lord, as we walk by faith with You again remembering Your journey to the Cross, we give You thanks for Your body and blood given to us through Your Holy Supper here tonight. Let Your peace humbly be placed in my heart this night as we remember You once more. Amen.

GREETING – SETTING WORSHIP THEME

Bible Verse of the Month: *Ephesians 6:10-11 ESV:*

P: "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

C: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

P: God work to make you strong in the strength of His Word as you worship Him.

HYMN OF INVOCATION: "Lord Jesus Think on Me" LSB 610

(Please turn and follow the Processional Light)



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

INVOCATION: *(God's name is spoken so we can see His vivid presence through His Word)*

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

C: Amen.

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

C: Who made heaven and Earth.

THE SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are in distress.

C: My sight is blurred because of my tears. My body and soul are withering away.

P: We are dying from grief. Our years are shortened by sadness.

C: Misery has drained my strength. I am wasting away from within.

P: We are scorned by all our enemies and despised by our neighbors – even our friends are afraid to come near us.

C: When they see me on the street, they turn the other way.

P: We have been ignored as if we were dead, as if we were a broken pot.

C: I have heard the many rumors about me, and I am surrounded by terror.

P: Our enemies conspire against us, plotting to take our lives.

C: But I am trusting You, O Lord, saying, "You are my God!"

P: Our future is in Your Hands.

C: Rescue me from those who hunt me down relentlessly.

P: Let Your favor shine on Your servants.

C: In Your unending love, save me.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, World without end. Amen.

(Silence to reflect on your sins of thought, word, and deed. Reflect on sins of commission and omission.)

P: Almighty God,

C: Merciful Father, hear my confession and forgive me all of my sins, both those I knowingly commit, and those I commit without realizing it. My Father, in Holy Baptism You declared me to be Your child and gathered me into Your Church. Because of Your love for me, You daily and richly forgive my sins and grant me new life through Your Spirit. Be with me, strengthen my faith, and graciously receive my prayer and my praise, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in + peace.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*Silence for reflection on worship theme*) O Lord Jesus, on this night we remember the arguments broke out among Your Apostles about who is the greatest. Tonight, please slice through our pride and humble us to know what it means to be the greatest and who grants that. This way we can better appreciate Your mercy and live Your grace. We pray this in Your Name as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD— The Passion of our Lord on Maundy Thursday

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #1.....Luke 22: 1-6 NIV

The plot to kill Jesus, and Judas' betrayal of Him.

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ²and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: Praise be to God for loving us so much.

HYMN OF REFLECTION – “O, How He Loves You and Me”...BROWN 513

1. O, how He loves you and me
O, how He loves you and me
He gave His life what more could He give
O, how He loves you
O, how He loves me
O. how He loves you and me.
2. Jesus from Calvary did go
His love for mankind to show
What He did there brought hope from despair

O, how He loves you
O, how He loves me
O, how He loves you and me.

PASSON NARRATIVE READING #2.....Luke 22:7-23 NIV

The Institution of the Lord's Supper.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

⁹"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

¹⁰He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

¹³They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²²The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him." ²³They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: Praise be to the Father for caring for us so greatly.

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"...LSB 618 verses 1-3

**1. I come, O Savior, to Thy Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:**

REFRAIN:

**Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy
May now approach Thy heavenly Board
And, as I lowly bow before Thee,
Look only unto Thee, O Lord! REFRAIN**

**3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never
For Thou my faithful Shepherd art! REFRAIN**

PASSON NARRATIVE READING #3.....Luke 22:24-38 NIV

At the Lord's Supper, Jesus defines true greatness.

²⁴Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

³³But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

³⁴Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

³⁵Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

³⁶He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

³⁸The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."
"That is enough," he replied.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: Praise be to Christ for forgiving us so completely.

HYMN OF REFLECTION; "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"...LSB 618 verses 4-6

**4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever
As death and poison to my soul
That I through wilful sinning never
May see Thy Judgment take its toll!**

REFRAIN:

**Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**5. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. REFRAIN**

**6. Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore opprest;
Receive me graciously, and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. REFRAIN**

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #4.....Luke 22:39-53 NIV

After the Passover meal, Jesus and His Disciples go east of Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives.

³⁹Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: Praise be to Holy Spirit for loving us so much.

HYMN OF REFLECTION....."Go to Dark Gethsemane"..... LSB 436 vv1-2

**1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**2. Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.**

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #5.....Luke 22:54-65 NIV

As predicted, Peter denies knowing Jesus.

⁵⁴Then seizing him [Jesus], they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

⁵⁷But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

⁶⁰Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴ They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵ And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: Praise be to our Lord for dying for our sins.

HYMN OF REFLECTION....."Go to Dark Gethsemane"..... LSB 436 vv 3-4

3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb

**There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

4. Early hasten to the tomb

**Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:
Savior, teach us so to rise.**

SERMON: "Who is the G.O.A.T?" Text: Luke 22:24-38

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (*Creed of our Baptism*) (*What we believe about the Lord*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.**

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERTORY....Berta Eddy

(If you are able, please stand)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that in Holy Communion God comes to us with forgiveness through tangible means. Because the gospel has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in his Supper to bring forgiveness of sins received through faith and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of unity in our beliefs, if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or one of her sister church bodies, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor before communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our beliefs before we have had an opportunity to explain them.

For those who cannot tolerate alcohol of any kind, the center glass in the individual cup trays and the glasses surrounding it contain grape juice with a few drops of wine added to it.

(If you are able, please stand)

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might

C: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: Hosanna in the highest.

C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us.

C: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us.

ALL: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us. Grant us peace...Grant us peace.

(Please sit)

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing" RED 144

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER: *(Please pray silently after receiving The Lord's Supper)*

Almighty God, I thank You for feeding me this life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in order to preserve my forgiveness and salvation from You. Send Your Holy Spirit to help me live, by not sinning, and by serving You through helping others with my thoughts, words, and deeds. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR - If you wish, please come forward as members of the Altar Guild will hand you items that will be place in the hallway, conference room, or sacristy.

We leave the sanctuary in silence out of reverence for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and reflecting on the Passion of our Lord.

Easter Lily and Spring Flower donations are encouraged to beautify our Sanctuary for this Sunday's Resurrection of our Lord Easter Celebration.

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NIV: New International Version

LSB: Lutheran Service Book

BROWN: The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

RED: The Lutheran Hymnal



Tre Ore Service
Good Friday – April 18, 2025
Noon to 3pm

Participating Congregations

- Messiah, Beloit
- Trinity, Beloit
- Christ, Clinton
- Mount Calvary, Janesville
- Our Savior's, Janesville
- Good Shepherd, East Troy
- Our Redeemer, Delavan

Hear the 7 last Words of Jesus and their significance for your life today

Please join us for meaningful worship including choral and solo selections

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Good Friday, April 18 at 7pm: *Stations of the Cross*

**A Look at 14
Pivotal
Moments in
the Passion of
Our Lord on
the day of His
Death in one
incredible hour
of worship!**



**Relive these
moments to
better
appreciate
the
incredible
sacrifice
Jesus made
to bring you
life from His
death.**

**Easter Sunday, April 20 at 9am and 11am
(Wed, April 23 at 7pm, too)
With Easter Brunch 9:45-11:15am**

Look Ahead, Not Behind!

Friday	Noon to 3pm	Good Friday: Tre Ore
	7pm	Good Friday night: Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9am	Messiah Choir Practice
	10am	New Member Class – Upstairs Conference Room
Sunday	9am	Easter Sunday Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45-11:15am	Easter Brunch Fellowship Hall
	11am	Easter Sunday Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

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Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome. To our first-time guests and visitors, we extend our sincere greeting. To those who seek a church home, we invite you to our fellowship. Messiah has existed since 1959 to receive God's forgiveness, life and salvation in Christ Jesus through Word and Sacrament and to share the good news that God's Son, Jesus Christ, lives, died, and rose for all.

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