



Maundy Thursday Worship

April 17th, 2025

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
201 S Michigan St.

Mission Statement:

**To worship and praise God boldly,
witness to God's goodness,
and serve God with joy.**

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

THE CHURCH IS GATHERED TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

** You are invited to stand as you are able.*

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Most 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. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated. People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

The person may respond Amen.

HYMNS DURING THE LAYING ON OF HANDS
ELW #612 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.
Refrain

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.
Refrain

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.
Refrain

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.
Refrain

ELW #595 "Jesus Loves Me!"

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

*** GREETING**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. Amen.**

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 116:1-2, 12-19

(read responsively)

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

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay 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.**

¹⁴I 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.**

¹⁶O 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Hillary

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW #808**
"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

WASHING OF HANDS

(Come forward as you wish)

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

HYMN DURING WASHING ELW #642

"Ubi Caritas et Amor" (sung continuously)

*U-bi ca-ri-tas; et a more,
u-bi ca-ri-tas, De-us i-bi est.*

Translation: "Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Assisting Minister)

After each prayer, please respond with the words "**hear our prayer**".

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING – *brought forward at this time*

*** OFFERING PRAYER** (Assisting Minister)

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CHRIST'S MEAL IS SHARED

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** 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; 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.

DISTRIBUTION (continuous)

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #712

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,

who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

*** COMMUNION BLESSING**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

(Assisting Minister)

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. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO BE THE
CHURCH

SIT HERE WHILE I PRAY
(from Stages on the Way)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
(Lights are dimmed)

*Psalm 88 is read during
the stripping of the altar.*

¹O LORD, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
²let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.
³For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
⁴I am counted among those who go down to
the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
⁵like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
Selah
⁸You have caused my companions to shun
me;
you have made me a thing of horror to
them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
⁹my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you?
Selah
¹¹Is your steadfast love declared in the
grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
¹²Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your saving help in the land of forgetful-

ness?

¹³But I, O LORD, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before
you.
¹⁴O LORD, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵Wretched and close to death from my
youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.
¹⁷They surround me like a flood all day
long;
from all sides they close in on me.
¹⁸You have caused friend and neighbor to
shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

**There is no benediction. All leave the
church in silence.**

**The service continues tomorrow, Good
Friday at 6:30pm.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Our Prayers This Week:

Robert "Bud" Mertz, Chris Bohlen, Sheryll Bunders, Fawneyes Lavallo, Creighton Groom, Rose Adkins, Jenny Sylvester, Christine Olson and family, Kristen Bailey, Kristy Nelson, Heather Mask, Wes Bohlen, Peggy Abel, Bruce Smrcina, Linda Day, Nickolas McCullick, Ruth Anderson, Luanne Atkins, Joyce Novey, Christopher Bailey and Joseph Ricco.

Worship Volunteers:

Ushers— Linda Smrcina & Barb Rink

Acolyte— Harper Fritsche & Ellie Kramer

Easy Worship—

Camera— Kate Moris

Reader— Marilyn Hackett

Comm Servers— Lynda Beaty & Lynn Rider

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICES

Our High School Youth will be leading worship on April 26th and 27th.

Pie-in-the-face Event. There will be opportunities to offer prayer support and financial support for the upcoming High School Mission Trip- including a fun bake sale and pie-in-the-face auction. We invite all in the congregation to join us!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 17th,

- Come For Supper served 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Worship at 6:30 p.m. Worship will include a time of confession and forgiveness that will conclude with a time to come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands and to hear individual words of forgiveness. There will be an option for hand washing as a part of the service. We will celebrate Holy Communion together, and the service will end with the stripping of the altar. *Also broadcast live on the radio and via Facebook.*

• **Good Friday, April 18th,** worship at 6:30 p.m. Reflective Worship Service with the Reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John. The lights will slowly dim throughout the worship service. Also broadcast live on the radio and via Facebook.

• **Easter Vigil, April 19th,** worship at 5:15 p.m. We will hear Bible stories that tell the story of salvation from Creation to the Resurrection. Light will build in the Sanctuary leading to the remembrance of Baptism and Holy Communion. *Service will be livestreamed on Facebook.*

• **Easter Sunday, April 20th,** Festive Easter Worship at St. Peter at 9:00 a.m. Join us for a festive Easter service with Holy Communion as we worship our Risen Savior Jesus! *Also broadcast live on the radio and via Facebook.*

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL WITH SUGAR CREEK
COUNSELORS**

Children going into grades 1-5 are invited to join in our VBS programming, led by young adult counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp, June 29-July 3rd. Look for registration information coming in early Spring. Contact Pr. Hillary for more information.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Inter-Generational Ministry (1mo-101yrs)

- Children, Youth, and Families are invited to gather in the fellowship hall, following worship, for a time of growing in faith and relationship together.
- Sunday School kids sing **April 27th**.

**CONFIRMATION MINISTRY
for 6TH-8TH grades**

- Confirmation class from 6:45-7:45 p.m., on Wed. with optional meal at 6:00 p.m.
- Midweek Lenten worship will take place of class.
- Class resumes **April 23rd**.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Time to connect, serve, pray, have fun, grow in faith, and build friendships.

- **April 23rd, 7:45 p.m.** Youth-Led Worship Planning Night.
- **April 26-27**, Youth-Led Worship, bake sale and Pie-in-the-face Mission Trip Fundraiser.

BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Prairie du Chien Library. Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning more. The April read will be "*Mining for Justice*" by Kathleen Ernst, May – "*The Frozen River*" by Ariel Lawhon, June – "*The Life Cycle of a Common Octopus*" by Emma Knight and July "*The Kitchen House*" by Kathleen Grissom.

**EASTER EGG HUNT AND BRUNCH
at Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

Saturday April 19th, brunch at 10:00 a.m., Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m.

Egg Hunt and Activities—\$5/child

Brunch (ages 5 and up) - \$10/person

Brunch (ages 4 and under) - Free

Please RSVP to office@sgrcreek.org by Friday, April 11.

ENGAGING CHILDREN INITIATIVE

As part of this program, the synod office wants to hear your experiences with children in worship and how we can better address children's spiritual needs! It will take less than 15 minutes of your time. This feedback will help us develop resources for our congregation in the months to come. Please go to

www.research.net/r/EngageChildren

As an incentive – the ECI program is offering \$100, to use for children's ministry or worship, to the congregation that has the highest percentage of participation. Please take the time to fill out the survey before Easter!

Sugar Creek Spring Volunteer Work Day
Volunteer Spring Work Weekend – Saturday
May 3, 2025; 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Play a part in building, cleaning, arranging and preparing camp buildings, trails and equipment for a safe and busy season ahead. Projects for all skill levels. RSVP: office@sgrcreek.org or 608-734-3113.

This Week's Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

- **6:30 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**
Service also broadcast live on the radio and Facebook

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

EASTER VIGIL

- 10:00 a.m.. Easter egg hunt and brunch at SCBC
- 5:15 p.m. Worship with Communion
Service livestreamed on Facebook

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

EASTER SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Worship also broadcast on the radio and Facebook

MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

- Easter Holiday. Office Closed. Pastor Hillary is on call
- 4:00 p.m. NA Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

- 10:00 a.m. Text Study for Pastors
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

- 9:15 a.m. (approx.) St. Peter Devotional
- 6:00 p.m. Food for Confirmation
- 6:45 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:45 p.m. High School Group Night: Youth-Led worship planning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters
- 5:00 p.m. Book Club at Library
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. WELCA Spring Convention
- 5:15 p.m. Youth-Led Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9 a.m. Youth-Led Worship with Communion. Worship also broadcast on the radio and Facebook
- 10:15 a.m. Inter-Generational Ministry
- 10:20 a.m. Bake Sale and Pie-in-the-face fundraiser for high school mission trip

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Welcome! We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Join us again soon.

Worship with us Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship is also broadcast live on the radio at WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and Livestreamed on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc>.

Visitors— We are so glad that you can join us today! We invite you to fill out a blue welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate at the back.

We practice open Communion here — All who seek the forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers in this meal are welcome. Those not yet receiving Communion or those choosing not to today are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (we invite you to cross your arms in front of you to indicate your desire to receive a blessing). If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing and it is best for you to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher; and we will come to you.

Pastoral Care- If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, would like home communion, would like to visit with one of the pastors, or is in need of pastoral care; please call the church office at (608-326-6411). Or reach out to the pastors directly via a call or text: Pastor Miranda's cell phone number is 815-291-5793 and Pastor Hillary's cell phone number is 319-290-8641.

Sharing Your Offering- Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- For in-person worship, we have an offering plate available on the usher table. We invite you to place your offerings there as you come or as you leave.
- You can mail your check to church: PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.
- You can give through Simply Giving, an automated online giving program we have used successfully for years here at St. Peter. An authorization form can be found online on our website www.stpeterpdc.org/Donate or you can call the church office at (608) 326-6411.
- You can set up an offering at your bank using free Bill Pay service to have the bank print and mail your check to the church.
- You can give online at www.stpeterpdc.org on the Home page, scroll down to the "Give" button or select the Give tab at the top to be directed to Vanco/Simply Giving.

The Hungry Jar for April is: ***ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission.*** Children are invited to help collect the Hungry Jar offerings during the Offering.

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