

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Greeting

GATHER US IN

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer

Greeting

1st Meal of the Passover

RED SEA ROAD

Sermon - Pastor Perry Aalgaard

The Last Supper

Communion and Distribution

CROWDED TABLE

TO THE TABLE

A New Heaven and a New Earth

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

Stripping of the Altar

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy comes from the Latin word for "mandate" "Take and eat this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them , saying, 'Drink from it all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'" - Matt. 26:26-28

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF SUCH EATING AND DRINKING?

The words "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin," show us that forgiveness, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words, because where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

HOW CAN BODILY EATING AND DRINKING DO SUCH A GREAT THING?

Eating and drinking certainly do not do it, but rather the words that are recorded: "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." These words, when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking, are the essential thing in the sacrament, and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely, "forgiveness of sin".

WHO THEN RECEIVES THIS SACRAMENT WORTHILY?

Fasting and bodily preparation are in fact a fine external discipline, but a person who has faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin," is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared because the words "for you" require truly believing hearts.

HOLY WEEK

Good Friday Worship
March 29th at 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship
March 31st
6:30am, 8:30am, & 10:30am
7:30-8:15am Pastries and Coffee

Monday– April 1st
Church Office CLOSED

Stripping of the Altar – An ancient custom of the church symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the Roman soldiers (Matthew 27:28-30, Mark 15:16-20). As Christ's life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.



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"This is my body ...
this is my **blood** ...
... given for **YOU**."

Luke 22:14-20

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