



"Do this  
in remembrance  
of me."

*Maundy Thursday*

April 2, 2026

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**Welcome in the name of Jesus!**

*We're so glad to have you join us in worship of our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the registration book in the church near the entrance.*

## **Policy Regarding the Lord's Supper**

*Faithful to our Lord Jesus and His Word, Bethlehem practices the Biblical and historical teaching of closed communion. This means that those who commune together are united around a common confession of faith and have been taught to prepare and examine themselves. In love to our Lord and all people, in general only members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the other worldwide Lutheran Church bodies united and in fellowship with her are invited to the altar. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor. He would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.*

*Tonight's worship emphasis: With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.*

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*April 2, 2026*

### **PRELUDE**

### **✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

### **575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;**

No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

**ref** **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2** When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

**3** His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

**4** When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!  
**Refrain**

*(Please rise)*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

LSB 151

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We**

justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

## **ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(Please rise)*

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

## **KYRIE**

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**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.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Exodus 24:3–11*

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw

against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalm 116:12–19; antiphon: v. 17*

**P** What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

**C** I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,

**P** I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

**C** Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.

**P** O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**C** I will offer to you the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**P** I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,

**C** in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

## **EPISTLE**

*Hebrews 9:11–22*

### **Redemption Through the Blood of Christ**

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

<sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

<sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Therefore

not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise)*

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE (LENT)**

*LSB 157*

**C** **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 26:17–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **The Passover with the Disciples**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

## **Institution of the Lord’s Supper**

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

<sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

## **Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial**

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## 617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and  
adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst  
nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind  
us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!

- 3** May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

## **SERMON**

**"I am With You"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth**

**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,**

**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead**

**and the life ✝ of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*following each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(please be seated)*

## OFFERING

### ♪ OFFERTORY RESPONSE ♪

#### 956 CREATE IN ME

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**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.

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **♪ SANCTUS ♪**

*LSB 161*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PAX DOMINI**

LSB 163

**[P]** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**[C]** Amen.

## **♪AGNUS DEI♪**

LSB 163

**[C]** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

### **563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- 1** Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
  
- 2** Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
  
- 3** Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
  
- 4** Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

### **566 BY GRACE I'M SAVED**

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and  
boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;

His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

**3** By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

**4** By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

**5** By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

*(Please rise)*

**♪ NUNC DIMITTIS ♪**

*LSB 165*

**☐ Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**☐ Let us pray.**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **436 GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All 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 from Jesus Christ to pray.
  
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;

Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

### **+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +**

*(Stripping of the Altar A ceremony that concludes the Maundy Thursday service in which the altar is "stripped" of all its appointments (candles, vessels, linens, etc.). The ceremony symbolizes the*

*stripping of Jesus by his captors (both of his clothing and his honor) as well as the abandonment by his disciples. Psalm 22 is prayed while the altar is stripped.)*

## **Why Have You Forsaken Me?**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my  
God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;

it is melted within my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild  
oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of  
Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming  
generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness  
to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

***(We leave in silence in respect and  
contemplation of the upcoming events of the  
life and death (and ultimate resurrection) of  
Christ the Lord.)***



# *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Greg Murray

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Doug Grage

Reader: Greg Murray

All leave the church in silence. **WELCOME TO BETHLEHEM!** We are so happy that you are here this evening to worship the Lord and receive His gifts. We pray that this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Register in the entry. Please join us for our upcoming services and events:

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026**

- **Good Friday (April 3)**
  - **7:00 p.m.** – Worship Service, a solemn remembrance of the crucifixion.
- **Easter Sunday (April 5)**
  - **6:30 a.m.** – **Easter Sunrise Service**, celebrating the resurrection at dawn.
  - **8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** – **Easter Breakfast**, a free will offering
  - **10:30 a.m.** – **Easter Celebration Service**, festive worship for the day.
  - **11:45 a.m.** – **Easter Egg Hunt**, a family activity following the late morning service.