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CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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**Welcome!**

**We are glad you are worshiping today!**

**Fellowship:** Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

**Holy Communion:** Celebrated in all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

**Parents With Children:** Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church.

**We Care Cards:** Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

**Volunteers** (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at [tinyurl.com/SPLsignups](http://tinyurl.com/SPLsignups).

**Traditional Worship**

\*Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 8am | Sunday 11am

**Contemporary Worship**

\*Sunday 9:30am

\*Live-streamed at:

[splgraffton.org/church/livestream](http://splgraffton.org/church/livestream) &  
[vimeo.com/event/3215174](https://vimeo.com/event/3215174)

**Servant Leaders:**

Pastor: Luke Anderson  
Pastor: Jacob Schultz  
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke  
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah  
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow  
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf  
Principal: Michael Yurk  
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer  
DCE: Tracy Krueger

**EQUIPPING  
Every Generation  
to Live Rooted  
in JESUS**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us**  
April 17, 2025



**AS WE GATHER...**When Christians gather as the church, it is for what we normally call a "service." In daily life a "service" is, of course, a person or group who provides something of value to others; for instance, a food service, a cleaning service, or a place for "servicing" your car. But when we gather as church for a service, who is doing the serving and who is being served? After all, with our eyes we only see one another singing and praying, making the sign of the cross, standing, sitting, kneeling, baptizing with water, and communing with bread and wine. It is easy for some to get the impression that this activity we call "worship" is a gathering where we are doing something for God. What is really going on of most importance is God's doing, God's serving us through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. This divine service was most dramatically shown in this night on which our Lord Jesus serves and feeds us.

Tonight, our mighty Lord, who has proved His power over demons, sickness, and even death, takes the humbler part. His loving service is shown, first, by taking the role of a servant washing His disciples' feet. His greatest and chief service, however, He announced as He took charge of the ancient Passover meal, changing it from a mere memorial of what God has done in the Old Testament exodus of the past to its fulfillment in what He was about to accomplish in His innocent, bitter suffering and death on a cross. From now on, the fulfillment of the annual Passover feast is to be celebrated "often" as the chief means by which God literally connects us with our Lord's crucified body and His precious blood that take away the sin of the world "as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup" (LSB, p. 162).

## COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

*If you are not in agreement with these questions,  
please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICES—4:30pm & 6:30pm

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF BELLS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during the sermon hymn.*)

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

**People: to God, my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another. By God's Word, during these forty days we have been reminded that the true repentance, faith, and love required of us is, and can only be, the product of God's own action on our behalf. In Jesus we have seen the very hand of God working to save us by serving us. He is the Hand of the Lord who freely gives Himself in love for us, the Hand of the Lord who created us, and the Hand of the Lord who casts out demons, who heals the sick, who raises the dead, and who holds all things together as the mighty Savior, who reigns over all. This night we gather at the Lord's invitation to complete our Lenten discipline by examining ourselves, receiving Holy Absolution of all our sins, and by means of the Sacrament of the Altar, being made actual participants in the body and blood of Christ, the precious price of our salvation. Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life. We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**People: Amen.**

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: 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.**

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

**People: Amen.**

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

**People: Yes.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**People: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**People: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of the grave laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

**People: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

**KYRIE** *(see screens)*

LSB 152

**SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 12:1-14 (Holy Bible p. 68)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 116:12–19 (see screens)*

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (Holy Bible p. 1219)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *John 13:1b*

**All: (spoken) Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (Holy Bible p. 1145)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

**SERMON** “The Lord’s Hand Serves and Feeds Us,” by Pastor Maschke, based on John 13 & I Corinthians 11.

**NICENE CREED** *(see screens)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(see screens)*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *(see screens)*

LSB 159

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22 (see screens)*

LSB 160

**PROPER PREFACE** *(see screens)*

**SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 161

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *(see screens)*

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

## LORD'S PRAYER *(see screens)*

### PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

LSB 163

## PREPARATION *(see screens)*

**DISTRIBUTION** *Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides.*

*Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup.*

*Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.*

**HYMNS** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LSB 845

"What is this Bread"

LSB 629

## DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(see screens)*

LSB 165

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(see screens)*

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

On Maundy (Holy) Thursday, the service concludes with the removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments. This is an ancient custom symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, beating, crowning with thorns, spitting, mockery, the trudge to Golgotha and shameful death. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs that symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death "for us and for our Salvation." Psalm 22 is chanted as the various elements from the chancel are removed.

The service concludes without a Benediction to indicate that these three days—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Saturday—are a united time of devotional meditation.

***All leave the church in silence.***

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## GOOD FRIDAY - TENEBRAE | APRIL 18

**Was Pierced for Us: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

1pm & 6:30pm

Rev. Jacob Schultz

## EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

**Is Risen: Psalm 16; Luke 24: 1-12**

6am, 8am, 9:30am (Cont), 11am

Rev. Luke Anderson

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- **VANCOONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit [splgraffton.org/church/giving](http://splgraffton.org/church/giving) (then click Online Giving).
- **VANCO MOBILE APP:** Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER MINISTRY EXPANSION FUND:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

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