

# CRUCIAL HOURS



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 14, 2022**

## HOLY WEEK

The week before Easter has become known as “Holy Week.” Perhaps one of the reasons for this name comes from the fact that the Bible has more details about the events that took place in Jesus’ life on these days than any other moment in his life. The Gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have a total of 89 chapters, and there are nearly 30 written about the last week of Jesus’ life. What was so important about what happened on these days? It was the culmination of God’s plan to save sinners from the eternal punishment of hell and win for them eternal life in heaven.

Three of the days during Holy Week have been given special names because of a significant event that took place on that day. The three days are...

**Palm Sunday...** This was the day when Jesus made his triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus would not leave the city alive, yet upon his arrival there were crowds of people who gave praise to him and claimed that he was their Savior. He entered the city riding on a gentle donkey while people sang, “Hosanna,” which means, “The Lord saves!” As part of his royal treatment, the crowd took palm branches as part of his procession.

**Maundy Thursday...** This was the day when Jesus celebrated the last Passover with his followers. Together they ate a meal of lamb and unleavened bread. It was during this meal that Jesus celebrated the first Lord’s Supper in which he gives his true body and blood. After all, Jesus himself is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The word “maundy” comes from the Latin language and means “mandate” or “command.” It was during the evening meal when Jesus also said to his disciples, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

**Good Friday...** This was the day that we call “good,” but it was horrific for Jesus. It should have been horrific for us. If you want to know how God feels toward someone who sins, look at how Jesus suffered and was crucified. That is how God should treat all sinners. Yet, the punishment that brings us peace was upon Jesus, and by his wounds we are healed.

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU

Maundy Thursday Service

April 14, 2022

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

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**Worship Focus:** At the end of this service we will be removing everything from the altar. This ceremony of the "Stripping of the Altar" (removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments) is an ancient custom of the church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the abandonment by his disciples and of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

So we strip our altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Opening Hymn: CW 315 (vs. 1-5)

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

HOLY COMMUNION

315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
2 This is the hour of ban-quet and of song;  
3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
4 Mine is the sin but yours the right-eous-ness;  
5 Too soon we rise; the ves-sels dis-ap-pear.

Here would I touch and han-dle things un-seen,  
Here is the heav'n-ly ta-ble spread a-new.  
An-oth-er arm but yours to lean up-on.  
Mine is my robe, my guilt but yours the cleans-ing blood.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

Here grasp with firm-er hand e-ter-nal grace.  
Here let me feast and, feast-ing, still pro-long  
It is e-nough, O Lord, e-nough in-deed;  
Here is my robe, my ref-uge, and my peace:  
The bread and wine re-move, but you are here,

And all my wea-ri-ness up-on you lean.  
The brief bright hour of fel-low-ship with you.  
My strength is in your might, your might a-lone.  
Your blood, your right-eous-ness, O Lord, my God.  
Near-er than ev-er, still my shield and sun.

## INVOCATION

Pastor: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

**C: To sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

P: To herald your love in the morning.

**C: Your truth at the close of day.**

P: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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## CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

P: My dear brothers and dear sisters, we gather again in the presence of our holy God. He rightfully demands the life of perfect obedience, but this has proven impossible for us to achieve. We are left in desperate need of his forgiveness. We have sinned against God and against our neighbor in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned by our evil intentions and our ignorant accidents. Responsibilities have been neglected and opportunities have been abandoned. Let us, therefore, approach God with deep sorrow over sin and, with faith in the sacrifice of Jesus, let us ask him to forgive us all our sins.

*Moment of silence to reflect on personal sins and the price Jesus paid to atone for them.*

P: Lord of my heart and life . . .

**C: I, a poor sinner, come to you, my dear Father, and beg you for your mercy. You are a jealous God and want my life, my whole life consecrated to you. Cleanse me from my sin, purify my heart, and lead me in the way of everlasting life.**

P: Jesus has taken your place of punishment. He lived for you. He died for you. He rose triumphantly that you may have life. You are not going to die. Whoever lives and believes in Jesus will have eternal life. With the authority Jesus gave to the Church, I grant you full and free forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

P: To those who have repented and received forgiveness, Jesus commands: go and sin no more. Having turned from your sins to God, do you intend to live for God, to flee from sin, and to produce fruits of repentance and fruits of faith?

**C: I do so intend, and I ask God to help me.**

P: God has heard your promises. God the Holy Spirit is in the world and he is in your hearts. Let us rejoice in his forgiveness and receive his power to live for him all our days.

**C: Amen.**

*Refrain*

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

*Refrain*

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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.**

*Refrain*

<sup>7</sup> The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.” <sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?” <sup>10</sup> He told them, “Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup> Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there.” <sup>13</sup> They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>14</sup> When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you. (EHV)

**Hymn of the Day:** CW136 (vs.1-5)

**“’Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night”**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**136      ’Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night**



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night  
 2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,  
 3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;  
 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,  
 5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose  
 He took the bread and blessed and broke.  
 Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."  
 In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;  
 We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,  
 What love through all his ac - tions ran!  
 Then took the cup and blessed the wine;  
 Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord  
 Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed words him to his foes.  
 What won - drous words of grace he spoke!  
 "'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."  
 The love of your de - part - ed Lord."  
 The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.  
 Tune: ST. CROSS (L.M.) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.

Sermon Theme:

# THE THREE UNIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Consecration of Elements

Distribution of Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymns: CWS 741 (vs. 1-6)  
CW 313 (vs. 1-8)

“Take and Eat”  
“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

HOLY COMMUNION

## 741

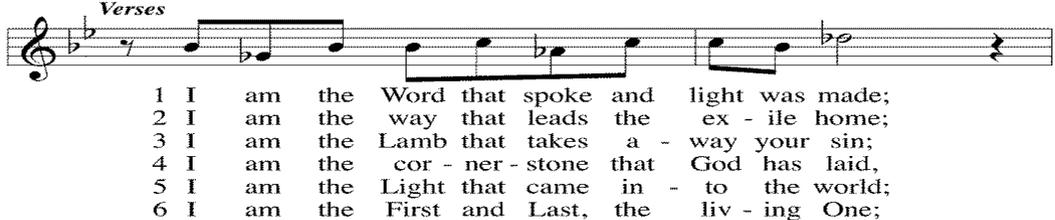
## Take and Eat

*Refrain*

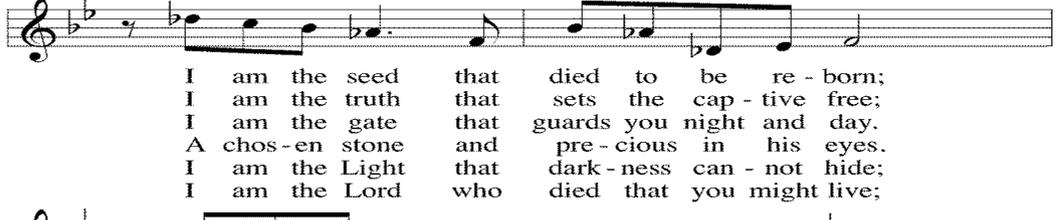


Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y  
giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,  
this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

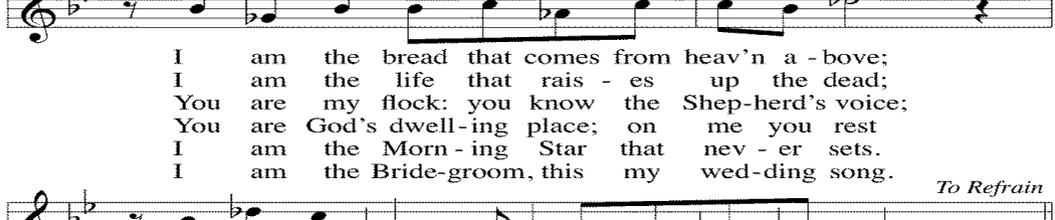
*Verses*



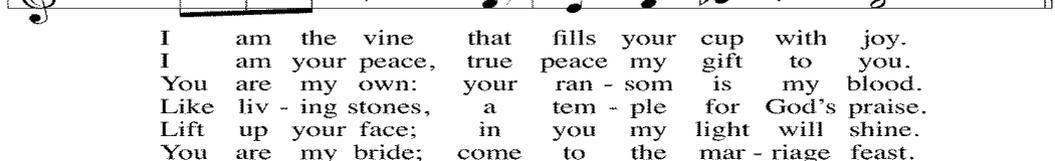
1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,  
5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;  
6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.  
I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;  
You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest  
I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.  
I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song. *To Refrain*



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.  
You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

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313

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way  
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -  
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how  
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -  
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and  
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the  
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -  
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -  
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe,  
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.  
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.  
 pose You need not him who died and rose.  
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken                      7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
 That this food is to be taken                                      Unto us such food has given  
 By the souls who are distressed,                              And, to mend what we have done,  
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.                      Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
 And your mouth your sin confesses,  
 Surely you will be his guest  
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369-1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546, abr.; tr. composite.  
 Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*,  
 Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### PRAYER

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

**C: Listen to my cry.**

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

**C: Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

P: In righteousness I shall see you.

**C: When I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

P: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

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 My strength is in your might, your might a-lone.  
 Your blood, your right-cous-ness, O Lord, my God.  
 Near-er than ev-er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.  
 Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**PSALM SUNG BY CANTOR**

Members of the congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly. To allow this, there will be a 10 minute period of silence before any lights are turned on or off, any clean-up or preparations begun, or any rehearsals are held, so that those who wish to “watch and pray” may do so undisturbed. Those who wish to depart prior to the expiration of the 10 minutes are asked to do so maintaining this silence. Please join us to celebrate Good Friday tomorrow at 1:00 or 7:00 as our Holy Week continues.

Officiants:

Accompanist: Dottie Bober  
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**CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS**

Zion is looking for volunteers to help live stream church services. Once trained, volunteers will be scheduled for services based on their availability, similar to the usher schedule. All members 13 years old and older are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to serve. Contact Steve Sordahl ([sjsordahl@gmail.com](mailto:sjsordahl@gmail.com)) or the office for more information.

**SPRING IS COMING WHICH MEANS ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING:**

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. We are happy to take gently used items for the sale but please hold onto them until the Middle of May. Zion School needs to use the gym for school activities and we don't have a lot of room to store items. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dear Ladies of Zion,

In mid 2021 we had a few changes in our Ladies group. What is the Ladies group? Our ladies group helps out with funeral dinners (setting up tables, preparing the meal and clean up afterwards), does the major cleaning in church and kitchen once a year, and hopefully serve a meal during lent.

We believe we have all the ladies from the congregation in one of our three groups, and you'll be hearing from your group leader soon. We would like to have the cleaning completed by Confirmation which is Sunday, May 15th. Men please feel free to come and help us!

Group Leaders are as follows:

#1 Jean Baumann 242-4198

#2 Sherry Fuerstenberg 654-3736

#3 Linda Johnson 735-0090

Sue Moore 735-7380

Thanks to all who have helped in the past, continue to help, and we pray we can continue to serve our Congregation faithfully together.

Sincerely,

Sherry Fuerstenberg

**COMING UP AT ZION ....**

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
 Friday 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service  
 Sunday 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service  
 8:30-9:30 a.m. Light Breakfast in the gymnasium  
 Monday Office Closed  
 Mon.-Fri. Zion School Spring Break – no classes  
 Tues.-Fri. Office open 8:00 am – noon  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service  
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Church Council  
 Next Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group  
 9:30 a.m. OPEN FORUM  
 NOON – VOTER’S MEETING  
 4:00-6:00 P.M. – BIC #6

**APRIL VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>Mar. 30 &amp; Apr. 3</b>	<b>April 6 &amp; 10</b>	<b>April 14 &amp; 15</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>April 20 &amp; 24</b>	<b>April 27 &amp; May 1</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>			Deanna	Schneck		
<b>USHERS</b>	<p><u><b>Mar. 30</b></u>  <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u>                      Tony Affholter                      Mark Fuerstenberg                      Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u><b>Apr. 3</b></u>  <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u>                      Rob Krueger                      Ralph Naveaux                      Ray Chandonnet                      Erich Freiny</p> <p><u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u>                      Joe Koch                      Joe Schmeling                      Dave Bengé</p>	<p><u><b>April 6</b></u>  <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u>                      Joe Koch                      Joe Schmeling                      Dave Bengé</p> <p><u><b>April 10</b></u>  <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u>                      Tony Affholter                      Mark                      Fuerstenberg                      Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u>                      Alan Bober                      Jeremy Robinson                      Jacob Robinson                      William Robinson</p>	<p><u><b>April 14</b></u>  <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u>                      Alan Bober                      Jeremy Robinson                      Jacob Robinson                      William Robinson</p> <p><u><b>April 15</b></u>  <u><b>1:00 p.m.</b></u>                      Mark Kipf                      Keith McBee                      Russ Vitale</p> <p><u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u>                      Rich Heusman                      Jeff Heusman                      Jake Burke                      Juergan Koenig                      Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u><b>April 17</b></u>  <u><b>7:00 a.m.</b></u>                      Rob Krueger                      Ralph Naveaux                      Ray Chandonnet                      Erich Freiny</p> <p><u><b>10:30 a.m.</b></u>                      Joe Koch                      Joe Schmeling                      Dave Bengé</p>	<p><u><b>April 20</b></u>  <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u>                      Mark Kipf                      Keith McBee                      Russ Vitale</p> <p><u><b>April 24</b></u>  <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u>                      Tony Affholter                      Mark Fuerstenberg                      Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u>                      Alan Bober                      Jeremy Robinson                      Jacob Robinson                      William Robinson</p>	<p><u><b>April 20</b></u>  <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u>                      Rob Krueger                      Ralph Naveaux                      Ray Chandonnet                      Erich Freiny</p> <p><u><b>April 24</b></u>  <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u>                      Mark Kipf                      Keith McBee                      Russ Vitale</p> <p><u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u>                      Rich Heusman                      Jeff Heusman                      Jake Burke                      Juergan Koenig                      Matt McCormick</p>