

Thursday – April 2, 2026
11:00am & 7:00pm

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share
in God's love with all people.*



WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles.

We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable.

In Christ's love, we welcome you.

Ministers
Pastor

All Members of the Church
Karen Hofstad

MAUNDY THURSDAY

(+ = Stand, if able; All hymns & liturgy from the red hymnal)

L=Leader / C=Congregation

PRELUDE – *a time for meditation and prayer*

THE 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.

We gather in these Three Days to celebrate the great mystery of our faith.

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life, Lord Jesus. Come in glory.

GATHERING HYMN #351 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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.**

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

You may come forward to kneel / stand at the rail for the laying on of hands.

HYMN OF REFLECTION #599 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

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.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell 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. ⁴ If 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. [⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] ¹¹ This 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. ¹² For 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. ¹³ The 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. ¹⁴ This 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.

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.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 ¹ Now 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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus 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.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason, he said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹² After 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If 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. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little 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.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *“God So Loved the World”*

Senior Choir directed by Diane Dangerfield

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #712 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service’

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE #347 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vs 1-3)

OFFERING PRAYER O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION “The Old Rugged Cross”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: 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.**

Candles are extinguished and lights are dimmed.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (7:00PM) – (insert)

Jesus was stripped of his clothes and mocked by the soldiers. Then they led him out to be crucified. We, therefore, strip the altar of its life and meaning... as was our Lord.

There is no benediction, dismissal, or postlude. Stay as long as you wish to pray and meditate. When you are ready, please depart in silence...

**If you would like more information about ELC of Mount Horeb
please fill out the visitor cards in the pew pads
which are passed during offering.**

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS



1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The___
2. O that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A___
4. To the old rug-ged cross, I will ev-er be true, Its___



em-blem of suf-fring and shame;___ And I love that old cross where the
 won-drous at-trac-tion for me;___ For the dear Lamb of God left His
 won-drous beau-ty I see;___ For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus
 shame and re-proach glad-ly bear;___ Then He'll call me some day to my



dear-est and best For a world of lost sin-ners was slain. ___
 glo-ry a-bove To___ bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. ___
 suf-fered and died To___ par-don and sanc-ti-fy me. ___
 home far a-way, Where His glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share. ___

Chorus



So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, ___ Till my
 cross, the old rug-ged cross,



tro-phies at last I lay down; ___ I will cling to the old rug-ged
 cross, the



cross, ___ And ex-change it some day for a crown. ___
 old rug-ged cross,